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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.*

**San Miguel C.S.D** -- 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.

"With the LIHWAP extension, more low-income households can find relief from water and sewer costs," said Kelly Dodds San Miguel CSD General Manager "While we are pleased the program has been extended, it's crucial to note that funding is limited and assistance is granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Residents are encouraged not to delay their applications. We urge eligible individuals and families to seize this opportunity for financial assistance."

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 [CAPSLO Water Assistance](#) are collaborating with San Miguel C.S.D 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>.