

**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 Friday, May 5, 2023.

1. The program has received a total of 39,977 applications from residents of New Jersey requesting assistance with their water and/or sewer bills.
2. A total of 5,181 unduplicated households have been approved for program benefits totaling \$12.1 million; 574 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 \$14,468,923.71 – please see the below breakout:

Administrative Expenses (DCA only)	-	\$1,710,192.21
Administrative Expenses (sub-grants)	-	\$655,248.00
Benefit payments on behalf of residents-		\$12,103,483.50