

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

SHERWOOD VALLEY BAND OF POMO INDIANS LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians' Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$10,052 in FY21. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, local water vendors have agreed not to disconnect water services to customers. The program addresses the needs among low-income households in Sherwood communities, including restoration of household water services, once the moratorium is lifted on disconnection. The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to provide emergency assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians' LIHWAP, which began in December 2021, is managed centrally by the Tribal government in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians' LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **three priority groups**:

- Customers whose water and wastewater services have been disconnected
- Customers with outstanding arrearages to prevent disconnection of water and wastewater services
- Customers who require assistance with their current water bill

A LIHWAP Coordinator conducts outreach activities, determines client eligibility, and processes benefit payments to water service providers.

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$10,052

- ARP: \$5,000
- CAA: \$5,052



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

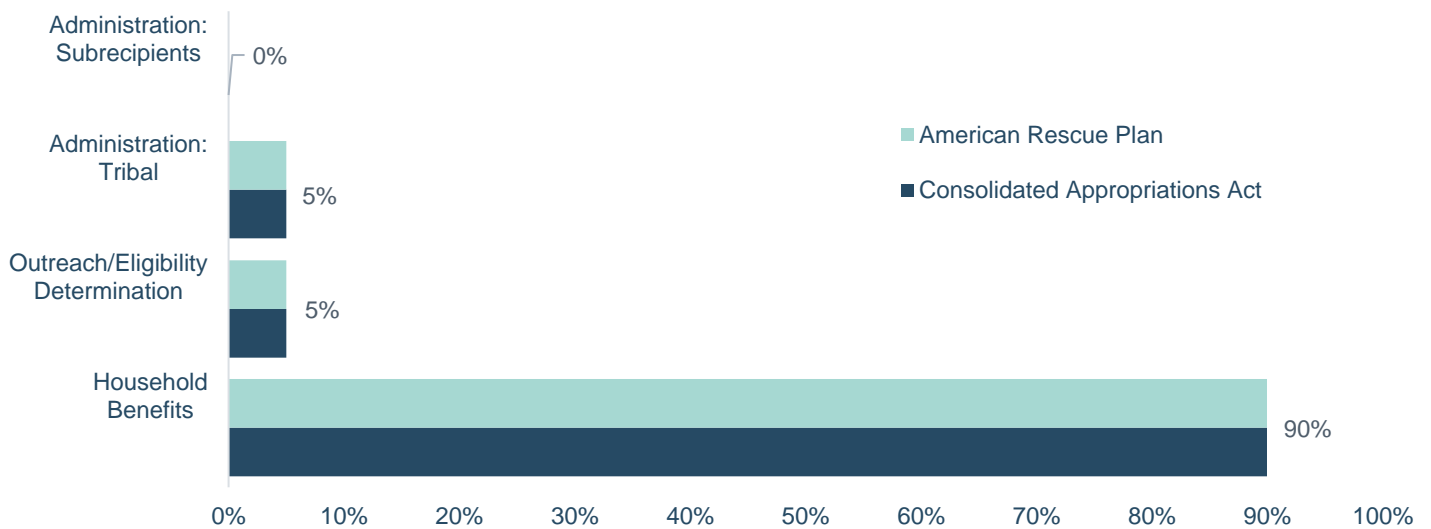
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Intake referrals to/from other programs

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 benefits towards the payment of water and wastewater bills, arrearages, and disconnection fees, if applicable.

Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories receive priority assistance and their applications are processed on a first come, first serve basis.

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

Program Outreach Activities

- Inform low-income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHWAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
- Post LIHWAP information at Tribal Center, Tribal website and newsletter.

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	
\$150	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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