



WATER BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EXTENDED

The deadline to apply for financial assistance through the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) has been extended to March 31, 2024. *Many Californians struggling with their water or sewer bills have already received hundreds to even thousands of dollars through LIHWAP. With the deadline quickly approaching, eligible households should apply now as remaining funds are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.*

Importance of Access to Water

Having access to running water is essential to the health and well-being of Californians. Many families struggle to afford their residential water or sewer bills, and that's where LIHWAP steps in – providing critical and direct support so that low-income households can keep their taps flowing. With many regions experiencing newfound utility rate hikes, the state is working to ensure low-income households are aware of and know how to access the funds that are available to help manage these expenses.

How To Apply

In many cases, you can apply online. Visit www.CAWaterBillHelp.com to learn more and start the application process. CSD works with a network of local service providers (LSPs) who help guide customers through the process and answer any questions. To find a local LIHWAP service provider, customers can input their city into CSD's [searchable map](#).

The household's water or sewer utility must be enrolled in LIHWAP for customers to receive funds. Many, but not all, water and sewer systems accept LIHWAP payments. To confirm if a water or sewer utility is participating in LIHWAP, customers can visit CSD's [LIHWAP Water Utility Enrollment](#) page.

Many Californians Are Already Income-Qualified

Many low-income households across California are already income-qualified for LIHWAP, including:

- Households with a total gross income at or below 60% of the state media income
- Households with a current resident who is a recipient of CalFresh, CalWORKs or the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

For more details about income eligibility, visit CSD's [LIHWAP Income Eligibility](#) page.

APPLY TODAY!

Though the deadline to apply has been extended, *LIHWAP funding is limited and benefits are not guaranteed.* **Eligible households should apply today** so they can take advantage of this financial assistance from the State of California for current and past due water or sewer bills while funds last.

About LIHWAP

LIHWAP provides significant financial assistance to eligible low-income households for current or overdue water or sewer bills. For more information, visit www.CAWaterBillHelp.com.