

HOUSING REPORT

Many Tribal members have applications on file that cannot be processed because they are incomplete. This may have caused you to be disqualified from receiving housing assistance at this time.

If you filed an application but did not include the necessary information as to income and family status your application was probably not processed for grant assistance at this time.

Your application will be kept on file but cannot be activated until you do provide the necessary information.

If you have any doubts about your application please contact the housing office and update your application to get your name on the priority list again.

Dave Bailey
Housing coordinator

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

I have received several inquiries about housing assistance in the past few weeks and from these inquiries I have the suspicion that many of you are confused or misinformed about the housing improvement program.

The Tribe is currently operating a housing improvement program under contract from the BIA.

The program operates under the following guidelines:

Category A - Repairs to a home which cannot be brought to "standard". This means that the home could not be made to meet current applicable codes to provide safe and decent, sanitary housing under the guidelines for Category B of this program.

Category A usually is a repair that will make the home more livable until a more suitable house can be obtained. Most older mobile homes fall in this category as do homes requiring extensive structural repairs. A family in a category A home is eligible for further assistance under category D of the program.

Category A repairs are limited to \$2500 per unit. **Category B** - Repairs to a home that will be in standard condition when it is finished. This category can put up to \$20,000 into a home to bring it up to applicable code standards and in some cases can exceed this limit if deemed cost efficient. Any amount over must be approved at the central office of BIA housing.

Category B repairs consist of foundations, plumbing, wiring, heat systems, roofing, etc. necessary to make the house decent, safe, and sanitary and comply with applicable codes. There is little cosmetic work done under this category. Usually it is up to the applicant to provide paint and accessories. Category B repairs can only cover living areas and do not repair porches, garages, unheated spaces, or storage areas.

Category C - Is a purchase assistance program for qualified applicants. You cannot have owned a home or cannot currently own a home to qualify for this category. This program provides a down-payment and closing costs associated with the purchase of a home. The home must be a standard home not needing any repairs other than day to day normal maintenance items. Mobile homes do not qualify under this program at this time.



The amount available to the applicant under this category varies according to the purchase price of the home. The regulations state the down-payment shall be the amount needed to secure the loan plus the closing costs OR 10% of the purchase price of the house plus closing costs OR \$5,000. WHICHEVER IS LESS.

In no case can the amount exceed \$5,000. There is also a pay back agreement connected to this category stating that if the recipient sells the house within 5 years they will repay the entire grant. There are no grants available in this category this year.

Category D - Is a grant to construct a new home for families needing housing. A category A family qualifies for a Category D home. The limit on this category is \$45,000, maximum.

There is a repayment agreement required for this category so that if the family sells the house within the first ten years, the entire cost must be paid back and if the home is sold in the ten to twenty year time frame the grant is paid back on a percentage basis.

There can be no new homes constructed under this category until all homes needing repairs under category B have been repaired. At the current rate repairs are being made under category B, it will be several years before any new homes will be constructed under the HIP guidelines.

I hope this helps you to better understand the housing program and is of some help to you in making your decisions concerning housing.

It usually takes a minimum of 6 months for an applicant to receive assistance after they become a priority candidate for repairs.

The program has no means to help with day to day repairs such as faucets, faulty water heaters, switches or electrical items or even a leaky roof. All repair assistance comes in the form of a major repair project that encompasses the entire house.

If you need more information, please contact me at the housing office.

Respectfully,

Dave Bailey
Housing coordinator

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USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES

The food Distribution for Salem is set for February 7, 8 & 9, 1989, from 8 am - 12 noon and from 1 pm to 5:30 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, February 9, the hours are 8:00 am to 12 noon.

We have a new smiling face at the USDA, Margaret Hopper (Peggy). She is with the JTPA Program. She will be training for the next 90 days.

The Commodity Cook Book has been completed. You will be notified of the distribution. We would like to thank Wilma and Jim Butler, and also Gene Hudson for all their help in 1988.

USDA RECIPE

Peach Float

2 cups crushed Peaches
1/2 cup honey
1 quart of milk
1/2 tsp. almond extract
1 qt. Vanilla/Cherry ice cream

Combine Peaches and Honey in container of blender. Add half of milk; beat and blend. Add balance of milk; almond extract and half of ice cream. Beat until smooth. Pour into tall glasses, top with balance of ice cream. Yield: 6 servings.

INCOME TAX WORKSHOP
MARCH 2, 1989 (9:30 AM - 3:30 PM)
TRIBAL OFFICE
(call Joann to set appointment)
879 5211



Family Services Coordinator, Donnie Curtis

Donni Curtis, who has been working as JOM/Adult Education Coordinator, has changed jobs and is now Family Services Coordinator, working in Social Services.

The focus of the program is to reduce the number of Tribal children in out-of-home placements. Donni's workload will consist of no more than 25 Tribal families. Donni has been working with the Tribe since August.

Welcome to Social Services Donni!!