

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$20,889 in FY21. The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to restore water and wastewater services and provide financial relief for those families most in need.

Program Operation

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians' LIHWAP, which began in March 2022, is managed and operated by the Tribal Housing Department in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians' LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **two priority groups**:

- Households with disconnected water/wastewater services
- Households with arrearages to prevent disconnection of services

Tribal Housing Department staff conduct outreach activities and determine client eligibility and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Accounting Department processes benefit payments to water service providers.

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$20,889

- ARP: \$8,407
- CAA: \$12,482



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

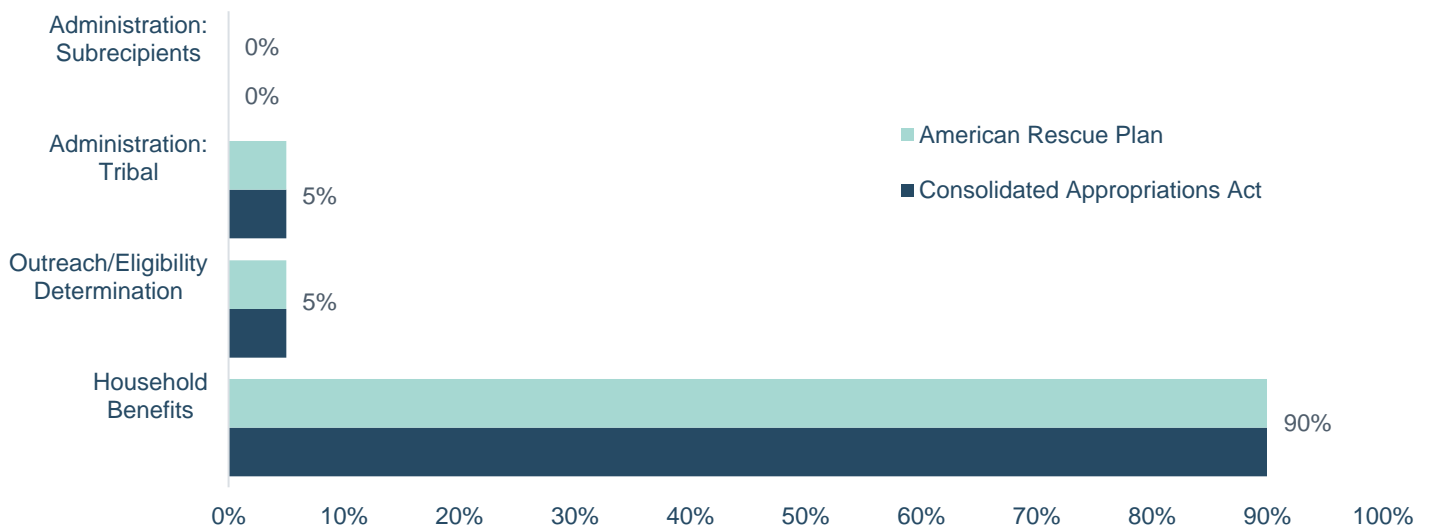
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- One staff member will facilitate both LIHEAP and LIHWAP intake.

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians' administration of the program, households with the highest need in jeopardy of losing access to water and/or wastewater services are eligible to receive a one-time benefit assistance of up to \$500.

Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive priority assistance and can apply to the program before all other households. Program staff prioritize assistance to Tribal elder and disabled populations that typically have a limited/fixed income.

- People with disabilities
- Older Adult/Seniors (60+)
- Households with high water burden

Program Outreach Activities

- 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.

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	
\$250	Minimum
\$500	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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