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Home Assistance Program

POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of the Nisqually Indian Tribe Home Assistance Program (HAP) is to provide Nisqually Tribal members with assistance for: (1) down payment to purchase housing, (2) outright purchase of housing, (3) purchase of housing with rehabilitation, (4) refinance (5) rehabilitation and/or home improvements. This assistance program is available one time only to any tribal household with one adult Nisqually Tribal member. There is a one grant per dwelling restriction. This program is administered by the Nisqually Indian Tribal Housing (NITH) organization.

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PROGRAM DISCRIPTION

The HAP is specifically designed to address homeownership needs. The maximum amount of assistance for each Tribal member is \$30,000. This assistance program is available, on a first come first served basis, one time only, to qualified Nisqually Tribal members.

- Current Home Owners: For tribal members already owning their homes, this program is designed to assist them with refinancing their existing loans, making repairs, remodeling, or home improvement. The same payback provisions, financial limitations, and title transfer restrictions apply to these uses.
- Home Purchases and Refinance: For tribal members purchasing a home or refinancing a current mortgage, this program is designed to provide them with assistance for the down payment on a mortgage and/or to 'buy down' the principal during purchase. The program funds cannot be used as a principal payment unless it is used to reduce interest or allow for lower monthly house payments. The net effect is to lower the monthly payments for the Tribal member.

Eligibility - The HAP is available to eligible Nisqually Tribal members residing in the United States Evaluation, monitoring, inspection and enforcement shall be conducted by NITH, or NITH authorized agency. Eligibility exceptions may be made upon review and acceptance by the NITH Executive Director and Tribal Council.

Credit - HAP participants must meet the credit requirements of the mortgage lender as agreed to with NITH, when applicable. Applicants will be pre-screened by prospective lenders to determine credit worthiness. Credit checks may be performed by NITH or lending agency.

Support - Trained staff will assist eligible applicants in successfully working through the process of making an application to a bank/lender for a mortgage loan.

Counseling - Borrowers will be required to participate in a homebuyers' course designed to assist new homebuyers in understanding and fulfilling the responsibilities of homeownership.

Supplemental Funding - Any and all previously received tribal Supplemental funds will be taken into consideration. Amounts previously received will reduce grant award.

2. ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF SERVICES OFFERED AT THIS TIME:

- **A**. **Down Payment.** NITH may provide funds for down payment and closing costs to acquire a mortgage. This assistance is limited to actual, reasonable closing costs. Funds may also be provided to buy down the mortgage to a level that is more affordable to the homebuyer.
- **B.** Refinance. Funds are available to help current homeowners refinance. Rehabilitation of the home during the refinance is also allowable.
- C. Rehabilitation/Remodeling/Home Improvement Costs. Funds are directly available to assist homeowners in rehabilitating, remodeling, or to add home improvements to their existing homes. This portion requires direct coordination with NITH staff and has certain program restrictions. (See Attachment A Eligible and Ineligible Uses).



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3. BORROWER ELIGIBILITY

A. Homeownership Counseling Course. The applicant must successfully complete a NITH approved home ownership counseling course.

- **B.** Mortgage Loan. The applicant must be able to obtain a mortgage loan with an eligible lender. The lending institution must be willing to participate in the HAP and its requirements. The borrower will need to sign a Release of Information form so that NITH is able to share information with the lending institution or other necessary organizations.
- **C.** The lending institution must, as a part of its mortgage loan, require purchase of property insurance, and must escrow the insurance payments and property taxes (when applicable).

4. INELIGIBILITY

- A. Providing false information on the application.
- **B.** Failing to complete required forms or to supply requested information.
- **C.** Committing fraud in connection with any NITH program or failing to disclose previously committed fraud in connection with any NITH program.
- **D.** Having a record of eviction from any tribal or government assisted housing program unless all related debt is paid in full.
- **E.** Having an outstanding debt owed to any public or Indian housing authority or tribally designated housing entity.

