



Samish Indian Nation

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Assistance Rules and Procedures

The requirements of the law in section 2605(b)(5) (see page C-9) state that the highest level of assistance must be given to those households which have the lowest incomes and highest energy costs or needs in relation to income taking into consideration the size of the family. The basic items of this section of the law to be considered are: energy costs or needs, income and family size.

The Samish Indian Nation implements the attached Payment Matrix to ensure that households with the highest needs receive the highest level of assistance. Needs are based on income eligibility as well as categorical eligibility.

Allowable energy sources: Gas, Electric, Wood, Pellet, & Propane.

For households with (2) energy sources required for heating (i.e. gas heater, with electricity to circulate), the program will cover 50% of your assigned percentage on the secondary source.

Assigned percentages are based on monthly income, household size, and priority factors. They range from 45% to 60%, with a cap at 65%.

Once you are determined eligible for the program:

- Send in your energy bill each month that you need assistance
- Do not wait several months before sending in your bill, allowing late charges to accumulate. We will not pay your late charges or reconnection fees!
- Send in your full page(s) billing statement, not just the stub

Throughout the year, the LIHEAP program will offer information and outreach to:

- ensure eligible tribal members are aware of the program and its benefits
- assist in home energy use reduction through helpful tips and (when funds allow) weatherization materials.

If you have any questions regarding LIHEAP eligibility or participation, please contact us at:
Samish Health and Human Services

(360) 899-5282

Samish Indian Nation LIHEAP Assistance Payment Matrix - 10-1-14 to 9/30/15

Family Size	Median Monthly Income		60% WA State Annual Median Income*	60% WA State Monthly Median Income						
	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To		
	0% to 20%		21% to 40%		41% to 50%		51% to 60%		60.01% to 100+ %	
1	\$0	\$727	\$728	\$1,453	\$1,454	\$1,817	\$1,818	\$2,180	\$26,165	\$2,180
2	\$0	\$950	\$951	\$1,901	\$1,902	\$2,376	\$2,377	\$2,851	\$34,216	\$2,851
3	\$0	\$1,174	\$1,175	\$2,348	\$2,348	\$2,935	\$2,936	\$3,522	\$42,267	\$3,522
4	\$0	\$1,398	\$1,399	\$2,795	\$2,796	\$3,494	\$3,495	\$4,193	\$50,318	\$4,193
5	\$0	\$1,621	\$1,622	\$3,243	\$3,244	\$4,054	\$4,055	\$4,864	\$58,369	\$4,864
6	\$0	\$1,845	\$1,846	\$3,690	\$3,691	\$4,613	\$4,614	\$5,535	\$66,420	\$5,535
7	\$0	\$1,887	\$1,888	\$3,774	\$3,775	\$4,718	\$4,719	\$5,661	\$67,929	\$5,661
8	\$0	\$1,929	\$1,930	\$3,858	\$3,859	\$4,823	\$4,824	\$5,787	\$69,439	\$5,787
9	\$0	\$1,971	\$1,972	\$3,941	\$3,942	\$4,927	\$4,928	\$5,912	\$70,948	\$5,912
10	\$0	\$2,013	\$2,014	\$4,025	\$4,026	\$5,032	\$5,033	\$6,038	\$72,458	\$6,038
Assistance Amt:	60%		55%		50%		45%		not eligible	

Categorical Eligibility for Automatic Enrollment @ 60% Level (no income verification needed, only proof of participation for the following):

- assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act [TANF]
- supplemental security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act
- food stamps under the Food Stamp Act 1977
- payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978

Additional Factors for any member of household:

Elder (60+): add 3%

Children 6 & under: add 3%

Individual w/ disabilities: add 3%

Assistance Percentage caps at 65%

2014-2015 Yearly Assistance Cap is: Maximum \$1,000 per household

(this is a cap, not a guaranteed amount, and dependent on available funds)

*WA State Median Income (family of 4): \$83,863

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