

Report to the New Jersey Legislature
On the
Low Income Household Water Assistance program (LIHWAP)

Pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) of P.L.2023, c.33 requiring the Department of Community Affairs to provide the Program Operational Report to the Legislature, please find below the required information.

The below data represents applications submitted from the inception of the program to the close of business on Monday, June 19, 2023.

1. The program has received a total of 28,397 unduplicated applications from residents of New Jersey requesting assistance with their water and/or sewer bills. Out of this figure, 7,412 were approved and received benefits, 2,417 were denied, 7,768 were submitted and are under review, 776 have been approved for the next extract and 10,024 are incomplete (missing information, missing documentation, or not signed). DCA's outreach agencies are assisting households who have submitted incomplete applications to complete them.
2. A total of 7,412 unduplicated households have been approved for program benefits totaling \$14.6 million; 2,417 applications have been denied. The main reason for denial was that the applicant's household income was over the income limit; the maximum household income for LIHWAP is 60% of the State Median Income.
3. The list of all local authorities, municipal authorities, water and sewer public utilities and investor-owned companies that have entered into the vendor agreement with the Program is attached for your review.
4. Out of the total grant amount of \$23,945,785.00 provided to the program, the program has expended \$16,568,554.96 please see the below breakout:

Administrative Expenses (DCA only): \$1,924,247.06

Administrative Expenses (sub-grants): \$655,248.00.

Benefit payments on behalf of residents- \$14,644,307.90