

# Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

## PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$15,341 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 Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's LIHWAP, which began in October 2021, is managed and operated by the Children and Family Services, Tribal Family Assistance Program in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to three **priority groups**:

- Households whose water and wastewater services have been disconnected
- Households with existing arrearages to prevent service disconnection
- Households that may require assistance with their current water and wastewater bills

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

### FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



#### AMOUNT

**TOTAL: \$15,341**

- ARP: \$6,090
- CAA: \$9,251



#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

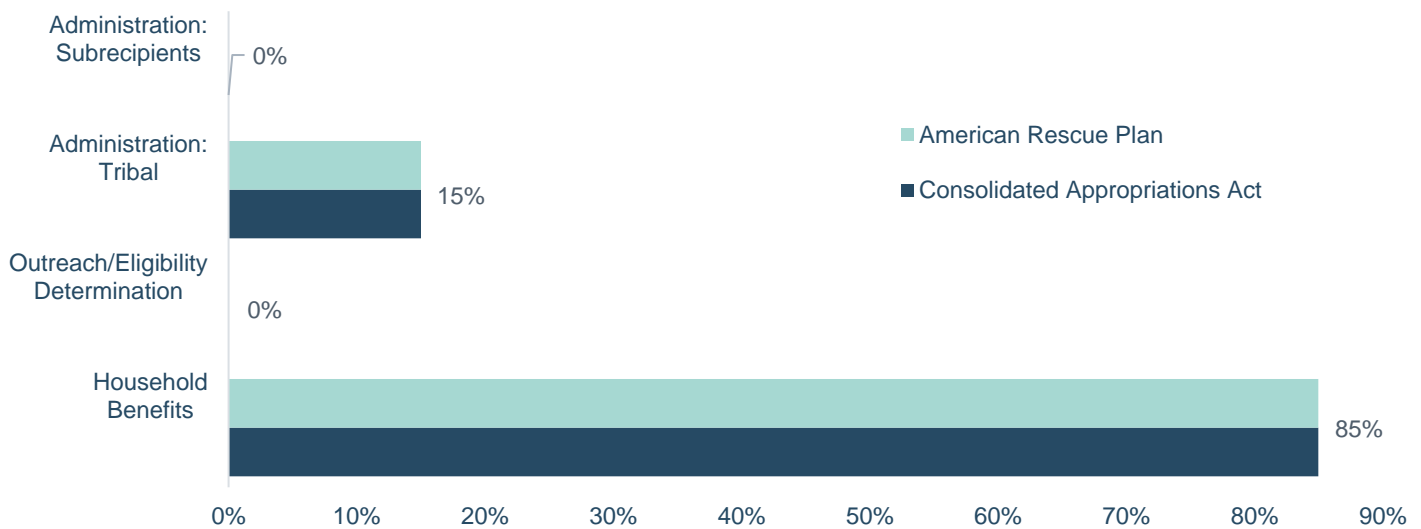
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



#### PROGRAM COORDINATION

- One-stop intake and coordination through the Children & Family Services Tribal Family Assistance Program
- Coordination with Housing Authority staff

### Use of Funding by Funding Source



### Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Tribal Family Assistance Program's administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$525 in benefit assistance on a quarterly basis.

### Priority Populations

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

- ✓ People with disabilities
- ✓ 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.
- 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.
- Outreach to faith-based institutions, including those serving low-income people and people of color.

## 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>\$300</b>	Minimum
<b>\$525</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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