

# Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

## PUEBLO OF NAMBE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Pueblo of Nambe Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at just over \$23,595 in FY21. The Pueblo of Nambe provides assistance towards arrearages on water and wastewater accounts. The Water/Wastewater Department is owned and operated by the Pueblo of Nambe Government. Water/Wastewater does not get disconnected for lack of payment.

Program Operation

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The Pueblo of Nambe's LIHWAP, which began in January 2022, is managed and operated at the Tribal level. The Pueblo of Nambe LIHWAP prioritizes relief assistance to households with water and wastewater past due amounts.

### FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



#### AMOUNT

**TOTAL: \$23,595**

- ARP: \$9,357
- CAA: \$14,238



#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

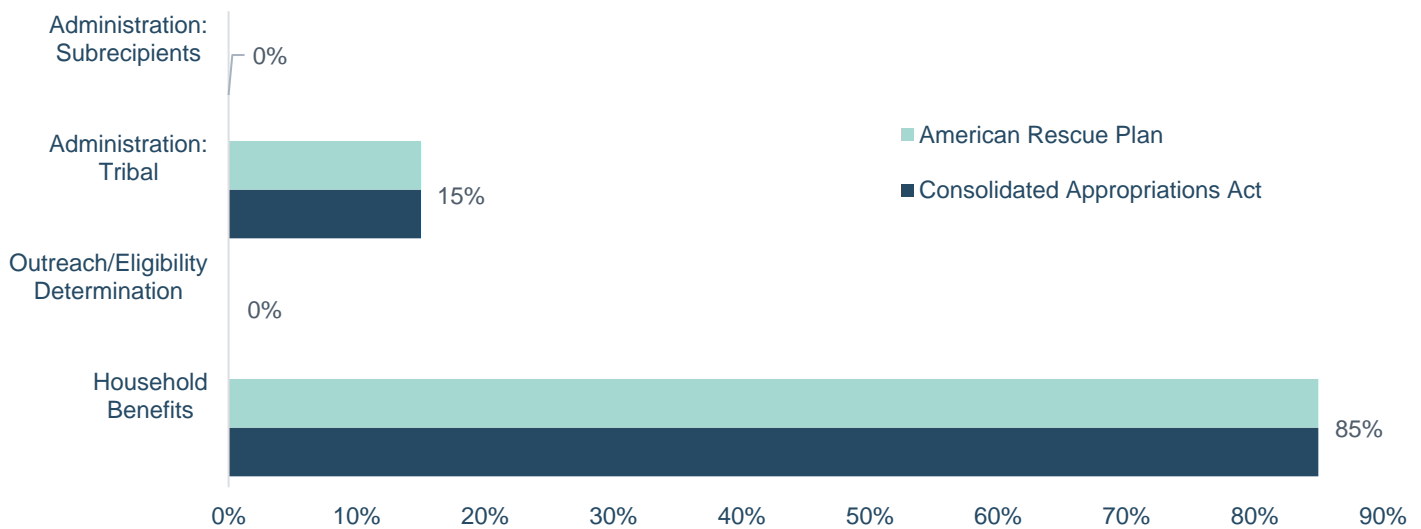
- Payment of arrearages



#### PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Joint application for multiple programs
- One-stop intake centers

### Use of Funding by Funding Source



### Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under Pueblo of Nambe's administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$1,375 in financial assistance to pay the account balance, past due arrears, or disconnection and reconnection fees. Program staff use applicants' income and household size to determine the benefit amount. Households with a member of a vulnerable population receive additional points which results in a higher benefit amount.

### Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories are prioritized and assigned two additional points in the benefit matrix calculation.

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

### Program Outreach Activities

- Publication of articles or public service announcements in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.
- Inclusion of inserts in water vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of LIHWAP assistance.
- 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	
\$175	Minimum
\$1375	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. Vulnerable populations receive two additional points.

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