

New Program Assists in Paying Water, Sewer Bills

The PA Department of Human Services is now accepting applications for the new Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), which will help individuals and families with low incomes maintain access to drinking and wastewater services.

The program is available to those who have past due water bills, had their service terminated or received a notice indicating that their service will be terminated in the next 60 days.

Households can receive LIH- WAP grants for both drinking water service and wastewater service. Grants are issued directly to water service providers, and applicants must meet income requirements. For example, in order for a single person to be eligible, the maximum income is \$19,320. The limit for a household of two is \$26,130 and for four the limit is \$39,750.

You can receive one grant for your drinking water service and one grant for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.

LIHWAP is a temporary assistance program created by the American Rescue Plan Act.

To apply online for LIHWAP assistance, go to www.compass.state.pa.us. Applications are also available at your local county assistance office, or you can request an application by calling 877-395-8930.