5. WAITING LIST/APPLICATION POOL

- **A.** The HAP is operated on a first come first sewed, based upon the date of a fully <u>completed</u> <u>application</u>. Any current or future Tribal preferences may be considered. This program is subject to the availability of funds.
- **B.** NITH will maintain a list of eligible applicants based on the date and time the completed application is received by NITH.
- C. Tribal member may apply at any time

6. RESERVATION OF FUNDS

Funds will initially be reserved for 30 days. <u>No communication from an eligible applicant for 30 days will lead to removal from the eligibility list.</u> Funds will be reserved for a total of 90 days, including the initial 30 day reservation, and may be extended for borrowers approved by a lender. Eligible applicants on the waiting list will be allowed additional time based upon their contact with NITH and progress being made toward their goal.

7. PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS

The owner must meet the following property requirements during the HAP repayment period:

- A. The home must be the primary residence of the owner/borrower.
- **B.** The property must be a single-family property. A single-family property is a single structure containing one to four family dwelling units, which can include condominiums and townhouses. NITH will allow the purchase of manufactured and modular homes that were constructed after 1976.



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REPAYMENT OF GRANT

- A. There are no monthly payments or interest associated with NITH's Home Assistance grant.
- **B.** The HAP grant amount will be forgiven on each annual or monthly anniversary of the grant according to the <u>HAP Payback Agreement</u> over a 10-year period. If the property is sold or the title is otherwise transferred and ceases to be the borrower's primary residence, the Lin-forgiven portion of the grant will be due and payable.
- **C.** The HAP may be transferred to a new home with the recommendation of NITH and the approval of the Tribal Council

CERTIFICTATION OF TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Due to limited resources available to our tribal members, the borrower must maintain their Nisqually membership in order to be eligible for this program. The borrower must submit an annual Certification of tribal membership from the Nisqually Indian Tribe. All participants are required to provide notification of relinquishment of membership from the Nisqually Indian Tribe. The borrower shall provide proof of tribal membership until grant amount is forgiven (10 years). If they do not maintain their Nisqually tribal membership, the grant will be considered to be in default. NITH's Executive Director will review each default and consider the appropriate action. However, the borrower may be required to adhere to tribal membership restrictions for use of tribally owned land.

10. RESALE RESTRICTION

Documents for the HAP shall include resale restrictions and a First Right of Refusal granted to NITH. (See Appendix)

11. PAYMENT OVERSIGHT

- A. NITH shall work with the homebuyer to ensure the success of their homeownership. If, for any reason, the mortgage loan becomes delinquent, the lender will contact NITH. Upon receipt of any delinquent notices, NITH staff may contact the homebuyer to assist in resolving the problem. The intervention does not in any way dimisnish the homeowner's responsibilities to the mortgage lender.
- **B.** If a homebuyer is found to be in default of any portion of the mortgage documents, NITH may provide or refer the homebuyer to financial counseling in an effort to resolve the problem, and may:
 - (1) Arrange a meeting with the home buyer to discuss the default;
 - (2) Work with the home buyer to develop a specific plan of action to correct the default;
 - (3) Monitor the homebuyer's plan of action until the default is corrected.

12. APPEAL PROCESS

- A. Individuals or families who have applied for the HAP and who, for any reason, have been determined to be ineligible will be notified by NITH in writing. The notification shall state the reasons for ineligibility. All information relative to the rejection of the applicant shall be documented and placed in the applicant's file.
- **B.** An applicant who has been determined ineligible for the HAP may request a reevaluation of the determination within 30 days of the date on the written notification. The applicant may resubmit eligibility documentation at the time of the reevaluation. A written notification of selection or denial will be



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provided based on the information submitted by the applicant. Other resources for appealing a NITH decision may also be available and be described in each letter of denial sent to the applicant.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THE HOUSING ASSITACE PROGRAM NAHASDA REQUIREMENTS

Additional Policy Statement

The Nisqually Tribal HAP shall comply with all applicable regulations of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) when using NAHASDA funding for this program and /or all other applicable rules and regulations required by other funding agencies. The Nisqually Indian Tribal Housing (NITH) Executive Director with the approval of the governing body shall be responsible for periodically amending this policy to comply with any applicable laws or regulations.

HUD Eligibility — The HAP is available to low-income Indian families with gross incomes at or below 80% of the median income adjusted for family size. The current income limits shall be appendices to this policy.

Additional Borrower Eligibility Restrictions Due to NAHASDA

- A. Native Restrictions. Federal or other funding agencies requirements may limit assistance through NITH to members of a federally recognized tribe, Tribe means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Borrowers must present a tribal membership card or other form of positive identification of native status at the time of application.
- **B.** Income limitations. When participation in the HAP is limited to low-income families as defined by HUD, participants will be required to provide documentation to verify the determination of low-income status.

