

Double-Up Food Bucks and LIHWAP Service Updates

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Double-Up Food Bucks

- What is it? Arizona's Produce Incentive Program, available for shoppers using SNAP/EBT benefits.
- How does it work? A dollar-for-dollar match is activated when SNAP/EBT is spent at participating farmers markets, corner stores, mobile markets, farm stands, and Community Supported Agriculture sites.
- How to Apply? No additional application is needed. Spend \$1 SNAP for \$1 in free fresh fruits and vegetables.



>> To find a location, visit: www.doubleupaz.org

DOUBLE YOUR SNAP/EBT BENEFITS WITH DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS

BUY \$1 with SNAP/EBT



GET \$1 with Double Up!

Take home twice as many fresh fruits and vegetables, dried beans, and edible plants/seeds.





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Find a location and learn more:

DoubleUpAZ.org • 1-833-8-DOUBLE (1-833-836-8253)

DUFB Updates

- Double-Up Food Bucks will be expanding
- □ 2023 Budget: \$5,462,600 appropriated annually to Arizona's Produce Incentive Program, DUFB
 - Over 2.7x prior annual funding
- Increased funding allows:
 - Expansion to unserved areas
 - More diverse DUFB servicers (e.g., corner stores, markets beyond Farmer's Markets)
 - Increased program flexibility

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- Please provide us information and feedback on your DUFB needs / access as statewide access is evaluated.
- □ Contacts:
 - Patricia Sutton, DAAS & DCAD Tribal Liaison
 - Office of Tribal Relations, Office of the Director, DES
 - <u>PSutton@azdes.gov</u>, (480) 341-5109
 - Marina Quiroz, Hunger Relief Program Coordinator
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Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

- What is it? LIHWAP assists low-income households with paying water and wastewater bills to prevent water utility disconnection.
- How does it work? Qualified Arizona households with gross income at or below 60% SMI (8 or fewer members) or 150% FPL (9+ members) are eligible for up to \$3,000 in assistance. Benefits are paid as a single. full benefit.
 - Tribal members are eligible for LIHWAP benefits if unavailable through their Tribal Nation (*Note: This also applies for LIHEAP and ERAP!*)
 - Tribal LIHWAP Programs Offered by: Colorado River Indian Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe

How to Apply

Apply Online

Phone

Paper Application

PHONE:

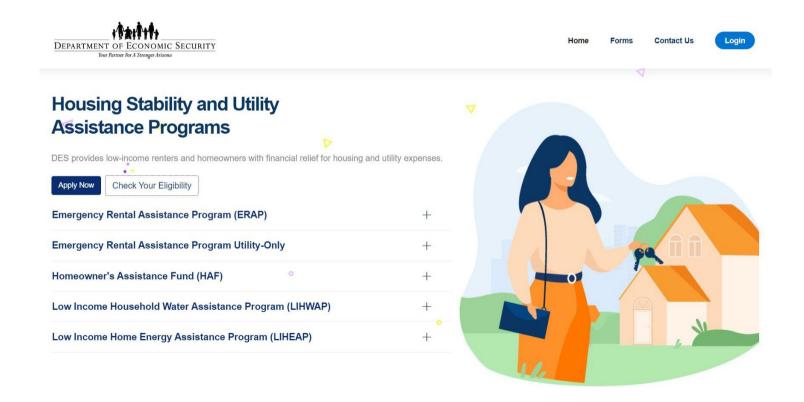
1-833-912-0878 (ERAP)

1-833-453-2142 (LIHWAP)

1-866-494-1981 (LIHEAP)

Community
Action
Agency

Housing Stability and Utility Assistance Portal



DES and 11 Partners Provide LIHWAP in Arizona

Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA) Geographic Area Served: Pinal County

Maricopa County Human Services Department Geographic Area Served: Balance of Maricopa County

Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) Geographic Area Served: Mohave, Yuma and La Paz Counties

City of Phoenix Human Services Department Geographic Area Served: City of Phoenix

Gila County Community Action Agency Geographic Area Served: Gila County



Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP) Geographic Area Served: Greenlee, Graham, Cochise, and Santa Cruz Counties

City of Glendale Community Action Program Geographic Area Served: City of Glendale

Mesa Community Action Network (Mesa CAN) Geographic Area Served: City of Mesa

Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) Geographic Area Served: Yavapai, Navajo, and Apache Counties

Coconino County Community Services Department Area Served: Coconino County

Pima County Community Action Agency Geographic Area Served: Pima County

LIHWAP Updates

- □ Access to LIHWAP benefits has expanded
 - Prior: Repeated recertification required for continued benefits.
 - New: Eligible LIHWAP applicants receive their full LIHWAP benefit upon approval.
- □ LIHWAP is a *temporary*, *pilot federal program*, which is scheduled to end *September 30, 2023*.
 - Those in need of water assistance benefits must apply to receive their benefit prior to September 30th!

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Outreach (SNAP-O) State Plan

- SNAP State Plans set the Arizona standards for SNAP; Tribal Nations are able and encouraged to participate in review.
- DCAD is responsible for **SNAP-O**, statewide outreach efforts to increase education and understanding about SNAP benefits, and assist in SNAP application and navigation.
- □ DES requests Tribal Input on Proposed SNAP State Plans; please comment by July 7, 2023. SNAP-O is open for Tribal Comments, please review and provide your feedback. You may also comment on...
 - SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP CAN)
 - Disaster SNAP (D-SNAP)
 - ADHS SNAP Education (SNAP-Ed)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Outreach (SNAP-O) State Plan

- More information can be found on the <u>DES Office of Tribal Relations</u> webpage:
 - Review documents open for Tribal comments
 - Schedule to attend Listening Sessions to submit comments
 - Submit comments online via the <u>SNAP State Plan of Operations Tribal Feedback form</u>
 - Should you prefer another way to offer input, please <u>email Jocelyn Beard</u>. You can also contact Jocelyn to request hard copies of documents.
- □ The next, final Listening Session is <u>June 28th at 1pm MST</u>.
- ☐ All comments/input are due to DES by July 7, 2023.

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Questions?