

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

SAMISH INDIAN NATION LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Samish Indian Nation's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$43,450 in FY21. The Nation utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to provide emergency assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

The Samish Indian Nation's LIHWAP, which began in January 2022, is managed centrally at the Tribal level in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Samish Indian Nation's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to households with existing arrearages that have received a shut-off notice.

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

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$43,450

- ARP: \$17,278
- CAA: \$26,172



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

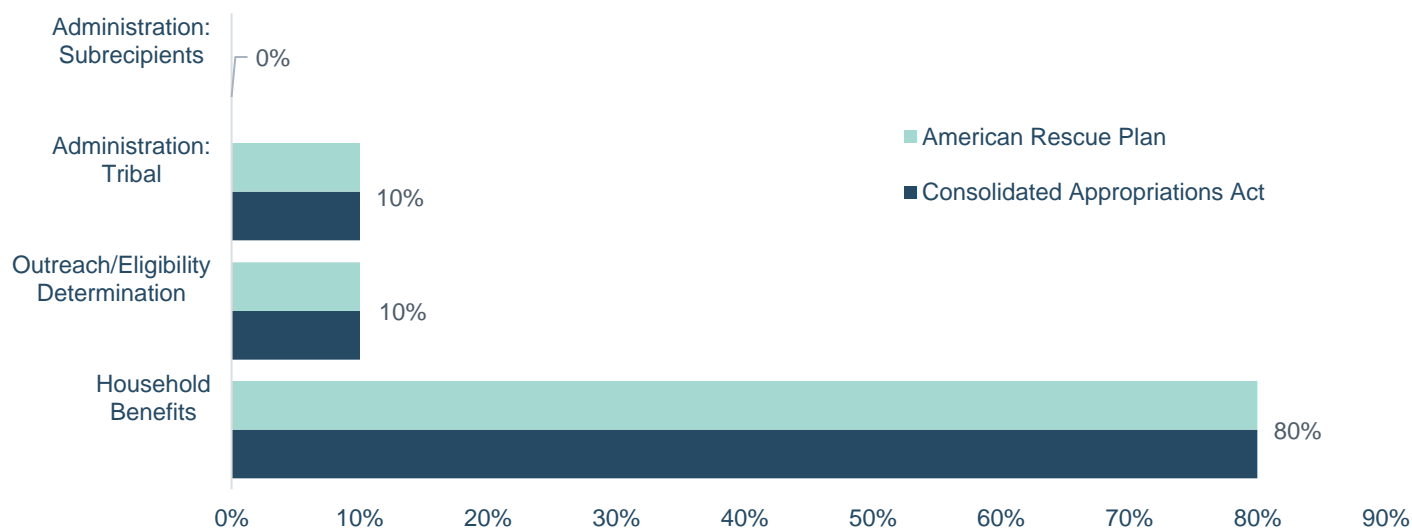
- Payment of arrearages



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- One-stop intake centers through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) that facilitates the coordination and management of resources and services through the crisis response system that helps identify the services a household may need.

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Nation's administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$1,500 in benefit assistance.

Priority Populations

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

- ✓ People with disabilities
- ✓ Families with young children (<5)
- ✓ Older Adult/Seniors (60+)
- ✓ Households with high water burden
- ✓ Households that live in isolated areas

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.
- 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.
- Targeted outreach to elders and disabled Tribal citizens who are currently living in substandard, overcrowded conditions, which impact water usage.

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	
\$500	Minimum
\$1500	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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