

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Bristol Bay Native Association's (BBNA) Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$176,267 in FY21. The BBNA utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to provide emergency assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

The Bristol Bay Native Association's LIHWAP, which will begin in September 2022, is managed and operated by the Workforce Development Department in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The BBNA's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **three priority groups**:

- Households whose water and wastewater services have been disconnected
- Households with existing arrearages to prevent service disconnection
- Households that may require assistance paying their current water bills

Workforce Development Department staff conduct outreach activities, determine client eligibility, and process benefit payments to water service providers.

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$176,276

- ARP: \$70,075
- CAA: \$106,201



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

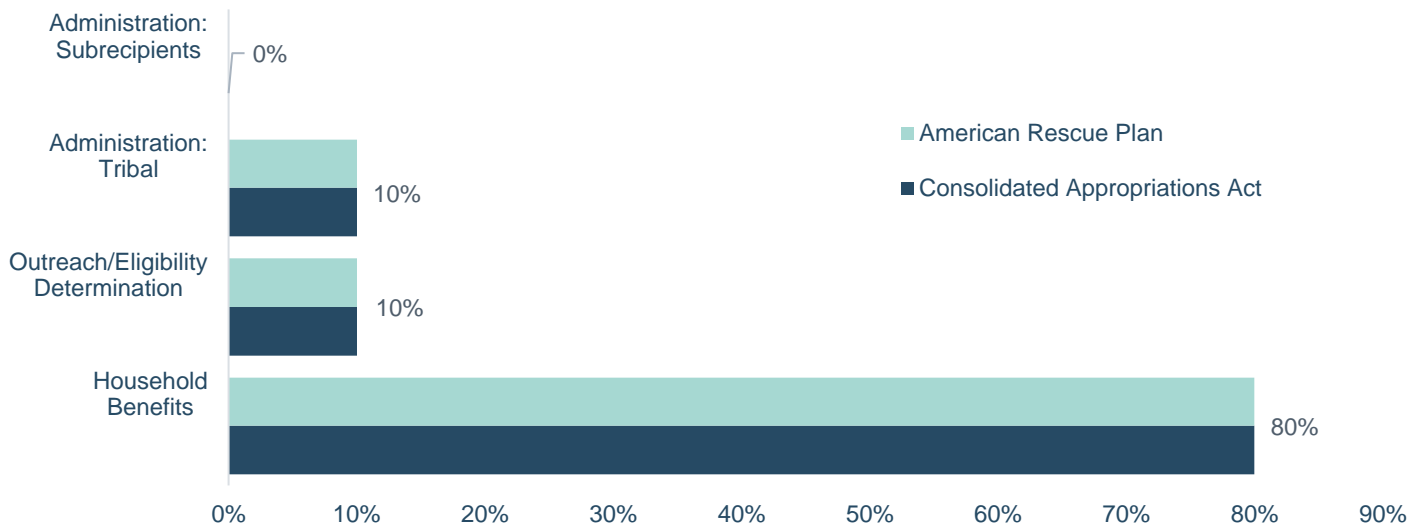
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- One application for LIHEAP and LIHWAP
- Intake referrals from TANF, LIHEAP, and General Assistance
- One-stop intake centers through the BBNA Workforce Development Center

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Workforce Development Department's administration of the program, eligible households may receive a one-time benefit of up to \$1,080.

Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive priority assistance.

- ✓ People with disabilities
- ✓ Families with young children (<6)
- ✓ Older Adult/Seniors (60+)
- ✓ Households with high water burden.
- ✓ Households with disconnections/crisis

Priority populations are able to apply for benefits prior to all other applicants. Applications are processed in the order received with priority given to households with disconnections/crisis, followed by households with disabled and older adults/seniors, and households with young children.

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.
- Work directly with water utilities to identify potential recipients.
- 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	
✓	General Assistance
✓	LIHEAP
✓	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	
\$270	Minimum
\$1080	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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