

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

UNITED TRIBES OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA LIHWAP PROFILE SUMMARY



The United Tribes of Kansas and Nebraska Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is funded at \$10,560 in FY21. The Tribe utilizes LIHWAP grant funds to provide emergency assistance to enable low-income households to access water and wastewater services.

Program Operation

The United Tribes of Kansas and Nebraska's LIHWAP, which began in March 2022, is managed and operated at the Tribal level in coordination with other programs available to low-income households. The United Tribes of Kansas and Nebraska's LIHWAP provides relief assistance to **two priority groups**:

- Households whose water and/or wastewater services have been disconnected
- Households with existing arrearages to prevent disconnection of water and wastewater services

FY21 LIHWAP FUNDING ALLOCATION



AMOUNT

TOTAL: \$10,560

- ARP: \$5,000
- CAA: \$5,560



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

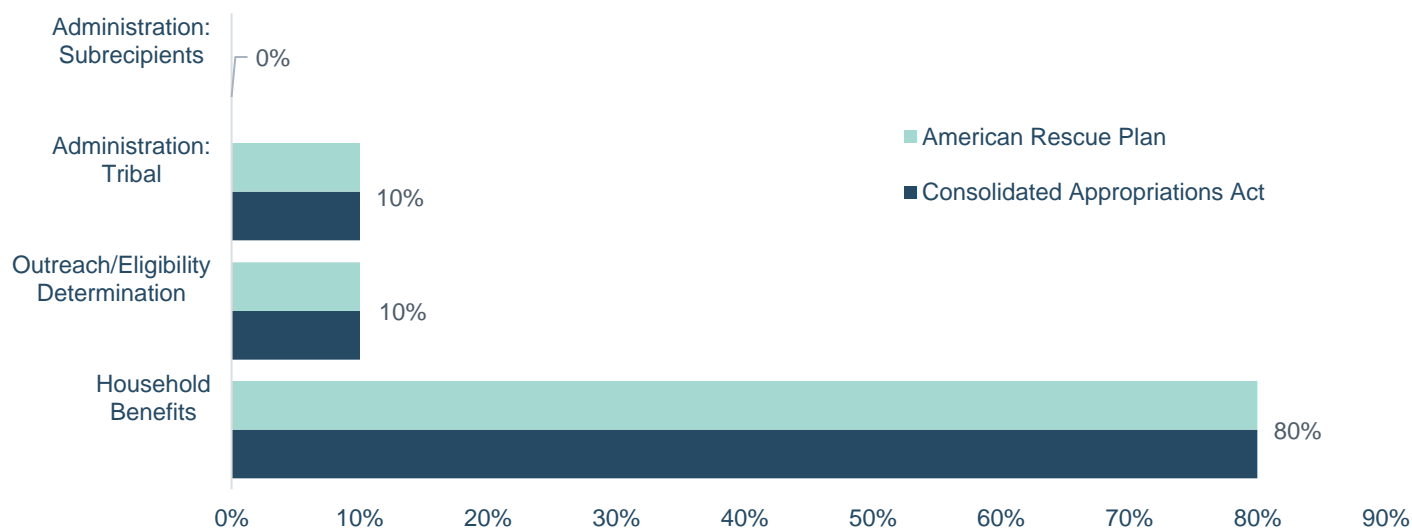
- Restoration of services
- Payment of arrearages



PROGRAM COORDINATION

- One application for multiple programs, i.e., SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, LIHEAP, and LIHWAP
- 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 \$750 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
- ✓ 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.
- Work directly with water utilities to identify potential recipients.
- Inclusion of inserts in water vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of LIHWAP assistance.
- 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.

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
\$750	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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