

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$123,926 in FY21. The program addresses two concentrated areas of need within the Reservation: water assistance for clients with overdue water bills and septic pumping for independent septic systems on the Reservation.. Tribes utilize LIHWAP grant funds to provide emergency assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' LIHWAP, which began in October 2021, is managed centrally at the Tribal level in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' LIHWAP provides relief assistance to eligible households through **two activities**:

- Paying a household's overdue water/sewer utility bill
- Assisting a household with paying a septic pumping bill to prevent a backup of sewage into the home

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

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$123,926

- ARP: \$49,251
- CAA: \$74,675



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

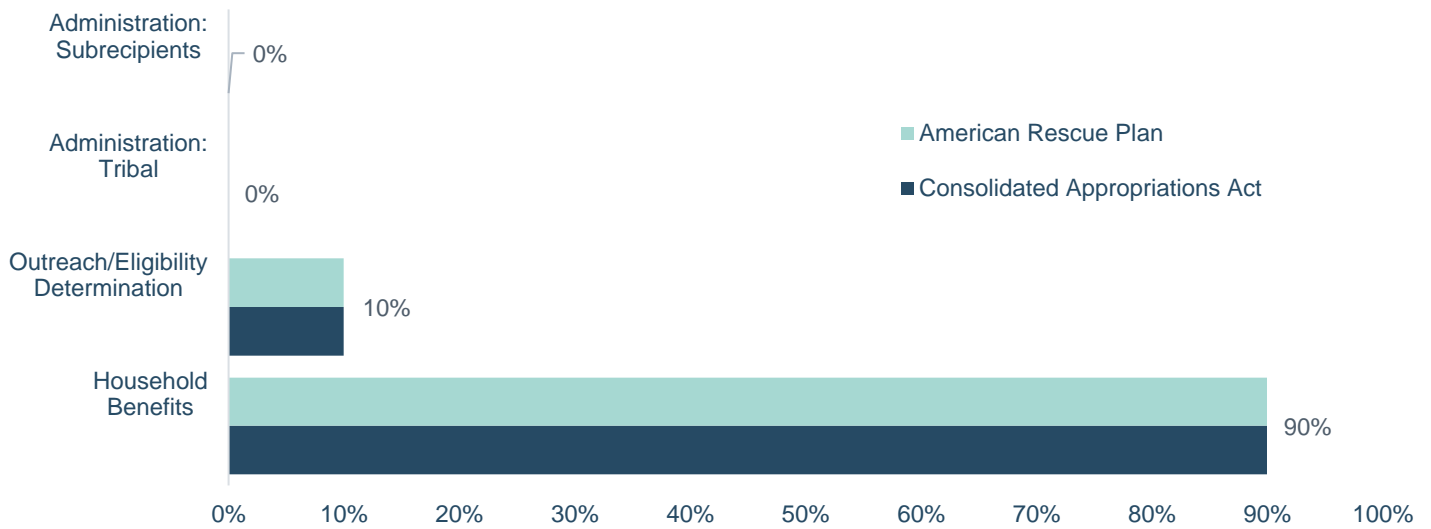
- Restoration of services



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- One application for multiple services that are part of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes 477 Human Services Program
- Intake referrals to/from the TANF program
- One-stop center that takes all the applications from all the 477 programs and Consumer Services

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Tribes' administration of the program, eligible households may receive a one-time benefit of up to \$1,500 during the fiscal year to cover the cost of a water bill, septic pumping, and water repair. Program staff give preference and expedite the applications of priority populations and households with emergencies to the home like no running water or a possible health risk of a septic back up.

Priority Populations

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

- ✓ People with disabilities
- ✓ Young children
- ✓ Older Adult/Seniors (60+)

Program Outreach Activities

- 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.
- Inform low-income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHWAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
- Provide information and promote the LIHEAP, LIHWAP, and Tribal Member services at 5 lodges located throughout the reservation.

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	
\$100	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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