

# Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

## KAW NATION LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Kaw Nation Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$266,310 in FY21. The program addresses the need among households within the tribal community that are having problems paying their water bills due to high water bills. The Kaw Nation utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to prevent the disconnection of water and wastewater services.

### Program Operation

Kaw Nation's LIHWAP, which began in February 2022, is managed and operated by the Social Services Department in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. Kaw Nation's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to households whose water services have been disconnected or are pending disconnection.

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

### FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



#### AMOUNT

**TOTAL: \$266,310**

- ARP: \$105,948
- CAA: \$160,362



#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

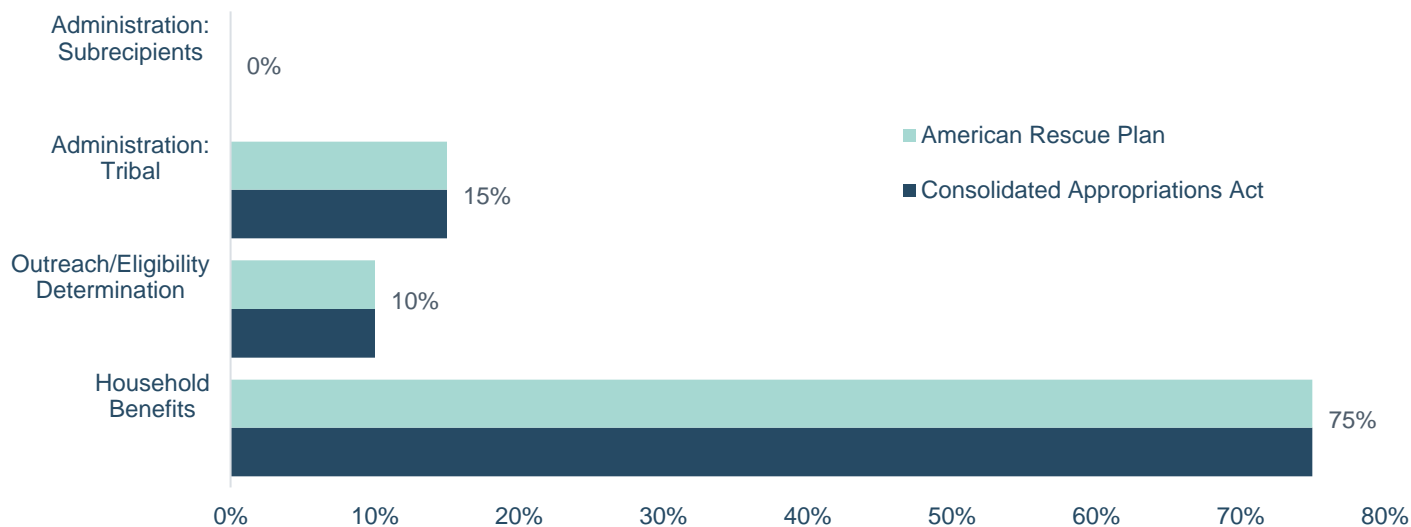
- Restoration of services



#### PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Joint application with LIHEAP
- Referral to/from other programs

### Use of Funding by Funding Source



### Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under Kaw Nation's administration of the program, households that meet program eligibility criteria will be eligible for the same benefits. Households may receive monthly assistance, not to exceed \$500 in aid.

### Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** whose water services have been disconnected or are pending disconnection receive priority assistance.

### Program Outreach Activities

- Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, Veterans Affairs, etc.
- 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	
✓	130% 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	
<b>\$50</b>	Minimum
<b>\$500</b>	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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