

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

HOPLAND BAND OF POMO INDIANS LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Hopland Band of Pomo Indians' Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$10,000 in FY21. The Tribe utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to provide emergency assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

The Hopland Band of Pomo Indians' LIHWAP, which began in January 2022, is managed centrally at the Tribal level in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Hopland Band of Pomo Indians' LIHWAP provides relief assistance to all households based on available funding. Households may use LIHWAP assistance towards service reconnection, to pay for existing arrears, or to pay their current water bill.

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

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$10,000

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



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

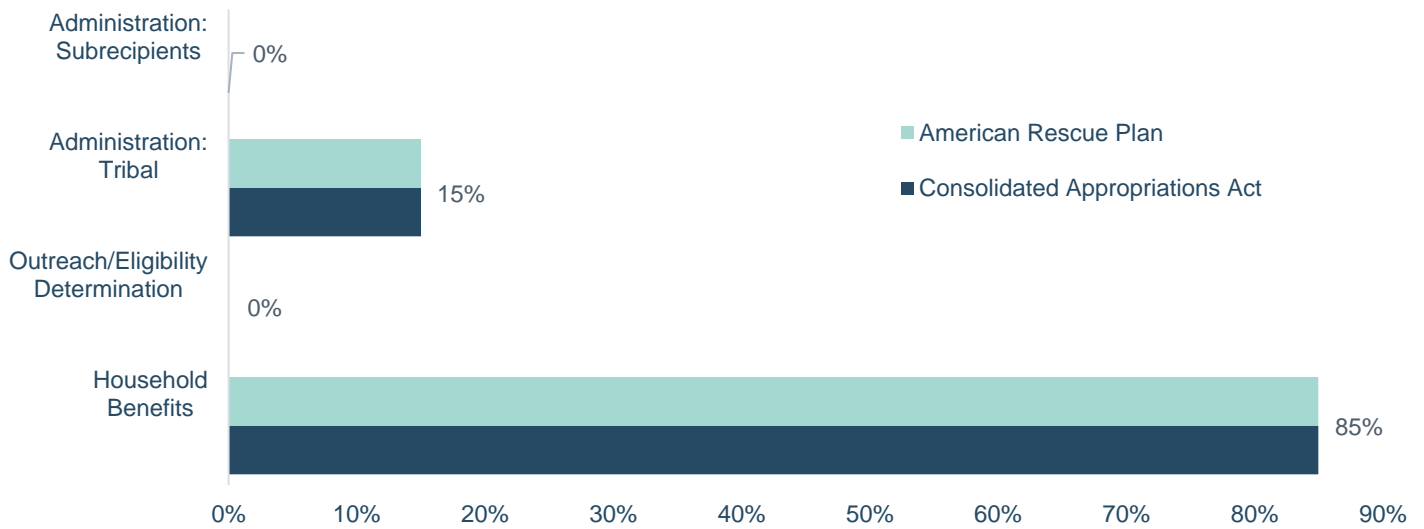
- Restoration of services



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Intake referrals to/from other programs
- Coordination with other LIHWAP/energy assistance programs in service/target area including making referrals if an applicant does not meet eligibility for services

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Tribe's administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$46 in benefit assistance.

Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive priority in the processing of their applications.

- ✓ People with disabilities
- ✓ Families with young children
- ✓ 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.
- Work directly with water utilities to identify potential recipients.
- Inform low-income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHWAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
- Utilize social media and distribute flyers and brochures to provide information to Tribal members.

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	
\$25	Minimum
\$46	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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