

## Important Update - Beginning In July 2022



We are pleased to announce that the ATCAA Energy Department in Sonora will begin accepting LIHWAP applications for eligible overdue wastewater service accounts with the Jamestown Sanitary District in July.

Please contact one of the following ATCAA Energy workers for this program.

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Information regarding the LIHWAP program provided below

# What is LIHWAP?

**LIHWAP** stands for the **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program**.

**LIHWAP** offers a **one-time payment** to help you pay your **past due water or wastewater bills**.

**LIHWAP** helps **pay overdue bills** which accrued during **any timeframe**.

There is no date restriction for when the overdue amount occurred.

## How Do I Apply?

Households can apply for LIHWAP assistance through a local LIHWAP service provider.

Eligibility for LIHWAP services can vary depending on income, water system participation, place of residence, and other factors. Households whose utility payments are included in their rent may also be eligible for LIHWAP. Contact your local LIHWAP service provider to learn more about how to apply by visiting <https://csd.ca.gov/waterbill>.

## What Can I Qualify For?

LIHWAP provides one-time payments to low-income households that are eligible for assistance. The size of a benefit can vary depending on the past due balance of the household's residential water and wastewater bills. In addition, program participation is limited to households receiving services from water and wastewater providers enrolled in LIHWAP to receive the payment of assistance benefits.

**Households that qualify for LIHWAP could reduce their water or wastewater charges, or both if their bills include both services, by up to \$2,000.**

If you are struggling to afford your water or wastewater bills, please visit [csd.ca.gov/waterbill](https://csd.ca.gov/waterbill) to see if you qualify for payment assistance through LIHWAP and to find the local service provider near you to apply.