

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$37,061 in FY21. The program addresses the needs of the Grand Ronde Reservation community area around the Polk-Yamhill county line, a federal low-income opportunity zone. The Tribes utilize LIHWAP grant funds to provide emergency assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde's LIHWAP, which began in March 2022, is managed centrally at the Tribal level in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **three priority groups**:

- Households without water services for immediately restoration of water and wastewater services
- Households with existing arrears to prevent disconnection of water service
- Households that require assistance paying their water bills.

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

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$37,061

- ARP: \$14,718
- CAA: \$22,343



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

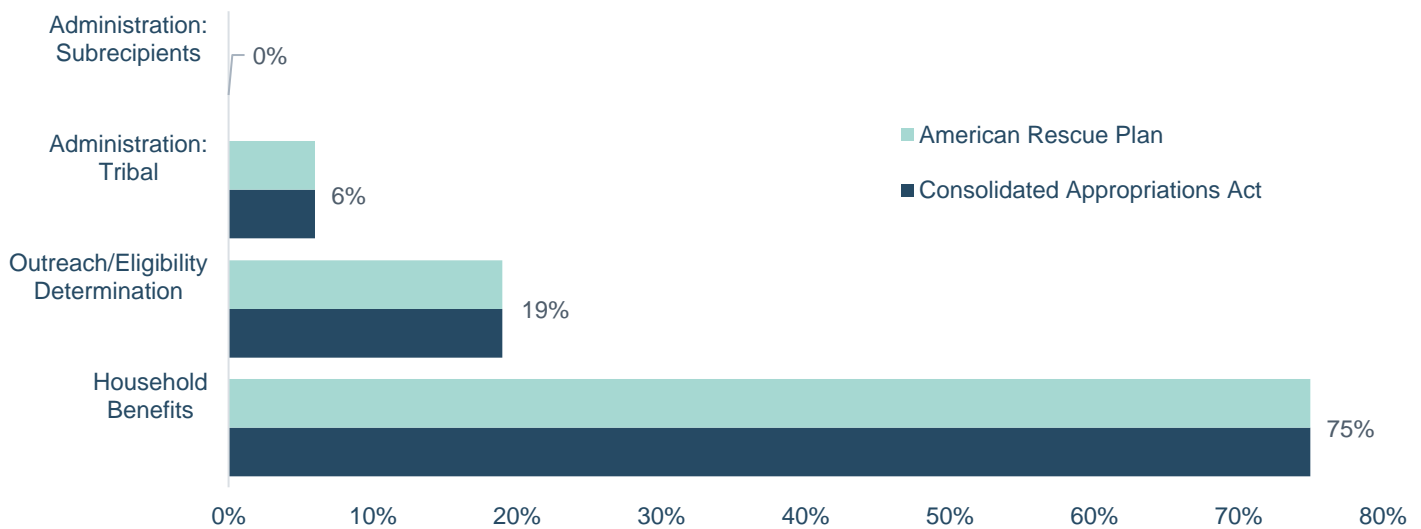
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Joint application for LIHEAP and LIHWAP
- Intake referrals to/from other programs

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde's administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$575 in benefit assistance. Program staff use a benefit matrix to determine a household's benefit amount. Eligible households can receive assistance twice during the year until they reach the maximum benefit amount as determined by the benefit matrix.

The Tribes do not give priority assistance to vulnerable populations but uses the benefit matrix to ensure that households with the lowest income and the largest family size receive the highest benefit amount.

Program Outreach Activities

- Publication of articles or public service announcements in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.
- 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	
\$425	Minimum
\$575	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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