

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$254,081 in FY21. Many of their communities do not have access to safe drinking water in their homes. There are variable delivery systems across the region and not all needs will be met. Some go to local watering sources to get their water for drinking, washing, and sanitation needs. Addressing the lack of water resources is a big challenge. Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) provides assistance to low-income households within the Tanana Chiefs Conference region for households that have current arrearages for drinking and waste water utilities. Tanana Chiefs Conference addresses those households that have past due accounts or have been disconnected in these named groups. TCC pays the arrearages amount stated on the household bill.

Program Operation

The Tanana Chiefs Conference's LIHWAP, which began in December 2021, is managed and operated at the tribal level. The Tanana Chiefs Conference LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **three priority groups**:

- Households facing the threat of disconnection of their water and wastewater services
- Households whose water or wastewater services have been disconnected
- Households needing rate reduction of current bills

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$254,081

- ARP: \$100,930
- CAA: \$153,151



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

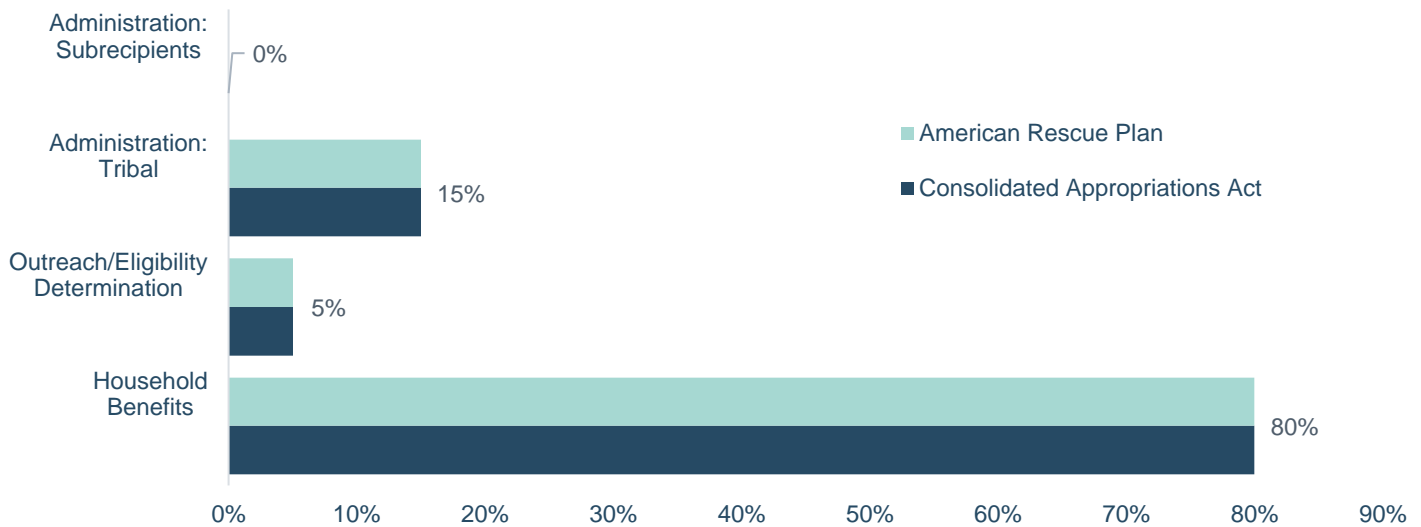
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages
- Rate reductions



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Joint LIHEAP application
- Intake referrals to/from other programs
- One-stop intake centers

Use of Funding by Funding Source



Benefits on Behalf of Households

Under the Tanana Chiefs Conference's administration of the program, eligible households may receive up to \$3,200 in financial assistance to pay the account balance, past due arrears, or disconnection and reconnection fees. Program staff use applicants' income, household size, and drinking water and wastewater burdens to determine the benefit amount.

Priority Populations

Households that meet program eligibility criteria **and** fall in one of the following categories are prioritized and their applications are processed first. They received applications via mail two weeks earlier than other households. Vulnerable household applications are placed ahead of all other non-vulnerable household applications during the entire application period.

- ✓ People with disabilities
- ✓ Families with young children
- ✓ Older Adult/Seniors (60+)
- ✓ Households with high water burdens
- ✓ Households currently or under notice of disconnection of water and/or wastewater services

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.
- Inform low-income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHWAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
- Application available on TCC's website and in the Tribal Office in each community served.

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	
\$0	Minimum
\$3200	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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