Additional Ineligibility Due to NAHASDA

Appearing on HUD's list of suspended, debarred and limited denials of participation

Additional Property Requirements Due to NAHASDA

- **A.** When using NAHASDA funds, the initial purchase price of the home may not exceed the Total Development Cost limits as defined by HUD for the type of single family housing for the area, NITH will refer to these HUD established requirements when applicable.
- **B.** The property must be reviewed by NITH for environmental impact in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEAP) and all other applicable statues, regulations and Executive Orders.
- **C.** Lead base paint prevention requirements apply to housing acquired under this program. NITH will require the seller to certify that there is no lead based paint in the home.



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- **D.** If the owner selects a home in a flood plain, flood insurance must be obtained in an amount adequate to cover the first and second mortgage grant in compliance with 24CFR 1000.38. The owner must provide a certification of insurance to NITH annually.
- **E.** Employees, agents, officers or elected or appointed officials must comply with 24CFR 1000.30, and 100.32, and 1000.34 regarding conflict of interest.

POST GRANT CONDITIONS OF THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ASSUMPTION OF LOAN

If the property is sold NITH will allow the mortgage loan to be assumed by a qualified Tribal Member. Generally, the assumption approval will be based on the following:

- A. The new owner must assume the mortgage and be contractually obligated to satisfy the mortgage.
- **B.** The property must be the new owner's primary residence.
- C. The new owners must be a member of the Nisqually Tribe

2. TRANSFER OF HOME

- A. If the homebuyer intends to sell or otherwise transfer title, the homebuyer must notify NITH of their intent in writing. Upon receipt of the notice, NITH shall then have the right to exercise its First Right of Refusal by delivery of notice to the homebuyer of such exercise at any time within thirty (30) days from its receipt of such written notice from the homebuyer of interest to sell or otherwise transfer the residence.
- **B.** In the event NITH does not exercise its First Right of Refusal within thirty (30) business days of the homebuyers notice pursuant to the resale restriction and first right of refusal, the homebuyer may offer the residence to the tribe or another Nisqually Tribal member.
- C. Permitted transfer by owner.
 - 1) Transfer by gift or inheritance to the homebuyer's spouse or children who are Nisqually Tribal members.
 - 2) Transfer of title by a homebuyer's death to a surviving joint tenant, tenant by entireties, or surviving spouse of community property who are Nisqually tribal members.
 - 3) Transfer of title to a tribal member spouse as part of divorce or dissolution proceedings;
 - 4) Granting of leasehold interest or rental of the residence for a period of less than a year due to education or medical emergency defined per NITH policy not more than 1 year and not more than 2 times in 5 years: or
 - 5) Transfer of title or interest in the residence to a tribal member spouse in conjunction with marriage.
 - 6) The above transfers are allowable if the Mortgage Document covenants continue to run with the title to the property following said transfers, and any transfer documents must contain the following covenant: This residence is subject to the Resale Restrictions agreement and option to purchase and transferee, on behalf of Transferee and Transferee's successors and assigns, covenants and agrees to be bound by and perform the agreement, and to include in any further transfer of the residence the covenant required by the agreement.
 - 7) The homebuyer must notify NITH at least thirty (30) business days prior to the sale or transfer of the property. NITH will approve or disapprove of the proposed transferee within thirty (30) business days after receiving the notification.



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ATTACHMENT A – ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE USES

Eligible Uses

Home Improvement

(Items, materials, supplies added to the home that increases the value)

- Storage facilities
- Fences
- Kennels
- Well/water system
- Shop/garage
- Landscaping
- Security systems
- Disability accessible items

Rehabilitation

Interior:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Flooring
- Cabinets
- Drywall
- Doors
- Painting
- Window coverings
- Disability accessible items
- Energy saving appliances or materials (i.e. heat pump/heating system, insulation, windows)

Exterior:

- Roof
- Flatwork
- Dec/awning
- Gutters Painting
- Disability accessible items
- Foundation
- Asphalting

Ineligible Uses

(Exceptions only by Tribal Council Approval)

- Hot tubs
- Firework stands
- Fish smoking facilities
- Built in barbeques
- Swimming pools



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HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM

The information in this application is being collected to identify eligible families or individuals to participate in the Housing Program and will be used to determine priority of funding. The applicant must provide the required information for consideration of the application. Incomplete information and/or false statements will be subject to rejection from this program.

