

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$179,302 in FY21. The SRPMIC utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to provide assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's LIHWAP, which began in March 2022, is centrally managed by the Department of Health and Human Services in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **three priority groups**:

- Households whose water and wastewater services have been disconnected
- Households with arrears at risk of service disconnection
- Households needing assistance with their current water and wastewater bill

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

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$179,302

- ARP: \$71,288
- CAA: \$108,014



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

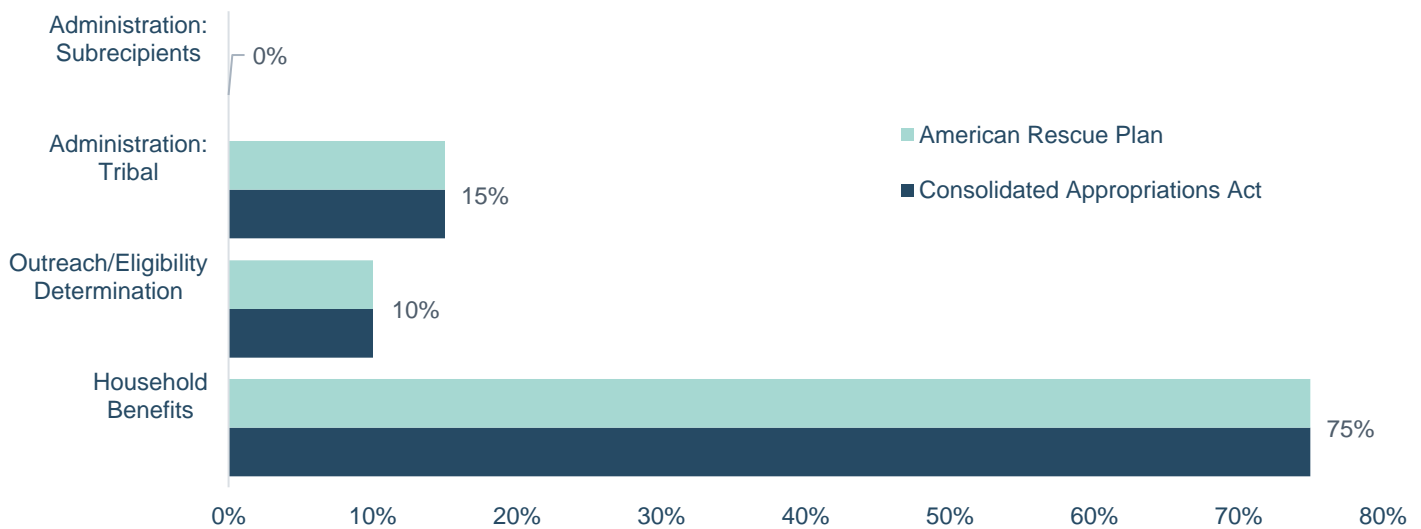
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Intake referrals to/from the Tribal government and Department of Health and Human services

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Department of Health and Human Services' administration of the program, eligible households may apply for benefits twice per year and receive up to \$1,000 in benefit assistance.

Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive first available appointments.

- ✓ 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.
- Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients or recipients of other government benefits.
- Multi-lingual announcements in languages spoken by low-income households within utility service area and/or notification in ethnic language news and broadcast media outlets.
- 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 | |
| \$600 | Minimum |
| \$1000 | Maximum |
| Benefit Period | |
| | One Time |
| ✓ | Multiple |

*Rental assistance only applies to the Shadow Mountain mobile home 55+ community.

*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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