

# Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

## NORTHERN CHEYENNE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Northern Cheyenne Tribe's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$185,203 in FY21. The Northern Cheyenne utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to restore water and wastewater services for households with arrearages.

### Program Operation

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe's LIHWAP, which began in May 2022, is centrally administered by the Tribe in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Northern Cheyenne's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **two priority groups**:

- Households without water and wastewater services due to nonpayment of arrearages
- Households that need their septic tanks pumped

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

### FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



#### AMOUNT

**TOTAL: \$185,203**

- ARP: \$73,612
- CAA: \$111,591



#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

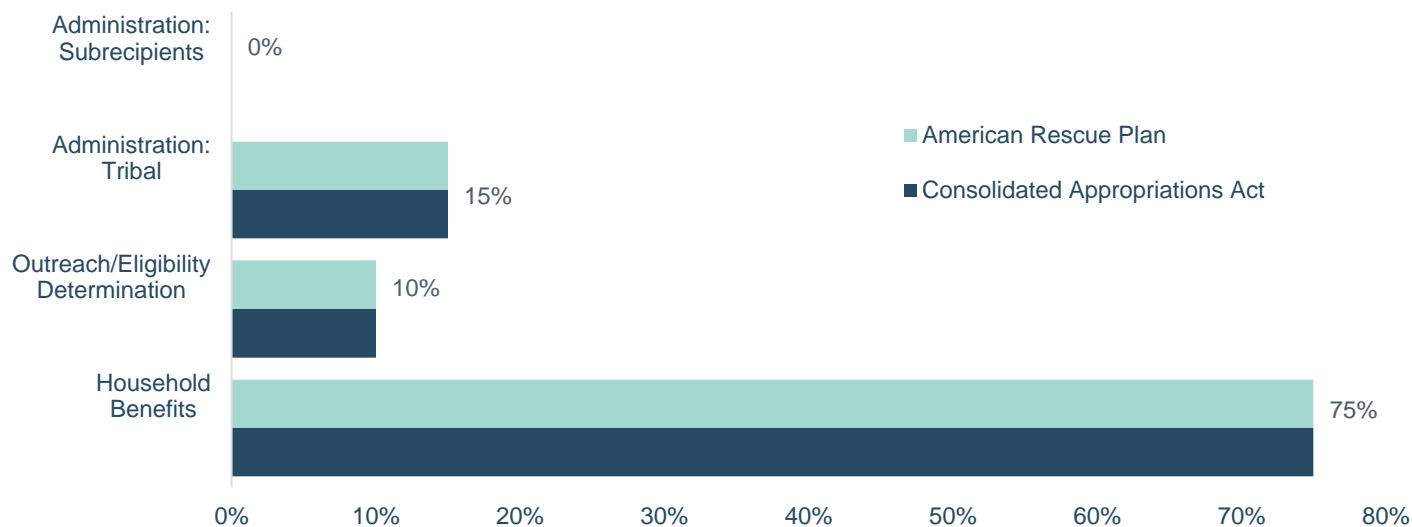
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages



#### PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Joint application with the TANF SSI, and SNAP program
- Coordination with the Food Distribution coordinator
- One-stop intake through LIHEAP

### Use of Funding by Funding Source



### Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Tribe's administration of the program, eligible households may receive a one-time benefit assistance of up to \$1,100.

### 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 burden

### Program Outreach Activities

- 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.
- Place posters/flyers in all local businesses, and public places.

## 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	
\$600	Minimum
\$1100	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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