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name					
Last		First			Maiden Name (if any)
Address:		City: State:		Zip:	
Phone (Home)	(Wo	ork)	(Cell)		e e
Date of Birth		Social Security Number			_
Tribe		Enrollment Number			
Email Address:					
Spouse (if Applicable) _					
	Last	First			Maiden Name (If any)
Date of Birth		Social Security Number			= >
Tribe		Enrollment I	Number		
Do you have any unpa	id debts owing to the I	Nisqually Indian Trib	e or to Nisqually	Tribal Housing?	Yes No
If yes, please explain:					

Note: The disclosure of your Social Security Numbers are requested for identification purposes, to differentiate you from others who may have a similar name. The numbers may be used, if necessary, to verify information provided and to avoid duplication of housing assistance.



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NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP	TRIBE/ENROLLMENT #
yes, provide name and descr	ognized as permanently disabled iption of condition along with inistration, or other agency	certified documentat	ion from a doctor, Vetera
INCOME INFORMATION: List all p	permanent family members at lea	ast 18 years of age who	have income.
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	s not infinted to, wages, salary, co	mmissions, or profits fr	om self-employment.
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Total Earned Income



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D. HOUSING INFORMATION

Have you ever received any type of housing assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Other Tribes, the Nisqually Indian
Tribe of Nisqually Tribal Housing? If yes, when
Do you currently own or lease your present home? Home: Rent / Lease / Own (circle one) Land: Lease / Own (circle one)
New home to be purchased Wood Frame Mobile/Manufactured
New home location
Do you own land? Do you have a connection to water and sewer?
Allotment or Trust Land AreaSec/Township/Range
Type of Ownership: LeaseDeed
Please attach BIA approved Lease and/or Deed with Title Status Report (TSR) and legal description if building within the reservation boundaries.
If you currently own a home, and are applying for home repair/rehab, please describe the repair/rehab requested.
I understand that the above information is provided to the Tribe in order to determine my qualification for housing services as described above. Also, I understand that giving false or misleading information may be grounds for rejection of my request and may bar me from receiving any future benefits from this program.
Please include verification of enrollment for the head of household.
Applicant Signature Date



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DISCLOSURE

Federal or other funding agency requirements limit assistance through the Nisqually Indian Tribal Housing Program (NITH) to members of a federally recognized Tribe. Due to the limited resources of the Nisqually Indian Tribe and the impact of unmet housing needs on the reservation, the Tribe has established that the allocation of Tribal resources such as land and housing shall be restricted to Tribal members. Any property funded by the NITH must remain the primary residence of a Tribal member borrower throughout the term of the loan, with the exception of the surviving spouse exception explained below.

If the owner sells, or otherwise transfers title voluntarily or through any Court Order such as in divorce proceedings, the owner must repay NITH any balance remaining on the loan. The new owner must assume the first mortgage and be contractually obligated to satisfy the mortgage. The new owner must be a member of the Nisqually Indian Tribe in order to continue NITH financing.

In the event of the owners' death, a transfer to a surviving joint tenant, or tenant by entireties is allowable only if the transferee is a Nisqually Tribal member. If the transferee is not a Nisqually Tribal member, any balance remaining on the loan must be repaid to NITH. A surviving spouse who is not a Nisqually Tribal member is, however eligible for transfer of the home subject to approval by NITH.

All transfers of the home by the owner, excepting those specified in NITH Homeowner Assistance Program Policy, are subject to NITH's right to exercise its Purchase Option under Policy Sec 13 (A).

