

# Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

## CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$315,671 in FY21. The Tribe utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to provide emergency assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

### Program Operation

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe's LIHWAP, which began in April 2022, is managed and operated under LIHEAP. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **two priority groups**:

- Households whose water and/or wastewater services have been disconnected
- Households facing the threat of disconnection of their water and wastewater services

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

### FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



#### AMOUNT

**TOTAL: \$315,671**

- ARP: \$125,479
- CAA: \$190,192



#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

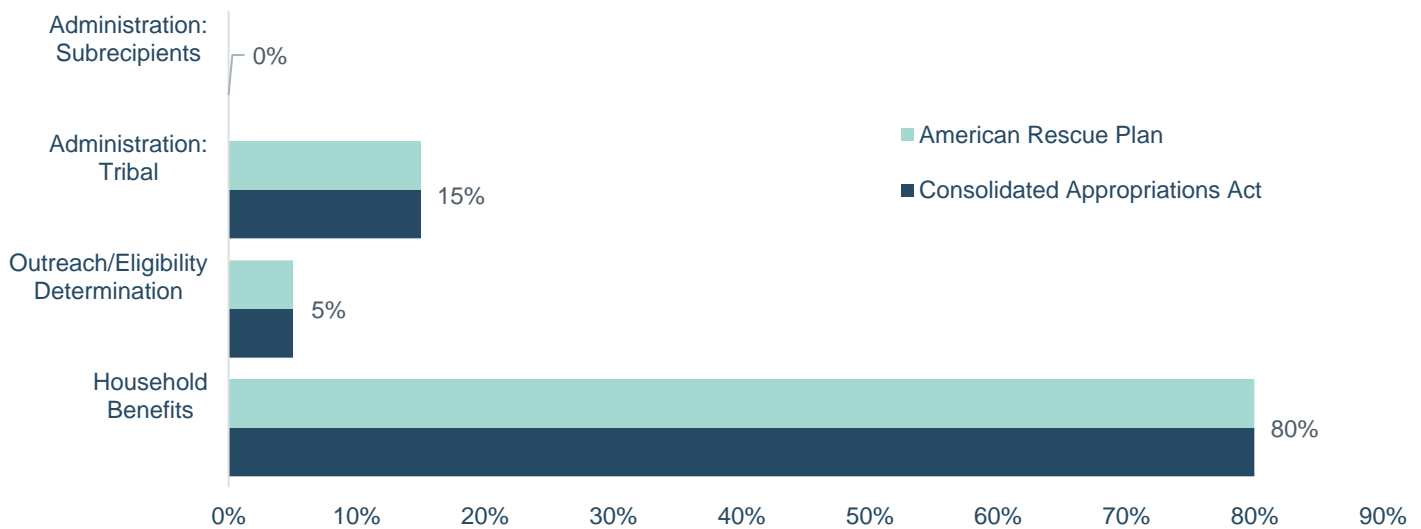
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages



#### PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Intake referrals to/from other programs including Support Services and Indian Child Welfare Program

### Use of Funding by Funding Source



### Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe's administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$600 in financial assistance to pay the account balance, past due arrears, or disconnection and reconnection fees. Program staff use applicants' income, household size, and drinking water and wastewater burdens to determine the benefit amount.

### 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
- ✓ Older Adult/Seniors (60+)
- ✓ Households with high water burden

### 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.

## 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	
\$50	Minimum
\$600	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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