

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

EASTERN SHOSHONE TRIBE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Eastern Shoshone Tribe Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$71,254 in FY21. The tribe's service area includes the Wind River Reservation. The Shoshone Utility Organization serves 785 households in the service area. Approximately 50% of households are delinquent on payments, and 83 households were on the water shut off list at the beginning of the program.

Program Operation

The Eastern Shoshone Tribe's LIHWAP, which began in June 2022, is managed and operated at the tribal level. The Eastern Shoshone Tribe's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **three priority groups**:

- Households whose water or wastewater services have been disconnected
- Households facing the threat of disconnection of their water and wastewater services
- Households that may require assistance paying their current water and wastewater bills

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$71,254

- ARP: \$28,260
- CAA: \$42,994



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

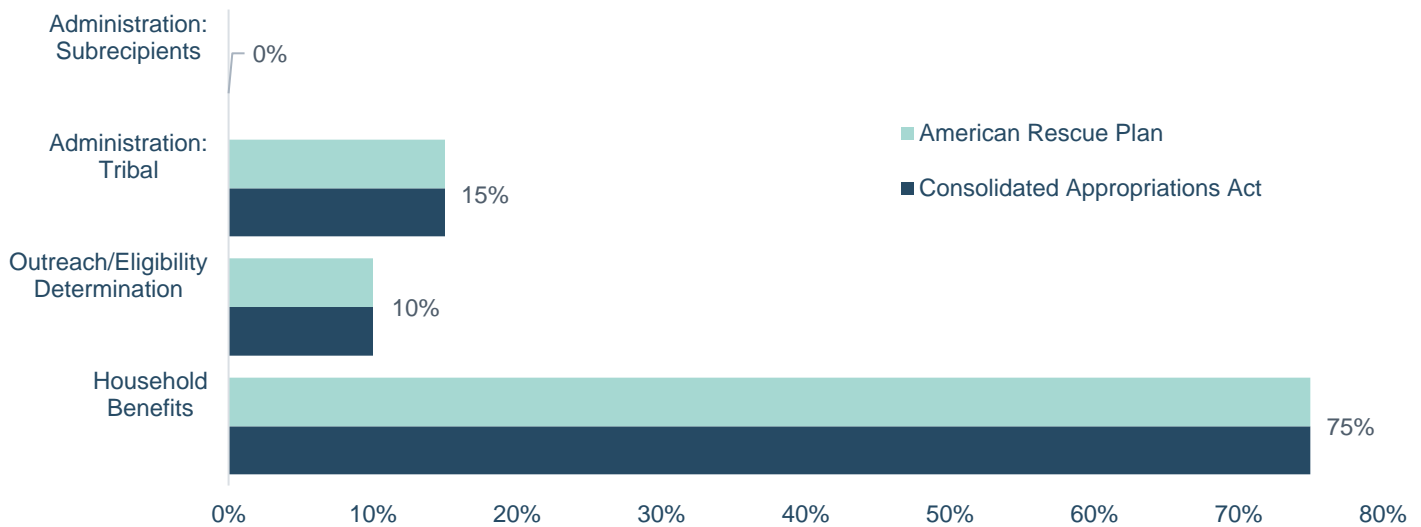
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Intake referrals to/from other programs
- One-stop intake centers

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Eastern Shoshone Tribe's administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$1,000 in assistance. Agency staff use applicants' income, household size, and drinking water and wastewater burdens to determine the benefit amount.

Priority Populations

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

- People with disabilities
- Families with young children
- Older Adult/Seniors (60+)
- Households with high water burdens

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.
- Include inserts in water vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHWAP assistance.
- 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	
Income Threshold	
✓	60% State Median Income
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	
\$0	Minimum
\$1,000	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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