

Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Elders COVID-19 Home Repair, Utility Assistance and Winterization Program



Overview

The Tribe received a funding allocation under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tribe recognizes that our Tribal Elders are among the population with the highest risk for COVID-19 related complications. One allowable use of CARES Act Title V funds is emergency financial assistance to individuals and families impacted by loss of income due to the COVID-19 public health emergency as well as costs related to mitigating the risks within the Tribal Community. On October 6, 2020, the Tribe authorized the Tribal Elders COVID-19 Home Repair, Utility Assistance and Winterization Program to ensure the safety and health of Tribal Member Elders in their homes in the face of this national pandemic. Each Tribal Elder Homeowner (or renter in the case of utilities) is authorized to receive up to Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) toward necessary home repairs, utility assistance and home winterization.

On September 26, 2014, the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act was enacted as Public Law No. 113-168. This Act codifies the Internal Revenue Service’s tax exclusion for recipients of benefits from a tribal government promoting general welfare and securing the status of tribal governments to create needed general welfare programming. The General Welfare Exclusion Act applies to programs that promote general welfare including but not limited to: health care, education, housing, eldercare, emergency assistance, cultural programs, burial assistance, and legal aid. Relief under the Tribal Elders COVID-19 Home Repair, Utility Assistance and Winterization Program meets the requirements of the General Welfare Exclusion Act is available to every Tribal Elder, is necessary to promote the general welfare of the Tribal members and protect the Tribe’s most vulnerable population, is not compensation for services, is not lavish or extravagant, is being administered under specified guidelines as defined in this application, and does not discriminate in favor of members of the governing body of the Tribe.

Program Requirements

Applicants:

1. Must be a Tribal Elder of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians;
2. Must apply for and use funds prior to December 15, 2020;
3. Must be a homeowner with the exception of utilities as long as the bill is in the name of the Tribal Elder and the bill is for the current balance (funds cannot be used to provide a utility credit);
4. Must use funds for home repair, utility assistance or home winterization projects; and
5. All payments will be made to contractors/vendors/service providers. No direct payments will be made to Tribal Elders unless otherwise approved by Tribal Council.

****Only complete applications will be processed. Assistance will be provided****

To Submit an Application	
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APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION. Please provide the following information:

1. Tribal Elder Name: _____
Any Aliases, Nicknames, or Other Names Used by Applicant:

2. Phone (Home and Cell): _____
3. Current Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
4. Tribal Enrollment No. _____
5. Please indicate below what you are requesting the funds for, the location of the proposed project, and the amount you are requesting.

Use of Funds	Amount of Funds Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Repair	
<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Assistance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Winterization	

6. Please give a detailed explanation of the proposed use of funds (Attach a separate piece of paper, if needed) NOTE: Supporting documentation must be attached to this application (i.e. estimates, utility bills, etc.)

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ATTENTION

Applications will be processed through December 15, 2020 in the order in which they are received. Funding may take up to 14 business days to process.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that any funds I receive on my behalf of myself as the result of my application to this program will be used for the kind of expenses described in this Application for which I could not or cannot otherwise pay and necessary for my health, safety and welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic. I further acknowledge and certify that evidence of dishonesty/fraud will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the laws of the Tribe.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Date Application Received: _____

Assistance Amount: _____

Approval Date: _____

Date Assistance Processed: _____

Name and Contact Information of Contractor/Vendor/Service Provider:

Account No., if applicable: _____

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