

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$635,169 in FY21. The CSKT utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to ensure Tribal and non-Tribal families that live on the Flathead Reservation and in Western Montana have access to water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes' LIHWAP, which began in December 2021, is administered by the Department of Human Resources Development in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The CSKT's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **two priority groups**:

- Households that have been disconnected from water or wastewater services
- Households with arrearages to prevent service disconnection

Department of Human Resources Development staff conduct outreach activities, determine client eligibility, and process benefit payments to water vendors.

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$635,169

- ARP: \$252,542
- CAA: \$382,627



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

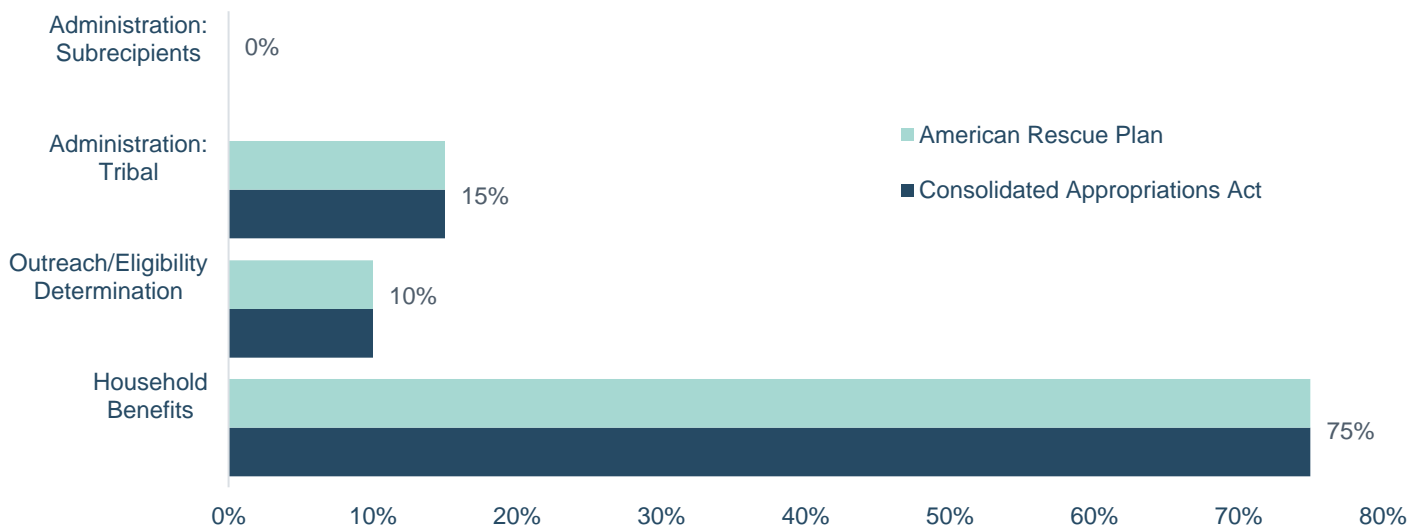
- Payment of arrearages
- Restoration of services



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Joint application with other programs
- Intake to/from other programs
- One-stop intake centers

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Department of Human Resources Development's administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$2,000 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
- ✓ Older Adult/Seniors (60+)

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.
- Program information, including application, available CSKT's website, DHRD Elders Program, and SK Housing Authority.

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	
\$35	Minimum
\$2,000	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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