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Dear Snoqualmie Tribal Members,

The Tribal Council has approved revisions to the former Major Home Repair Program based on feedback from Tribal Member Homeowners. The Tribal Council has been working diligently to revise the former program to fit the needs of the community. The program is now called Home Repair and Improvement Assistance and will replace the Major Home Repair Program. If you have already accessed the Major Home Repair program any funding utilization will be transferred under this new program.

The new program provides up to \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) per adult Tribal member homeowner's every 3 years for eligible home repairs and improvements. The funding does not have to be accessed in a single transaction. There is no carryover from previous cycles or borrowing from future cycles. The funds in this program cannot be combined with Emergency Assistance or HUD program funds. The Tribe is a payer of last resort if the Tribal Member is also accessing a public program or non-repayable grant to help pay for the repair.

New Details:

Eligible Non-Taxable Expenses to be treated as General Welfare covered by the Benefit are **strictly limited** to the costs of labor and supplies, plus associated warranties, for home repairs that address the following:

- Water, sewage, or sanitation issues;
- Household plumbing and septic systems (including updating/enhancing);
- Water heaters (including updating/enhancing);
- Mold remediation;
- Electrical issues;
- HVAC system repairs/enhancements and any repairs that address heating and cooling issues (including but not limited to: window replacement, door replacement, etc.);
- Roof repair or replacement; or
- Accessibility for health and safety improvements to the home (including wheelchair ramps, hand railings, or grab bars).



The following categories of items are considered Eligible Expenses for the Home Repair & Improvement Assistance Program; however, these items may be considered taxable by the IRS and the Tribe will issue a 1099-MISC to the recipient:

- Minor repairs or cosmetic upgrades to the home (including but not limited to: countertops, fixtures/faucets, flooring, cabinets, painting, decks, room additions, bathroom upgrades, garage doors, gutter replacement, etc.);
- Landscaping (including but not limited to: tree removal, lawn enhancements, sprinkler or lighting enhancements, driveway upgrades or enhancements, etc.); or
- Routine maintenance that is not a health and safety issue (including but not limited to: gutter cleanings, chimney cleanings, air duct cleanings, etc.).

Items NOT eligible for this program:

- Upgrades to household appliances (including stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.)

How to Apply

To apply for the Home Repair & Improvement Assistance Benefit, a qualified Snoqualmie Tribal Homeowner must provide the following to the Housing Department via mail, email, fax or hand delivery:

- Completed Home Repair & Improvement Application;
- Physical address/location of the residence;
- Proof of applicant's homeownership (e.g., mortgage statement, property taxes, or title/deed with the applicant's name listed as owner for the service address);
- Sufficient documentation to detail the repair and cost of Eligible Expenses;
- Completed W-9 Form

Completed applications may be mailed, emailed, faxed or hand delivered to:

Housing Department

P.O. Box 969

Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Email: Housing@snoqualmietribe.us

Fax: (206) 984-1586

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Housing Department, Angelina Holverstott or Paul Moran, at 425-888-6551 extension #3011 or #4010 or email Housing@snoqualmietribe.us.

Respectfully,

Snoqualmie Tribal Council