

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Colville Confederated Tribes Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$217,179 in FY21. There are many low-income households within the tribes' communities that would benefit from assistance with utility bills and reconnection of services. The Colville Confederated Tribes LIHWAP will prioritize restoration of services and prevention of disconnection to make sure that people have reliable and clean drinking water.

Program Operation

The Colville Confederated Tribes' LIHWAP, which began in May 2022, is managed and operated by the tribe in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The tribe's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **two priority groups**:

- Customers whose water and wastewater services have been disconnected
- Customers with arrearages who are at risk of service disconnection

Current LIHEAP and Senior Heating staff conduct outreach activities, determine client eligibility, and process benefit payments to water service providers.

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$217,179

- ARP: \$86,349
- CAA: \$130,830



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

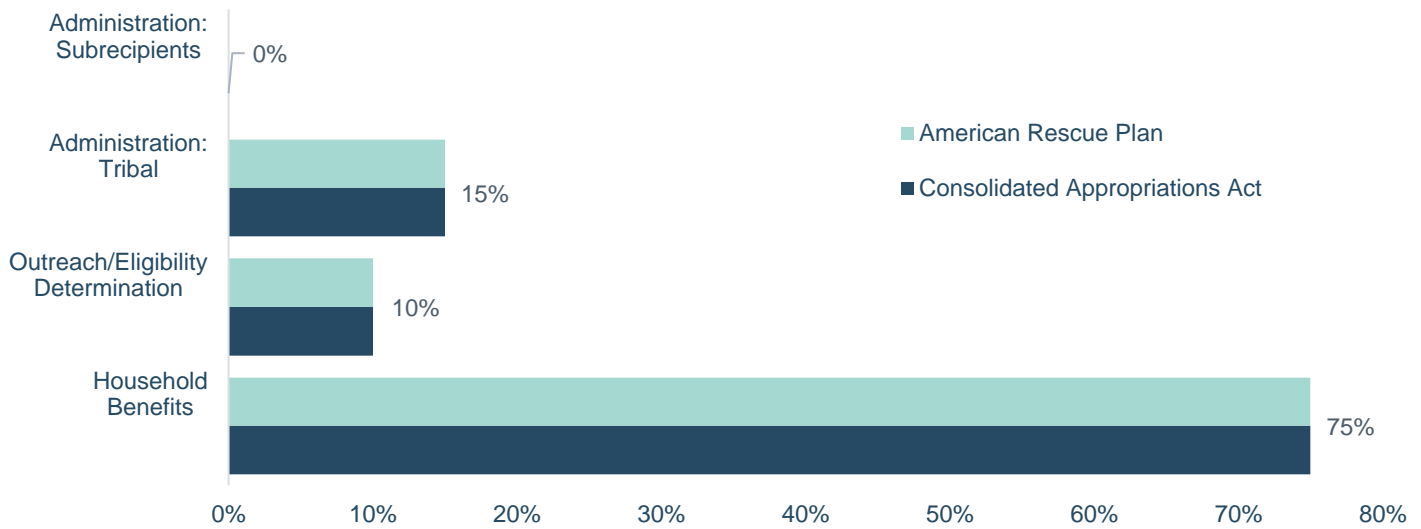
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Intake referrals to/from other assistance programs, including the Area Agency on Aging
- One application for LIHEAP and LIHWAP
- One stop intake centers at community centers and senior meal sites

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the tribe's administration of the program, eligible households may receive a one-time benefit of up to \$200.

Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive higher benefit amounts and early applications.

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

Program Outreach Activities

- Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, Veterans Affairs, etc.
- 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	
✓	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	
\$150	Minimum
\$200	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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