

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Housing Department Homeowner Emergency Assistance Policy

Purpose

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council recognizes the need for emergency assistance for privately owned homes of members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The KBIC Housing Department will provide emergency assistance for eligible enrolled members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, or enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe/Alaska Native.

The KBIC Housing Department Homeowner Emergency Assistance guidelines shall comply with all applicable regulations of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), 25 U.S.C. §4101 et. Seq., as amended, along with other applicable rules and regulations including 2 C.F.R. Part 200. The KBIC Tribal Council shall approve all amendments to this policy to comply with any applicable laws or regulations.

Policy

The program and policy is to provide assistance and information to tribal members when a situation arises that causes imminent danger or threat to the health and safety of residents, such as inoperative furnace, no water, or problems with the sewer system etc. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

General Information

- 1) The KBIC Housing Department will provide assistance to pay for emergency expenses for homes owned by the members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian community, or enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe/Alaska Native.
- 2) Participation in the emergency program is limited to low-income families as defined by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). Participants will be required to provide documentation to verify the determination of low-income status.
- 3) This assistance is a grant to the Tribal member and paid directly to the vendor, contractor or appropriate agency. Payment is made only after the KBIC Housing

Department has approved the application and the Tribal Member has received a letter of approval from the KBIC Housing Department.

- 4) If the emergency occurred when the housing office was closed, the individual may fill out an application at the next available date that the office is open to apply for assistance. Assistance shall be awarded if the applicant meets the eligibility requirements.
- 5) The maximum annual dollar amount approved by the Tribal Council is \$3000.00. To be eligible the home must be the primary residence of the applicant. The home must be within the service area of Baraga, Marquette, and Ontonagon Counties.
- 6) Homes must be wood frame, modular, manufactured, or mobile homes. Travel trailers and recreational vehicles are not eligible.
- 7) A licensed contractor, licensed tribal business, qualified tribal member, or agency will do all work done under the Emergency Assistance Program unless the work is completed by the homeowner.

Appendices

- a) **Primary Residence:** The residence at which the owner lives at least nine months per year.
- b) **Manufactured Homes:** Dwelling that is factory built on a permanent, steel frame chassis, constructed in conformance with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (HUD).
- c) **Modular Home:** A dwelling that is factory-built wood frame structure, constructed in conformance with the National Uniform Building code (UBC).