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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCES VIRTUAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

This notice advises the public that the South Carolina Office of Economic Opportunity (SC OEO) will be conducting a public participation meeting virtually at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 22, 2021, to review the proposed Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Model Plan.

To attend the virtual public participation meeting, [click here](#) or call in (audio only) at 1-803-454-9963 and use the phone conference ID: 894 391 276# at the date and time indicated above.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Energy Assistance (DEA), administers the LIHWAP Program. The administration of this program is authorized under Section 553 Title V of Division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law No. 116-260 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

The LIHWAP Model Plan outlines eligibility requirements, benefit levels and the projected funds for LIHWAP assistance. LIHWAP funds are used to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills.

The proposed LIHWAP Model Plan is available and may be reviewed at www.oeo.sc.gov. A copy of the plan may be requested from SC OEO by calling 803-734-0662 or emailing oeo@admin.sc.gov.

Participants will have the opportunity to make public comment on the proposed Model Plan during the public participation meeting. Persons may also submit comments on the proposed Model Plan in writing by July 30, 2021. Comments may be mailed to the Office of Economic Opportunity at 1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 364 Columbia, SC 29201, or emailed to oeo@admin.sc.gov. All comments submitted by mail, email or made during the meeting will be included as part of the official record and considered by SC OEO.

For more information, contact the South Carolina Office of Economic Opportunity (803-734-0662).

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