

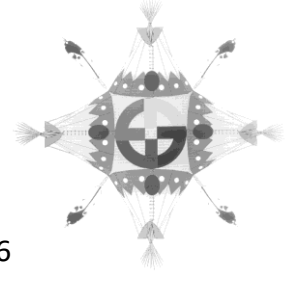
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### **EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM** *FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY*

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

This Emergency Rental Assistance Program is funded by The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, which is a federal program to help Tenants and Landlords, as well as improve public health conditions, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Program income guidelines, requirements and eligibility determination guidelines were set by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Indians and non-Indians are eligible for this program. All participating Household income must be less than eighty percent (80%) of the Area Median Income, experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs, or other financial hardships due directly or indirectly to the Covid-19 pandemic. Eligibility priority will be given to Households that have incomes less than fifty percent (50%) of the Area Median Income, reside within S.W.A. service area (Counties: Todd, Mellette, Gregory, Lymon, Tripp). Rosebud Sioux Tribal Members living outside of the service area are eligible.

Percentage	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
80%	\$43,960	\$50,240	\$56,520	\$62,800	\$67,824	\$72,848	\$77,872	\$82,896
100%	\$54,950	\$62,800	\$70,650	\$78,500	\$84,780	\$91,060	\$97,340	\$103,620

- For income verification you will need to submit W2, check stubs or wage verification from employer for the last two (2) months, Social Security (SS), Social Security Income (SSI), TANF, child support, any and all income disclosed in the application.

#### **ASSISTANCE EXPLAINED**

Emergency Rental Assistance if eligible can assist with past due rent from April 1, 2020 not to exceed 15 months to avoid eviction. It can also assist with relocation expenses such as rental security deposits, rent and screening fees should you be relocating due to a hardship brought on by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Hotel/Motels due to being evicted and/or relocating. Rent-to-Own assistance if the household is NOT a co-signer on the mortgage for the property, the household does not hold the deed to the property, and the household has not exercised their right to purchase option. Mobile Home assistance can be provided for rent for a mobile home and/or rent for the land the mobile home occupies "Lot Rent."

The Program can assist with the utility payments for the home if NOT covered in the rent, the same income guidelines and regulations apply when considering utility assistance. If the utility is covered in the rental agreement that specific utility is not eligible for the assistance and will not be paid. The types of utilities the Program can assist with, if not covered by the rental agreement are - Electricity, Trash, Water/Sewer, Propane, Fuel Oil, Natural Gas, Wood, and WiFi/Broadband IF there is remote learning for children and persons taking college classes, working from home, and telehealth.

An ERAP Application, with all submissions must be filled out completely to be considered "complete" and to move onto the next step of the Process. NO payments will be made out to the Applicant personally, ALL payments will be payable to the Landlord and/or Utility Company. Only under specific circumstances a waiver will be given for payment to be paid directly to the applicant.

If a COMPLETED application is submitted and deemed eligible, it will take S.W.A. 14 working days to verify and submit for payment. Should an issue arise with contacting the Landlord the payment process could be delayed further.