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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.

LOMPOC, California — Officials with the Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village Community Service Districts are 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.

Through LIHWAP, thousands of low-income residents in Santa Barbara 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

CommUnify (formerly Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County) is collaborating with the community services districts to facilitate LIHWAP water and sewer bill payment applications.

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.

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