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Water and Sewer Bill Assistance Program Extended

California's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) will remain open through March 2024. Low-income Californians are encouraged to apply today while funds last.

[OCEANO, California] — We're encouraging low-income customers to apply for help paying their current or past-due water and sewer bills by signing up for the [Low Income Household Water Assistance Program](#) (LIHWAP). Customers now have until March 31, 2024, to apply, and eligible households should apply now while funds last.

LIHWAP, initially established by Congress in December 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, is designed to support financially struggling low-income households to settle outstanding water bills. Originally slated to conclude in Fall 2023, the program has received a federal extension through March 2024.

Additional low-income households can find relief from water and sewer costs and residents are encouraged not to delay their applications.

Through LIHWAP, thousands of low-income residents in San Luis Obispo County have already received substantial financial support, addressing both current and overdue bills.

Many Customers Already Qualify

Households with an income below 60 percent of the state median income, such as \$103,856 for a family of four, and households that are already participating in CalFresh, CalWORKs, or the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are eligible for LIHWAP.

Apply Now for Assistance

[Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County](#) is collaborating with Oceano Community Services District to facilitate LIHWAP applications for water and sewer bill payments.

LIHWAP is administered by the [California Department of Community Services and Development \(CSD\)](#). To learn more about the program, find your local LIHWAP service provider, and apply, visit <https://www.csd.ca.gov/WaterBill>.

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