

# Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

## QUILEUTE TRIBE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Quileute Tribe has approximately 838 members with approximately 363 members over the age of 18 residing in the service areas of Clallam County. In the village of La Push, there are approximately 144 households, Native and non-Native. The moratorium stemming from the pandemic has ended, however they have not began shut-offs as they know this program is in the works. Approximately, 7% of households in the village of La Push are currently delinquent on their water bills; it is expected that the services area outside of La Push displays similar needs.

### Program Operation

The Quileute Tribe's LIHWAP, which began in May 2022, will be managed and operated at Tribal level in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Quileute Tribe's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **two priority groups**:

- Households without current water services to restore their water and wastewater services
- Households with existing arrearages to prevent disconnection of water and wastewater services

### FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



#### AMOUNT

**TOTAL: \$12,589**

- ARP: \$5,503
- CAA: \$7,086



#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

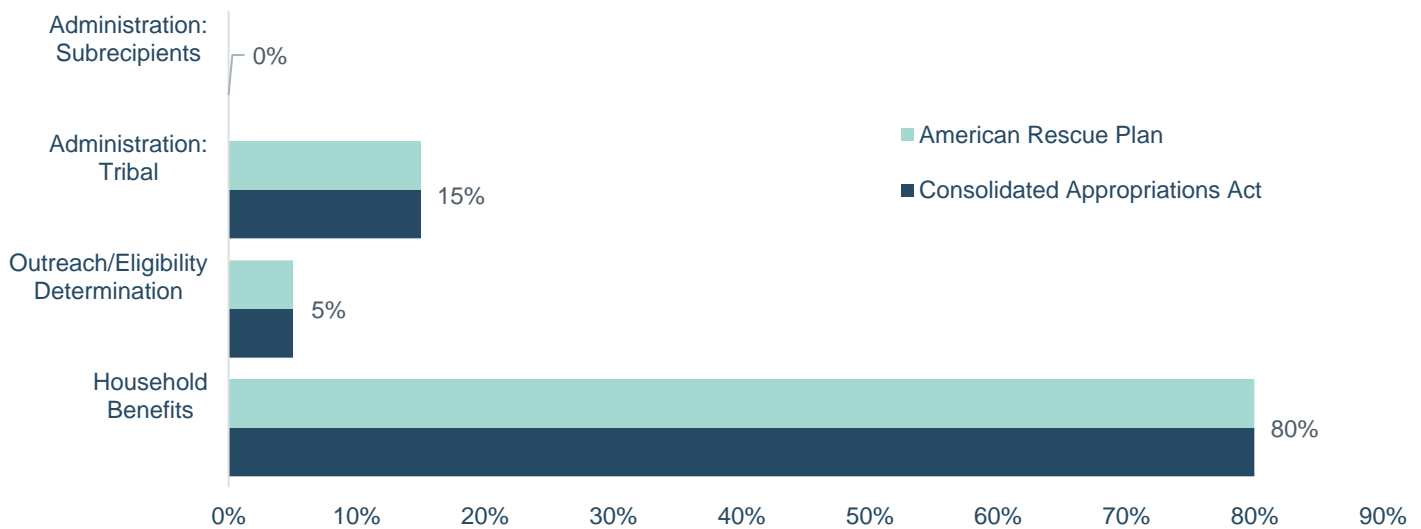
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages



#### PROGRAM COORDINATION

- One application for LIHEAP and LIHWAP
- Intake referrals to/from other general welfare programs housed in the Human Services
- One-stop intake for general welfare programs through the Human Services

### 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 \$300 in benefit assistance. Each approved participant will qualify for a one-time crisis payment and a yearly assistance payment per fiscal year as long as funds are available. Program staff will use a point system that calculates increased benefits for elderly, young children and households with a high energy burden.

### Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive priority assistance and a higher benefit amount.

- ✓ People with disabilities
- ✓ Families with young children
- ✓ 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.
- 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.
- 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
✓	Individual Bill
Benefit Amount	
\$7	Minimum
\$300	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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