

EES POLICY NO. 21-11-14	RE: Implementation of the Emergency Water Assistance Program
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Emergency Water Assistance Program (EWAP)

The Emergency Water Assistance Program is a water assistance program to help eligible households with reconnection or to prevent disconnection of their home drinking water and/or wastewater services. This program will provide a one-time benefit to eligible household's current water vendor. This program is being offered in response to the COVID pandemic and the American Rescue Plan Act and Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

The application period is from November 22, 2021 through September 30, 2023 or until funds are exhausted.

Eligibility:

In order to qualify, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Households combined gross income must be equal to or less than 150% of FPL.
2. Applicants must provide verification of all adult household members income for the past 30 days.
3. At least one adult household member must be responsible for drinking water and/or wastewater costs incurred at the primary residence payable to either the landlord or to the water utility vendor.
4. At least one household member must be a US citizen or meet the lawful residency requirements.

- Households must currently be disconnected from their drinking water and/or wastewater services or have received a disconnection notification from their water utility vendor.

For household members already known to KEES with open and active TANF or FA cases, or a LIEAP issuance for the 2021 LIEAP season, the income on the system can be used for the EWAP case eligibility. If the system income is used it will need to be documented in the EWAP workbook.

The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address must be less than 150% of the federal poverty level according to the guidelines listed below.

Household Size Maximum Gross Monthly Income

1	\$1,610
2	\$2,178
3	\$2,745
4	\$3,313
5	\$3,880
6	\$4,448
7	\$5,015
8	\$5,583
+1	\$568 for each additional person

Benefits Eligible households will receive a one-time benefit equal to their past due amount including reconnection fees if applicable. Payment will be issued to the household's current drinking water and/or wastewater vendor. The program is limited to one payment per household.

The one-time benefit will be processed in the local DCF service centers by assigned Employment Services staff.

Related documents are available at Training By Topic.