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above disclosure.				
Applicant/Borrower	Date			



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FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL

10:	NIQSUALLY INDIAN TRIBAL HOUS	SING			
RE:	Property municipally known as		and describ	oed as	ę.
(NITH), t	SIDERATION OF the sum of \$ to the undersigned "Owner" of the edged, the Owner hereby agrees a	property, and for other good		ght of Refusal, paid by Nisqu Ieration, the receipt and suf	
	If, on or before the Termination rom a third party to purchase the Id Party Offer to NITH.				
	NITH shall have thirty (30) days in cching Period") to match the Third- nall be on the same terms and cond	-Party Offer, in which case NIT	H shall deliver to th		
3. acceptar	Upon receipt of the Matching Of nce to NITH.	fer within the Matching Perioc	d, the Owner shall fo	orthwith accept the same an	d deliver a copy of such
provided failing w	In the event that NITH does not says agreement and the Owner shall however that such sale take place hich this Agreement shall remain in ent Third Party Offers it receives.	be free to accept the Third Pa with the same terms and cor	rty Offer and sell the	ne Property to the party subm n, and within the time provid	mitting the Third Party Offe ded in, the Third Party Offe
5. Nisqually	This Agreement shall inure to the Indian Tribe and shall be binding				
Printed N	Name of Owner	Signature of Owner	r	Date	
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purposes	s therein contained as his or her fr	ee and voluntary act and deed			
NOTARY My Comi Residing	mission Expires:				



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RESIDENT PA	AYBACK AGREEMENT
and/or maintaining affordable housing for me and my family. The particle governing the use of these funds and the ownership of the home be restriction: If the property benefiting from this financial assi	er of the Nisqually Indian Tribe, enrollment number CERTIFY AND uyer Assistance Program funds from the Nisqually Tribe for the purpose of obtaining property is a Home Condominium Manufactured Home and is located at erstanding that before I can receive these funds, I must agree to certain conditions eing affected. Istance is sold during the first ten (10) years for Downpayment assistance and five ds, the amount granted to me must be repaid to the Nisqually Indian Tribe by me
For Down	Payment Assistance:
Assistance and Five years of ownership for Rehabilitation, no funds Refinance Restriction: A refinance of the mortgage for the purpose that the purpose is to ensure that I live in a safe, decent, and afford Additionally, I understand that I must carry Fire Insurance to protect	of obtaining a lower interest rate and monthly payment is allowable. I understand able dwelling, tour property for a minimal period of five (5) years. I understand and agree to the the Tribal Housing Program of the Nisqually Indian Tribe. The Tribe reserves the
Applicant/Homebuyer Signature Date	
On this day personally appeared before me	pal Housing Program and acknowledge that they signed the same as their free and
Notary Public My appointment expires Residing in:	



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AFFIDAVIT OF RESEDENCY

1,	certify t	hat I am the owner of the h	ome which is located at:
Address	City	State	Zip Code
	ed funding under the Housir		
l,separate primary reside		hat I am a full-time resident	of the above address and do maintain a
any of this information		penalties allowable by the p	s true and accurate. I realize that should rogram, including payback of funds at the
I have read this entire of	document and the information	on provided by me on this fo	orm is true and accurate.
Note: Sign in the preser	nce of a Notary Public.		
Signature		Date	
and who executed the they signed the same a	Nisqually Indian Tribe Affida	vit of Residency for the Trib t in deeded, for the use and	ow to me to be the individual described in al Housing Program and acknowledge that purpose herein mentioned. Given under
Notary Public			
My Appointment expire	es:		
Residing in:			



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DEBT VERIFICATION

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I, give my permis	ssion to Nisqually Financial Services to give my financial status of
debt to Nisqually Indian Tribal Housing.	
Applicant Signature D	oate/
* * *	*Housing Staff**
#has	been approved for assistance through the Nisqually Indian
Tribes Housing Assistance Program. At this time	e, to determine the level of assistance available, we are obligated
to confirm weather or not there is a debt owed	to Nisqually Indian Tribal.
NITH Staff Signature	
Fi	nancial Services
Yes, the above-mentioned person d	does have a debt with Nisqually Indian Tribe in the amount of
No, the above-mentioned person ha	as no debt owed to Nisqually Tribe
Financial Services Staff Signature	



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ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION

Today's date/	_J			
First Name	Middle Name_	Las	st Name	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone Number		WorkCell_	HomeMessa	age
Applicants Signature:				
	Enr	ollment Sta	ff	
This is to certify that		bo	rn on	is
(Prin	t Name of Enrolled Tri	bal Member)	(Date of Birth)
currently an enrolled mem	per of the			
	(Print N	ame of Federally	Recognized Tribe)	
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Printed Name of Enrollmen	t Staff:			
Signature of Enrollment Sta	ff:			
Date:				
Enrollment Seal Stamp:				