

# Energy Assistance – LIHEAP/LIHWAP

## What is LIHEAP?

- LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. This can be electric and/or natural gas.
- LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of health and safety problems, such as illness, fire or eviction.

## What assistance does LIHEAP provide?

- Heating assistance (applicants must only have a Tribal member in the household and be income eligible.)
- Crisis assistance (shut-off or final notice exceeding base award)

## What is LIHWAP?

- LIHWAP (Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program) is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their clean water bill.
- LIHWAP can help keep clean and safe water in the home.

**Enrolled Siletz Tribal Member** – The applicant, or a child residing in the household, must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.

**Residence Location** – The residence must be located within the 11-county service-area.

**Income Eligible** – The applicant/family must meet annual income guidelines as determined at the time of intake.

## Program Keypoints

- LIHEAP is divided into two categories: 1) Heating and 2) Crisis. The maximum award is \$800 per household.
- LIHWAP is a single-payment program. Qualified households will have a one-time payment made on their behalf directly to the water supplier in the amount of \$500.
- Not all households will qualify for the maximum LIHEAP amount. LIHEAP awards will depend on family size, income and need.
- When returning an application, please be sure to have all necessary documentation beforehand or be able to have required documents before appointment time.
- Required documentation includes, but is not limited to:
  - o Social Security cards for **all** household members (**no exceptions!**)
  - o Tribal ID/CIB
  - o Most recent billing statement
  - o Current income documents for each adult household member (e.g., Social Security award letter, unemployment printout, paystubs, etc.)
- If you need documentation from other departments, please be sure to make those requests from those departments prior to your appointment.

Applications are available via email or U.S. Postal Service upon request.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to call Casey Godwin in the Siletz Tribal Housing Department at 541-444-8311 or 541-270-0194.

## Important Notice Regarding 2022 Per Capita

If you believe you are going to have a per capita garnishment either for a debt to the Tribe or for child support, you will receive a notice and the protest forms in the mail. Please keep your address current with the Enrollment Department.

**Monies owed to the Tribe:** There will be no hearings. Your written protest is your due process in accordance with the ordinance.

**Child Support:** If you do **not** submit a written protest you will **not** have a hearing scheduled. If you do not submit a **written** protest within the 14-day timeframe, you will not be allowed to do so via phone.

**Tribal Court will accept requests to be present via telephone (child support only) in your written request.**

Ordinances are created by Tribal Council. Changes in ordinances must be directed to the Tribal Council.



## Home Visiting Program supports families

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Thriving families depend on strong support systems. Support can come from family, friends, neighbors and others in the community. Learn what it takes to invest in families.

- #ChildAbusePreventionMonth
- #ThrivingFamilies <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/prevention-month/resources/conversation-guides/>

Everyone has a role to play in helping the families in our communities be resilient and access support. Learn more about protective factors – prevention starts with you!

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The Siletz Home Visiting Program is a great way for families of young children to gain knowledge and support. Siletz Home Visiting provides parenting and life skills for successful and positive parenting.

The model and curriculum we use is Family Spirit developed by the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health. Family Spirit is the only evidence-based home visiting program designed specifically for American Indian families.

We serve all federally recognized and Alaskan Native families in our 11-county service area who meet the eligibility requirements. Program starts prenatally or before child turns 1 year old and continues until child turns 3

For more information, contact one of our home visitors:

**Siletz and Coast Range:** Danelle Smith, 541-444-9603 or 800-922-1399, danelles@ctsi.nsn.us

**Salem, Portland and Surrounding Areas:** Lori Christy, 503-390-9494, loric@ctsi.nsn.us

**Eugene and Surrounding Areas:** Cathy Ray, 541-484-4234, catheriner@ctsi.nsn.us

## CTSI Jobs

Employment information is available at [ctsi.nsn.us](https://ctsi.nsn.us).

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are looking for temporary work that can last from 2-12 weeks, please submit an application for the temp pool.

# CTSI VIRTUAL CULTURE NIGHTS



ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES WELCOME

## Upcoming Dates:

**April 13 at 6 pm: Shellfish**

**May 11 at 6 pm: Camas**

**June 8 at 6 pm: Tule and Cattail**

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