

NEW JERSEY LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)



What is the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)?

- LIHWAP is a temporary emergency program to assist low-income families pay water and sewer arrears.
- LIHWAP is a grant for households that either rent or own their home. LIHWAP is not available for business accounts, estates, or property management companies.
- The LIHWAP benefit is based on the actual amount of water and/or sewer arrears, up to a maximum of \$4,000 per water or sewer provider, or \$8,000 if water and sewer services are combined.

Who is eligible (Income)?

- Household income must be at or below 60% of State median income

Household#	Monthly	Annual
1	\$3,464	\$41,569
2	\$4,530	\$54,360
3	\$5,596	\$67,151
4	\$6,662	\$79,942
5	\$7,728	\$92,732
6	\$8,794	\$105,523
7	\$8,994	\$107,922
8	\$9,193	\$110,320

How can my agency participate?

You must enter into a vendor agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs. If interested please email Fidel Ekhelar fidel.ekhelar@dca.nj.gov

Who receives the LIHWAP benefits?

- Benefits are paid directly to the household's water and/or sewer vendor and must be credited to their account(s).
- Each utility **MUST** provide the LIHWAP program with its Vendor ID number so that they can receive payments from the New Jersey Treasury. If you do not have a Vendor ID number and you wish to register for one, please use the following link

<https://www.njstart.gov/bsa/>

Will the water and/or sewer vendor automatically know who has applied?

- No, utilities do not automatically know who has applied for water and/or sewer assistance. Utilities are notified after a customer has been deemed eligible. However, utilities who are interested can register to gain access to the application portal to view applications from their customers.

LIHWAP Portal

LIHWAP Portal:

<https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/>

LIHWAP Call Line:

1-800-510-3102

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