

# Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

## CONFEDERATED COOS LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Confederated Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$10,000 in FY21. The Confederated Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to serve low-income Tribal households within the service delivery area of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lincoln or Lane Counties in order to prevent disconnection of water and wastewater services, restore services, or reduce water rates to ease the burden to Tribal households.

### Program Operation

The Confederated Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians' LIHWAP, which began in February 2022, is managed and operated by the Tribal Health and Human Services Department in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Confederated Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians' LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **three priority groups**:

- Households with disconnected water/wastewater services
- Households with arrearages to prevent disconnection of services
- Households that have lost income or are underemployed and require reduced water rates

Tribal Health and Human Services Department staff conduct outreach activities and determine client eligibility. Outreach efforts include sending monthly newsletters that include flyers that are mailed directly to Tribal Membership as well as advertising on the Tribal website. Staff also process benefit payments to water service providers.

### FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



#### AMOUNT

**TOTAL: \$10,000**

- ARP: \$5,000
- CAA: \$ 5,000



#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

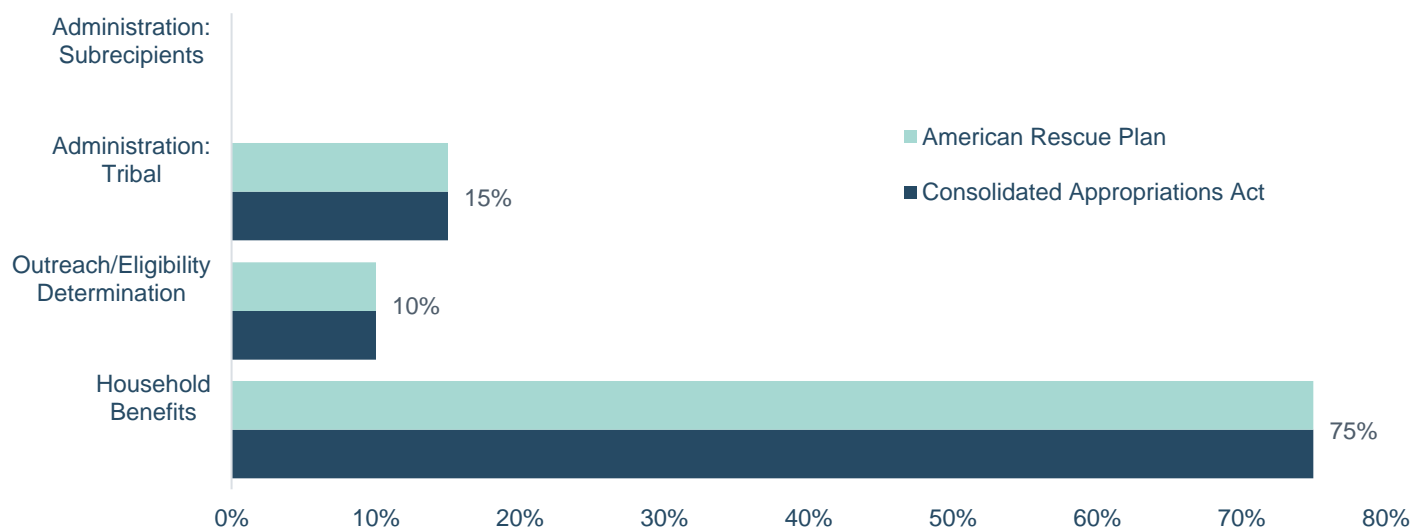
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



#### PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Intake referrals to other programs within the local community such as local State of Oregon DHS offices for TANF, SNAP, and WIC programs

### Use of Funding by Funding Source



### Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Confederated Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians' administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$250 in benefit assistance.

### 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.
- Inform low-income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHWAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
- Program information available on the Tribal website for the Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians.

## 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 <sup>^</sup>	
✓	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 <sup>*</sup>	
✓	Income
✓	Household size
✓	Household drinking water burden
✓	Household wastewater burden
Benefit Amount	
<b>\$100</b>	Minimum
<b>\$250</b>	Maximum
Benefit Period	
	One Time
✓	Multiple

<sup>^</sup>The Confederated Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians Tribe does not typically qualify households based on categorical eligibility alone; however, if an applicant has qualified for the Tribal LIHEAP within the last 30 days of their LIHWAP application submission, they will be categorically eligible for LIHWAP assistance.

<sup>\*</sup>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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