



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair
Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer

FROM: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

DATE: May 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Support of Federal Legislation to Establish a Permanent Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

As you are aware, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (“LIHWAP”) was established through the consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 with the intent to assist low-income households with the costs of their water and wastewater bills.

LIHWAP was very beneficial to the ECWA customers who applied for assistance. During the entirety of the program, the Authority received payments on behalf of more than 1,200 households totaling \$673,613.06.

At the last Board meeting, Sabrina Figler reported on her recent participation in AWWA’s Fly-In annual event in Washington, D.C. Ms. Figler noted the purpose of the Fly-In is to advance AWWA’s priorities on Capitol Hill by utilizing its vast membership and the influence each member has with their own congressional representatives. One of AWWA’s four legislative priorities is to support the passage of S3830, the LIHWAP Establishment Act, which would establish a permanent low-income water customer assistance program. I am requesting that the Board approve sending the resolution of support to U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kristen Gillibrand, Representative Tim Kennedy and New York Congressman Nick Langworthy.

A resolution of support for the passage of the LIHWAP Establishment Act has been included for your consideration at the meeting of May 23, 2024.

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ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZATION FORM
For Approval/Execution of Documents
(check which apply)

Contract:	Project No.:
Project Description: <u>Resolution of support for LIHWAP Establishment Act</u>	

Item Description:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Service Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Order
<input type="checkbox"/> BCD	<input type="checkbox"/> NYSDOT Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation for Award of Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation to Reject Bids		
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Proposals			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Resolution of support for LIHWAP Establishment Act</u>			

Program _____

Action Requested:


<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Execute	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Approval
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Execution by the Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids	<input type="checkbox"/> Execution by the Secretary to the Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Solicit Request for Proposals	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Resolution of support for LIHWAP Establishment Act</u>	

Approvals Needed:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Operating Officer	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Engineer	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Administration	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Comptroller	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Financial Officer	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal	_____	Date: _____

APPROVED FOR BOARD RESOLUTION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary to the Authority		Date: <u>05/08/2024</u>
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Remarks: _____

Resolution Date: _____	Item No: _____
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