

Coronavirus Information and Resources



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COVID-19 Housing Relief Program

I. Purpose

To provide Siletz Tribal households experiencing negative impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic with one-time rent relief assistance. Funding for the COVID-19 Housing Relief Program is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Services are available throughout the United States. This program opened May 20, 2020, and will remain open until funding is exhausted.

II. Eligibility

1. Tribal households negatively impacted due to COVID-19. To be considered a Tribal household, the head of household, spouse or minor child (ren) must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.
2. Impact must be due to circumstances directly related to COVID-19 (i.e., loss of income due to layoff, inability to work due to government shutdown, loss of income due to quarantine, etc.)

III. Ineligibility

Households assisted with Indian Housing Block Grant funds (Rental Assistance Program) and households that benefited from the Tribal payment waiver (Low-Income Rental, HOYO, Mutual Help, Conveyed Mutual Help and PMU) are not eligible.

IV. Uses

COVID-19 relief assistance may be used for rent assistance with the total amount not to exceed \$3,000. Assistance is limited to rent payments due in the months of April, May and June 2020.

Proof of rent is required for applications to be complete.

V. Prohibitions

- A. COVID-19 Relief Assistance cannot be provided to units already receiving assistance from the Siletz Tribal Housing Department's (STHD), including but not limited to Low Rent, Mutual Help, Home of Your Own and Rental Assistance Programs.
- B. Hotel or motel rent
- C. Rent or mortgage payment will be made directly to landlord or mortgage company. Payments will not be made directly to individuals or family members.

COVID-19 CARES Act

Housing Mortgage Relief Program Policy

I. Purpose

To provide Siletz Tribal households experiencing negative impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic with one-time mortgage relief assistance. Funding for the COVID-19 Housing Relief Program is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Services are available throughout the United States. This program opened May 20, 2020, and will remain open until funding is exhausted.

II. Eligibility

1. Tribal households negatively impacted due to COVID-19. To be considered a Tribal household, the head of household, spouse or minor child(ren) must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.
2. Impact must be due to circumstances directly related to COVID-19 (i.e., loss of income due to layoff, inability to work due to government shutdown, loss of income due to quarantine, etc.)

III. Ineligibility

Households assisted with Indian Housing Block Grant funds (Mortgage or Rental Assistance Program) and households that benefited from the Tribal payment waiver (Low-Income Rental, HOYO, Mutual Help, Conveyed Mutual Help and PMU) are not eligible.

IV. Uses

COVID-19 CARES Act mortgage or rent relief assistance is limited to mortgage or rent payments due in April, May and June. Total grant may not exceed \$3,000, regardless of mortgage or rent amount.

Proof of mortgage or rent agreement is required for applications to be complete.

V. Prohibitions

- A. COVID-19 CARES Act Relief Assistance cannot be provided to units already receiving assistance from the Siletz Tribal Housing Department's (STHD), including but not limited to Low Rent, Mutual Help, Home of Your Own and Rental Assistance Programs.
- B. Hotel or motel rent
- C. Mortgage payment will be made directly to landlord or mortgage company. Payments will not be made directly to individuals or family members.

VI. Procedure

1. The applicant must complete the COVID-19 housing relief application as follows: names of all household members, proof of Tribal enrollment, date of birth, address, income amounts and income sources for all household members. Applicant must provide documentation that household income is reduced as a result of COVID-19.
2. The families affected by loss of income due to COVID-19 will qualify with documents to prove loss or reduction of income, including but not limited to:
 - a. Proof of unemployment application submitted
 - b. Any other form of documentation that shows a layoff, furlough or reduction in hours
3. The applicant must provide a copy of the mortgage payment statement, payment book or rental agreement.
4. A receipt letter will be provided to the applicant within 72 hours from the date the application is received by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department. The applicant will be given five days from the receipt letter date to respond and correct any deficiencies. Other efforts to communicate with the applicant, to assist with completion of the application as soon as possible, will occur as needed.
5. Staff will process check requests to the landlord, financial institution or business; no payments will be issued to program participants.

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3. The applicant must provide a copy of the original lease or rental agreement.
4. A receipt letter will be provided to the applicant days from the date the application is received by STHD. The applicant will be given 14 days from the receipt letter date to respond and correct any deficiencies. Other efforts to communicate with the applicant, to assist with completion of the application as soon as possible, will occur as needed.
5. STHD will process check requests to the landlord, financial institution or business; no payments will be issued to program participants.