



UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Home Improvement and Educational Assistance Program

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PURPOSE: The Ute Indian Tribal Business Committee has established a new Home Improvement and Educational Assistance Program to provide assistance to Tribal Members to help meet needs in the areas of housing and education. This Program is separate from and shall not impact tribal member eligibility for any other existing Tribal assistance program, including but are not limited to the Building Rehabilitation Program, Crisis Intervention Program, and Disaster Relief Program.

ELIGIBILITY AND AMOUNT: Eligibility for this program shall be limited to the following two categories of Tribal Members:

- 1) Tribal Members age 21 and over who did not receive a BC Loan issued in response to the 2019 federal government shutdown shall be eligible for a Home Improvement and Education Assistance Program grant in an amount of \$7,000.
- 2) Tribal Members age 21 and over who received a BC Loan issued in response to the 2019 federal government shutdown and whose current outstanding balance is less than \$7,000 shall be eligible for a Home Improvement and Education Assistance Program grant in an amount equal to the difference between the outstanding loan amount and \$7,000.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES: Assistance grants made under the Program are to be exclusively used to meet a limited number of reasonable and necessary housing or educational costs including:

- 1) Payment of mortgage, rent, or utilities for principal residences,
- 2) Enhanced habitability or basic repairs of principal residences,
- 3) Transportation to and from school, tutors and school supplies,
- 4) Tuition payments and living expenses for students to attend educational programs,
- 5) Day care to enable those responsible for the care of children to work or pursue education,
- 6) Job counseling, job training, and other costs associated with seeking employment.

REQUESTING A GRANT: In order to maintain the best practices to avoid the spread of COVID-19 through in-person interaction, Tribal Members may initiate a request for an assistance grant by: 1) Completing and submitting a Program Verification Form to the Tribe's Accounting Department in person, by mail, email or fax or 2) Providing the required information to the Tribe's Accounting Department via telephone. Contact information is listed above.

RECEIVING A GRANT: Grants shall be delivered through direct deposit whenever possible. For those members who do not have direct deposit, grants shall be issued through a check delivered by USPS mail as soon as reasonably possible after a request has been made. Please note that processing of these grants may take approximately two weeks from the time a completed Form has been received by the Tribe's Accounting Department.

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Verification Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FB NO.: _____ **PHONE:** _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

1. Did you receive a BC Loan issued in response to the 2019 federal government shutdown?
YES ____ NO ____

2. Do you have direct deposit set up with the Tribal Accounting Department for the payment of dividend distributions and if so, do you authorize the assistance grant to be issued via direct deposit? YES ____ NO ____

3. If you answered no, do you authorize the assistance grant to be mailed issued via check mailed to the address provided above? YES ____ NO ____

4. Do you acknowledge and agree that assistance made under the Home Improvement and Education Assistance Program is to be exclusively used to meet to meet a limited number of reasonable and necessary housing or educational costs including:
 - a. Payment of mortgage, rent, or utilities for principal residences,
 - b. Enhanced habitability or basic repairs of principal residences,
 - c. Transportation to and from school, tutors and school supplies,
 - d. Tuition payments and living expenses for students to attend educational programs,
 - e. Day care to enable those responsible for the care of children to work or pursue education,
 - f. Job counseling, job training, and other costs associated with seeking employment.

YES ____ NO ____

I hereby certify that all information contained herein is true and correct, agree to fully comply with program requirements, and to provide records upon request of the Tribe or its designee.

Signature

Date