

Delaware Nation

GENERAL WELFARE NATURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Calendar Year Funding Period: January through December

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SECTION I: GENERAL

- A. The General Welfare Natural Disaster Assistance Program has been implemented to provide help to enrolled Delaware Nation households whose primary residence has been impacted by a natural disaster as defined in section II of this policy. This program is funded by the Tribal Revenue Allocation Economic Development (RAED) fund. Assistance shall be provided to eligible Tribal households **one time per calendar year** (January through December) per person nationwide as long as funds remain available.

SECTION II: NATURAL DISASTER DEFINED

- A. FEMA defines a natural disaster as a negative impact following an actual occurrence of natural hazard in the event it significantly harms a community. National hazards according to the National Risk Index are as follows: avalanche, coastal flooding, cold wave, drought, earthquake, hail, heat wave, hurricane, ice storm, landslide, lightning, riverine flooding, strong winds, tornado, tsunami, volcanic activity, wildfire and winter weather.

For the purpose of this policy Delaware Nation will use the National Risk Index to determine eligibility criteria for this program. Delaware Nation will also add fires and extreme flooding that may not have happened in natural or wildlands but have been caused by an outside source that has been detrimental to the applicant's place of residence as an acceptable reason for assistance. In this situation, an insurance report on the cause of the fire may be required.

SECTION III: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. The following are the eligibility requirements for the program:
1. A complete application must be submitted with all requested supporting documents (i.e. proof of enrollment, identification documents, proof that a natural disaster occurred, how the applicant's primary residence was affected, and that an insurance claim has been submitted (if applicable), etc.).
 - a. Should an applicant not submit all required documentation, the application will be held open for 30 calendar days to give the applicant time to submit any missing documentation requested by email or phone. If the applicant fails to submit the needed information during this time, the file will be closed. Once a file is closed, the applicant will be required to re-apply for requested services.
 - b. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

- c. Requested documents include but are **not** limited to the following:
 - A completed application form
 - Two of the following Personal Identification documents:
 - Copy of tribal citizen's CDIB Card or roll number.
 - Copy of an issued state identification card for tribal citizen (i.e., driver's license).
 - Copy of the tribal citizen's birth certificate.
 - Proof of Primary Residence documentation required by homeowners or renters:
 - Only proof of damages to the primary residence will be accepted. Renters will need to provide a letter from their landlord stating damages to their primary residence.
 - Copy of a mortgage statement or lease agreement with applicant's name and primary address listed.
 - Copy of a current utility bill with tribal citizen name and address of primary residence.
 - Proof of damaged primary residence required:
 - Pictures of damaged property with one showing the location of the primary residence (i.e., house numbers) for both homeowners and renters.
 - Any quote for repairs that have been obtained by homeowner or landlord
 - An insurance claim that has been filed by homeowner, if applicable.
 - If an insurance claim is filed the applicant must include a breakdown of costs (i.e., explanation of benefits of building actual cash value cost)
 - If insurance claim is not applicable, the applicant will be responsible for obtaining 3 quotes from vendors of their choice.
 - d. Proof of all Tribal citizens living in the primary residence.
 - Copy of social security cards for each family member as proof that all tribal citizens are living in the primary residence
2. The applicant must be an enrolled Delaware Nation Citizen that is 18 years or older. Non-Delaware Nation citizens may apply if they have an enrolled Delaware Nation minor citizen in the home, however proof of full custody (i.e. court documents) will be required.

SECTION IV: QUALIFYING NEEDS FOR ASSISTANCE

- A. While the type of need varies depending on the magnitude of the natural disaster that occurs, the applicant will need to certify in writing the reasons for this assistance.

SECTION V: ASSISTANCE CAP AMOUNT

- A. Assistance will be given to eligible applicants in the amount of \$5,000.00 one-time per tribal household as approved per fiscal year (January through December). Damages from natural disaster must have occurred during the calendar year your application is received . (Expenses that exceed the monetary assistance received shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant.

SECTION VI: HISTORY

- **Revision:** September 12, 2023 approved with Resolution 2023-263
- Revision: June 19, 2024 approved with Resolution 2024-181