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Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

Dear Colleague Letter

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DATE: July 29, 2021
TO: Water Utility Vendors
SUBJECT: LIHWAP Introduction Webinar Invitation
ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

Dear Colleagues,

The purpose of this message is to invite Water and Wastewater Utility Vendors to the upcoming *Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Introduction* webinar on Thursday, August 12 from 3:00 — 4:00pm (ET). Registration information is provided at the end of this letter.

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides funds for assisting low-income households with water and wastewater bills. LIHWAP grants are available to States, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territories, and federally and state-recognized Indian Tribes and tribal organizations that received fiscal year 2021 Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grants. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law No.: 116-260) signed on December 27, 2020, included \$638 million in funding with instructions for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to administer these grants. Additionally, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No.: 117-2) appropriated an additional \$500 million to the new LIHWAP effort. The full appropriations language from both the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act are available on our office's website through the following weblink:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/law-regulation/lihwap-laws-and-regulations>

LIHWAP Introduction Webinar

Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)

Audience: All water and wastewater providers

Co-hosts: The webinar is being co-hosted by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies ([NACWA](#)) and the National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition ([NEUAC](#)).

Purpose: This webinar will include an overview of the structure of the program at all levels, coordination of assistance for households, federal requirements of the program, and address water provider questions.

Registration Information

We ask Water Utility Vendors to pre-register and to submit with your registration questions you would like to be addressed by the federal staff. Register in advance for this webinar using this link:

https://acf-hhs-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_vEKHHei4TPeP74NkS9Aclw

We look forward to working with you.

/s/

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