

# Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

## PUEBLO OF ZUNI LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Pueblo of Zuni Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$247,171 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 Pueblo of Zuni LIHWAP, which began in January 2022, is managed by the Pueblo of Zuni Education & Career Development Center (ZECDC) in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Pueblo of Zuni's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **three priority groups**:

- Households whose water and wastewater services have been disconnected
- Households with existing arrearages to prevent disconnection of water and wastewater services
- Households that may need assistance paying their water bills

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

### FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



#### AMOUNT

**TOTAL: \$247,171**

- ARP: \$98,202
- CAA: \$148,969



#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

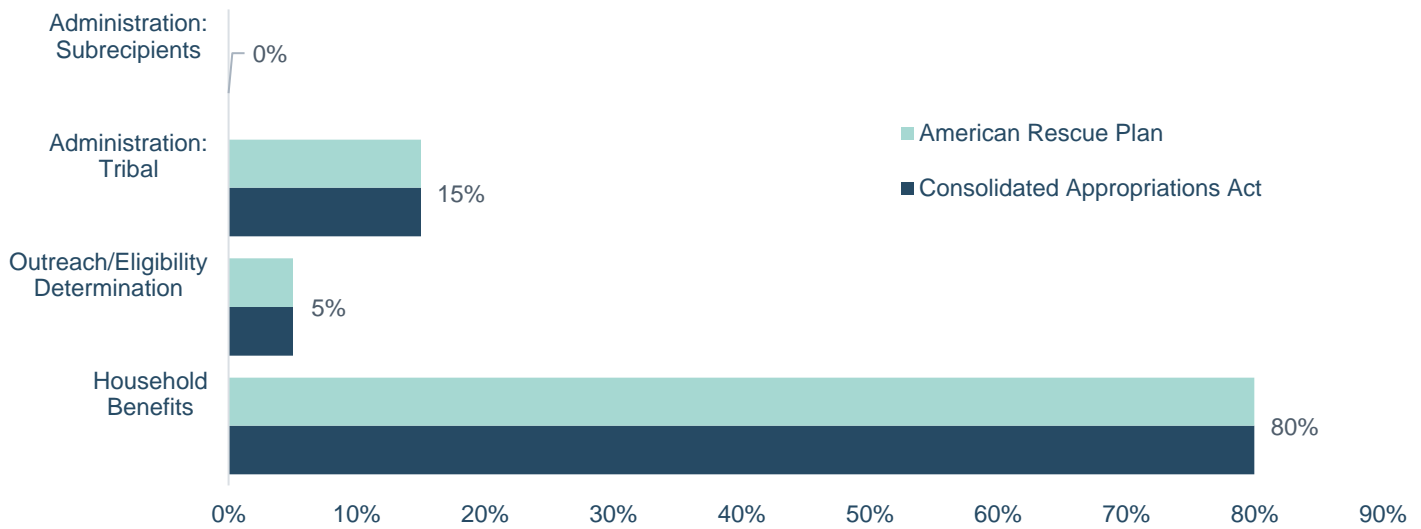
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



#### PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Intake referrals are accepted from Zuni Senior Center and/or any other program that serves the priority population
- All LIHWAP applications are processed through the Pueblo of Zuni Education & Career Development Center (ZECDC)

### 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 \$1,200 in benefit assistance. Households may receive assistance twice throughout the year based on available funding.

### Priority Populations

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

- ✓ People with disabilities
- ✓ Families with young children (<6)
- ✓ Older Adult/Seniors (60+)
- ✓ Households with high water burden

### 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.
- 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>\$150</b>	Minimum
<b>\$1200</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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