

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Bishop Paiute Tribe Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$39,412 in FY21. The program addresses the current need for assistance among Bishop Paiute Tribal members who, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have experienced job loss and whose water and wastewater payments are either delinquent, in arrears, or under threat of disconnection.

Program Operation

Bishop Paiute Tribe's LIHWAP, which began in February 2022, is managed and operated by the Social Services Department in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. Bishop Paiute Tribe's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **two priority groups**:

- Customers whose water and wastewater services have been disconnected.
- Customers with arrearages, disconnection, and late fees to prevent disconnection of services.

Social Services' staff conduct outreach activities, determine client eligibility, and process benefit payments to water service providers.

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$39,412

- ARP: \$15,667
- CAA: \$23,745



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

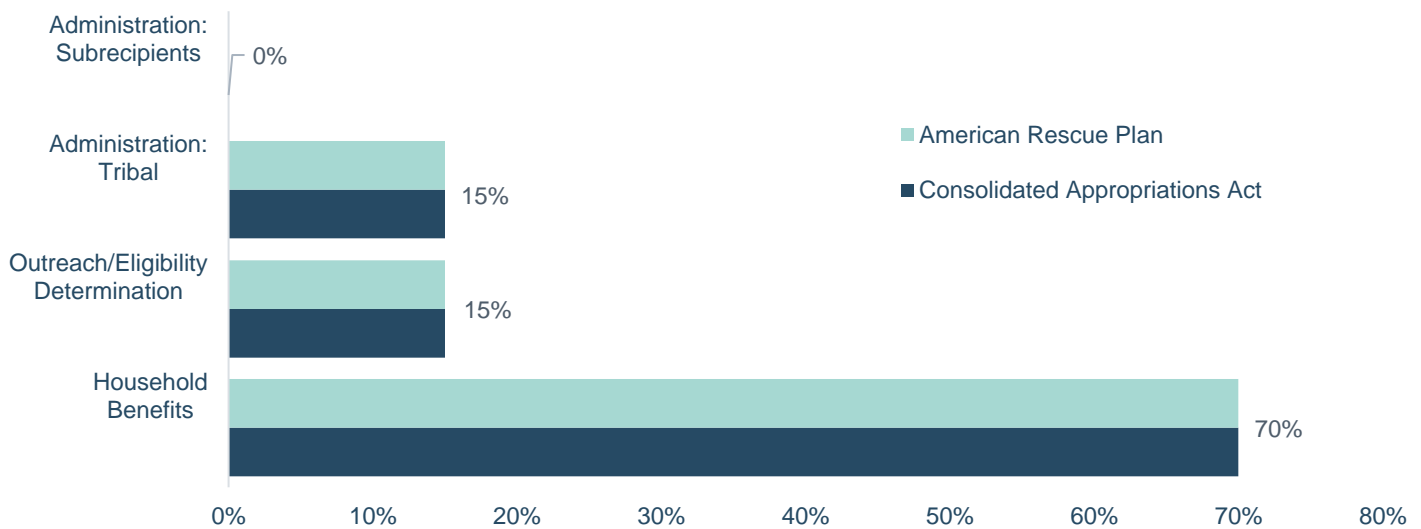
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Intake referrals to/from other assistance programs, including the Tribal Community Development Program for water service to tribal rentals that are not eligible for LIHWAP service.

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Department of Social Services' administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$405 in benefits. Eligible households can apply for benefits every six months. Program staff use a benefits matrix to determine benefit assistance.

Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive additional points on the benefit matrix.

- ✓ People with disabilities
- ✓ Families with young children
- ✓ Older Adult/Seniors (55+)
- ✓ Households with high water burden

Eligible households with high water burdens will be listed and ranked, and those with disabilities, those with young children, and older adults over 55, given higher ranking. One point will be assigned for each criteria with priority given to those with the highest number of points.

Program Outreach Activities

- Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, Veterans Affairs, etc.
- Publication of articles or public service announcements in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.
- Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients or recipients of other government benefits.
- Inform low-income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHWAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.

Eligibility and Benefit Determination Criteria

Title	Item
Income Threshold	
✓	150% Federal Poverty Guideline
	60% State Median Income
	Hybrid Federal and State (based on household size)
Categorical Eligibility	
✓	LIHEAP
✓	Means-tested Veterans Programs
✓	Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
✓	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
✓	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Eligible Households	
✓	Homeowners
✓	Renters
Benefit Level Determination*	
✓	Income
✓	Household size
✓	Household drinking water burden
✓	Household wastewater burden
Benefit Amount	
\$105	Minimum
\$405	Maximum
Benefit Period	
	One Time
✓	Multiple

*Grant recipients are required to determine a benefit level for households seeking assistance with their current water and wastewater bills. Benefit level determination is based on household income, size, and drinking water and wastewater burden.

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