

# Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

## NEZ PERCE TRIBE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Nez Perce Tribe Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$103,380 in FY21. The Tribe utilizes 85 percent of its grant funds to assist low-income households with water bills.

### Program Operation

The grant program, which began in August 2021, is operated by the existing LIHEAP program administrator. The Tribe is operating LIHWAP in coordination with LIHEAP and other programs available to low-income households.

### FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



#### AMOUNT

**TOTAL: \$103,380**

- ARP: \$41,106
- CAA: \$62,274



#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

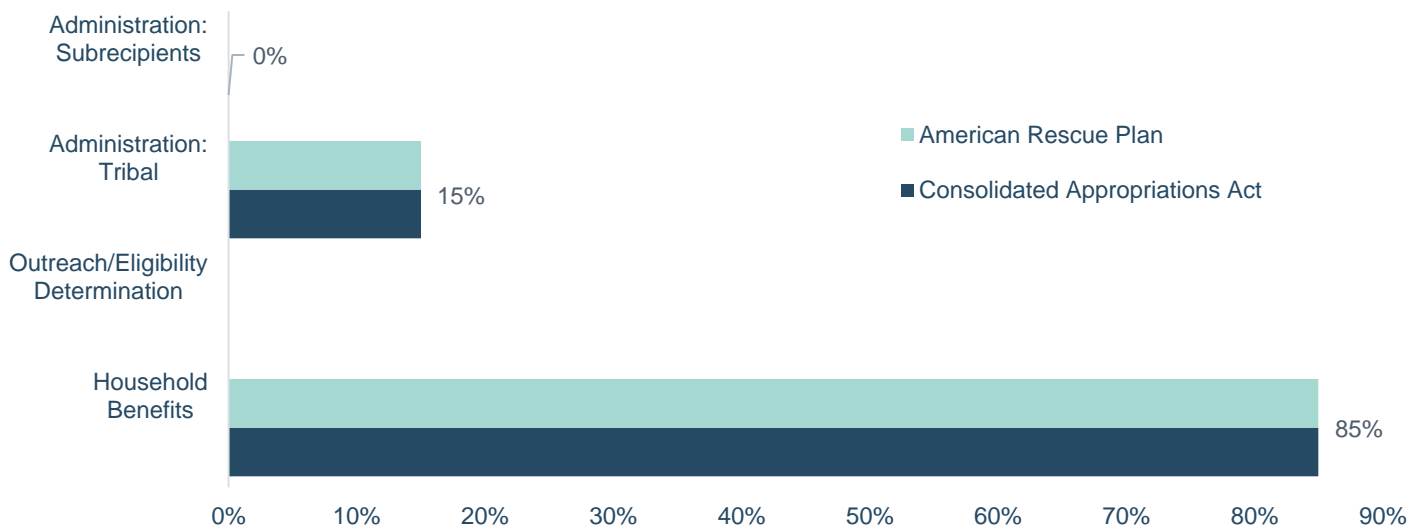
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages



#### PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Joint application with LIHEAP and Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program
- Water vendors accept pledges and payback agreements
- Households receiving LIHEAP, TANF, and SNAP are deemed categorically eligible

### 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 \$800 in benefit assistance.

### Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive priority assistance:

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

### Program Outreach Activities

- Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, Veterans Affairs, etc.
- Publication of articles or public service announcements in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.
- Work directly with water utilities to identify potential recipients.
- Inclusion of inserts in water vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of LIHWAP assistance.
- Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients or recipients of other government benefits.
- Automated phone campaigns and/or social media outreach.
- 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	
<b>\$350</b>	Minimum
<b>\$800</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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