

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Pauite Indian Tribe of Utah Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$18,828 in FY21. The program addresses the need of low-income Tribal members who struggle to pay their utility bills, including water and sewer which puts these services at risk. The Tribe utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to provide emergency assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

The Pauite Indian Tribe's LIHWAP, which began in October 2021, is managed by the Tribe's Family Services program in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Pauite Indian Tribe's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **three priority groups**:

- Households whose water and wastewater services have been disconnected for immediate restoration of services
- Households with existing arrearages to prevent disconnection of water and wastewater services
- Households requiring assistance with their current water bills

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

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$18,828

- ARP: \$7,838
- CAA: \$10,990



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

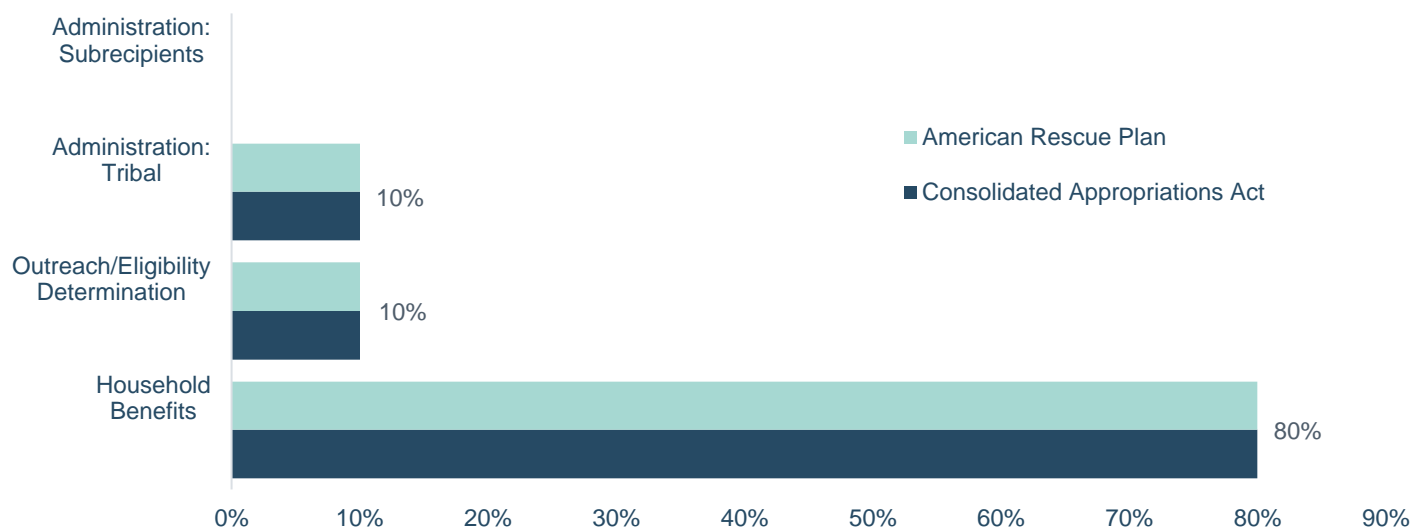
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- One application for the Tribal LIHEAP and LIHWAP coordinated by the Family Services program.
- Intake referrals to/from other programs coordinated by the Tribe's Family Services program and coordination with the appropriate agencies/offices for TANF, SSI, SNAP, EPA, and rental/homeowner assistance programs.
- Referrals to local workforce service office (welfare assistance) and local agencies operating the weatherization program in their areas.

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Family Services program's administration of the program, eligible households may receive one-time benefit assistance, up to \$400. Program staff using a benefit matrix to determine eligibility.

Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive assistance before other applicants.

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

In addition, the benefit matrix provides for an additional amount in benefit assistance for these vulnerable populations.

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	
✓	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	
\$200	Minimum
\$400	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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