



SNOQUALMIE INDIAN TRIBE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

There are two types of Eligible Expenses under the Emergency Assistance Program: (1) non-taxable General Welfare benefit Eligible Expenses and (2) taxable Eligible Expenses.

Non-Taxable Eligible Items. To be eligible as a General Welfare Eligible Expense for tax exemption, the Emergency request must address one or more of the following: Utilities, provided the Adult Tribal Member must be listed on the bill;

1. Property Taxes for a Tribal Members principal residency;
2. Application fees, security deposits, pet deposits;
3. AC Units/ Fans;
4. Communication bills, such as cable, TV, internet, phone, etc., provided that the Adult Tribal Member must be listed on the bill);
5. Firewood/pellets/heaters/electric fireplaces;
6. Groceries, clothing, and gas/transportation;
7. Major home repairs (after Home Repair & Improvement funding has been exhausted);
8. Basic housing repairs or rehabilitation (including but limited to large home appliances);
9. Student loans;
10. Auto expenses (repairs, tires, car payments, car down payments) for the Adult Tribal Member's primary vehicle, provided that only one vehicle per year is eligible;
11. Lodging and transportation for job travel or training, temporary relocation due to displacement from home for health/ safety issues/ natural disaster, for an Adult Tribal Member who is receiving or caring for a Qualified Nonmember during medical treatment/hospice/or hospitalization. Available by reimbursement only;
12. Meals through home delivery programs;
13. Short term rental vehicles and fares for taxi to access essential services to the public (government services buildings or grocery stores). Available by reimbursement only; and
14. Medical bills not covered by CHS for minor child(ren) of an Adult Tribal Member.

Taxable Eligible Items. The following categories of items are considered Eligible Expenses for the Emergency Assistance Program; however, these items are considered taxable by the IRS and require a Form W-9 to be submitted for the recipient:

1. Court related fees or tickets;
2. Furniture/ Other Household items (vacuums, rugs, pillows, etc.);
3. Mattress purchase;
4. Car insurance, licensing, or registration;
5. Legal fees;
6. Income taxes;
7. Veterinary bills/pet food & supplies;
8. Moving fee (i.e. moving truck rentals or moving companies); and
9. Other expenses will be reviewed on a case by case basis with justification of an Emergency provided.