



DEESP Policy 2024
Disabled Elders Emergency Program

The DEESP program was designed to perform needed repairs to ensure the safety of existing residential houses **owned** by Nisqually Tribal members residing in the reservation boundaries or within a 50-mile radius of the Nisqually Indian Tribe Reservation.

The work is scheduled on a first come, first served basis using a detailed and numbered list of applicants which is kept at the building department. The budget is **finite** and changes from year to year which will affect the number of Tribal Members that can be served each year.

Program Guidelines:

- *Must be a Nisqually Tribal member.*
- **EMERGENCY** situations only, this would include replacing water heaters, broken windows/doors, heating/cooling systems, and other items that compromise the SAFETY of the home. **Non-emergency situations will not be approved.**
- Funds **CANNOT be used to purchase appliances**, including refrigerators, ovens, washers, and dryers.
- *\$3,000.00 limit on emergency funds per Elder. If repairs exceed the \$3,000.00 limit, you may need to inquire about additional funding programs.*
- *Applicant must live within a 50-mile radius of the Nisqually Indian Reservation*
- *Applicants will not contact any contractor nor go under contract with any contractor prior to Building Department approval.*
- *Once the application has been submitted, a project manager will contact you. You have 10 days to respond back to the project manager's initial query, otherwise you may need to re-apply for funds.*
- *Access to areas of the house being worked on needs to be open to workers during daytime hours Monday to Friday.*
- *Pets must be controlled so that workers are not bothered or endangered by them.*
- *Workers must be treated respectfully while working on property.*
- *Change orders or additional work must be approved by the building department.*

Applications can be picked up at the Building Department, 12565 Elders Ln SE Olympia WA 98513.

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