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“NFAS Joins the World Water Day Celebration”

Window Rock, AZ – The Navajo Family Assistance Services (NFAS) office, under the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services (DSS), celebrated the World Water Day 2022, March 22, 2022. World Water Day is an annual United Nations Observance which celebrates the value of water while raising awareness of people living without access to safe drinking water.

The NFAS joins the World Water Day celebration by highlighting the federally funded water benefits, the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). LIHWAP is a temporary, non-recurring, program created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LIHWAP financial assistance is used to assist eligible households with water and wastewater costs. Through LIHWAP, the NFAS office may assist eligible Navajo households to restore water and wastewater services that were disconnected or prevent disconnection for households at risk of disconnection.

Households on the Navajo Nation and on designated near reservation communities, may apply for a one-time assistance. The LIHWAP assists with $1,000.00 for water, wastewater, and crisis assistance, and up to $1,500.00 for septic tank pumping service for eligible households. The availability of funds will determine how long the LIHWAP applications will be accepted, but no later than September 30, 2023.

For eligibility, an applicant must meet Financial Eligibility Criteria which includes monthly gross income not exceeding 60% of State Median Income for a household. Household members who receive benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will be deemed categorically eligible. Applicants are encouraged to apply for LIHWAP and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on one application form.

The following documents are required:

- Earned income statements for all household members.
- Certificate(s) of Indian Blood (CIB) or Tribal Identification Card(s) of all household members.
- Social security card(s) of all household members.
- A government-issued identification card (e.g., driver’s license, state identification card, tribal identification card, or passport) of the applicant only.
- Proof of residency.
- TANF/SNAP/SSI current award letter(s) with approval period.
- Water and wastewater utility bill, and/or, price quote for septic tank pumping service.

If you or someone you know needs water or wastewater assistance, complete an application for assistance to determine eligibility. To download the application visit, www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov. Call your local NFAS field office to have an application mailed, emailed, or faxed to you: Chine, AZ, (928) 674-2039; Dilkon, AZ, (928) 657-8171; Window Rock, AZ, (928) 871-4664; Gallup, NM, (505) 726-2699; Shiprock, NM, (505) 368-1177.

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