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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
**INTERVIEW DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

***APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES INSTRUCTIONS***

Any individual or family may apply for Bureau of Indian Affairs Financial Assistance and Social Services by completing the application process with the assistance of the Social Services worker and providing the following required information: proof of Tribal membership; proof of residency; proof of income and resources. Failing to provide this information may result in denial of Financial Assistance and Social Services.

**DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING "APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES" FORM**

Please fill in your Name, Tribe, and Phone Number(s). Please provide your Physical Address/Mailing Address (if different from physical address) or provide directions on how to get to your residence. Please also respond to the two questions.

**Section I: FAMILY PROFILE OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS APPLYING:** Under Family Profile, fill in the following information to the best of your ability. First, start with yourself. Fill in your name (Last, First, Middle), Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy), Sex (M/F), your marital status, the highest education level received, Social Security Number, and your Tribal Enrollment Number. Next, complete the names of the total members of the household starting with your spouse and then children in descending order of age. For each member, list the birth date, sex, and relation to the head of household, marital status, highest education received, Social Security Number, and Tribal Enrollment number. If you are living in a household with more than one (1) family, list the family members that fall under your household.

**Section II: TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES:** Put a check mark in the boxes for the services you are applying. This will assist your Social Services worker in determining which portions of the application you will need to complete.

**Section III: EARNED & UNEARNED INCOME:** All income, including earned and unearned income, for yourself and any other person in your household, is to be listed on the application. The timeframe for calculating earned and unearned income amounts is the months (30 days) received (25 CFR §20.307). You are required to provide proof of income.

*Earned Income* is cash, or any in-kind payment earned in the form of wages, salary, commissions, or profit by an employee or self-employed individual. This includes one-time payments for ongoing activities such as sale of crops or sale of artwork. Self-employed individuals must report profits from business enterprises (gross receipts minus business expenses included in the production of goods or services). Business expenses do not include depreciation, personal transportation costs, capital equipment purchases or principal payments on loans for capital assets or durable goods. (25 CFR §20.308)

*Unearned Income* includes but is not limited to; interest, royalties, gaming income or other per capita distribution not excluded by federal statute, rental property, cash contributions, retirement benefits, annuities, veteran's disability, unemployment benefits, and tax refunds. Other types of unearned income include financial assistance from government agencies, income from sale of trust land or other real or personal property set aside for investment in trust land that has not been reinvested in trust land or a sale of a primary residence that has not been reinvested in a primary residence at the end of one year from the date the income was received, and in-kind contributions providing free shelter up to the 25% of the amount for shelter included in the state standard. (25 CFR §20.309)

Under Section II and Section III, please complete questions 1-4 to the very best of your ability based on the information provided above. If you are unsure of the question, please ask your Social Services worker for assistance or clarification.

**Section IV: STATEMENT OF COOPERATION:** The Statement of Cooperation is a confirmation of your understanding of the provisions of the Federal Law governing fraud, and you agree to supply information regarding resources and income and to notify the agency of any change in your living situation. Also, you must sign the Release of Information authorizing the Social Services Program to obtain and/or exchange information necessary to establish eligibility for Financial Assistance and Social Services.

***IF YOU NEED CLARIFICATION OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK YOUR SOCIAL SERVICES WORKER***

**U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Division of Human Services**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

**Decision:**

Approved; Date: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials

Denied; Date: \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Redetermination \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION for  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE and SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SHADED AREAS ARE FOR BIA AGENCY USE ONLY.**

Name (Last, First, Middle): \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Name(s) Used: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from physical address): \_\_\_\_\_

Directions on how to get to your home (if no physical/ mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for applying for Financial Assistance and Social Services?

**Section I: FAMILY PROFILE OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS APPLYING (25 CFR §20.308)**

Fill in all required blanks for everyone who lives with you, either permanently or temporarily. You must list yourself first, then your spouse and children, then other adults and children. BIA employees will place an asterisk (\*) to the left of each person not included in payment.

Members of Household Name (Last, First, Middle)	Date of Birth			Sex (M/F)	Relation to Head of Household	Marital Status (Married, Single, Widowed, Divorced, Common Law, Separated)	Highest Grade/ Degree Completed	Social Security Number	Verified	Tribal Enrollment Number	Verified
	Month	Day	Year								
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2.											
3.											
4.											
5.											
6.											
7.											
8.											

**Section II: TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES (Check type of Assistance or Services applying for)**

[Items with an asterisk (\*) require BIA Line Officer Approval & Signature; Cost-Sharing for Foster Care or Adoption Subsidy requires BIA Line Officer Approval & Signature]

- |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <p><b>A.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General Assistance</p> <p><b>D.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Burial Assistance</p> <p><b>E.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Assistance</p> <p><b>G.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Information &amp; Referral Only</p> | <p><b>B. Child Assistance</b></p> <p>* <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care</p> <p>* <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Care</p> <p>* <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Subsidy</p> <p>* <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship Subsidy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs</p> <p>* <input type="checkbox"/> Homemakers Services</p> | <p><b>C. Adult Care Assistance</b></p> <p>* <input type="checkbox"/> Homemakers Services</p> <p>* <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Care/ Group Home</p> | <p><b>F. Services-Only</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Child Protection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adult Protection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Child &amp; Family Services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> IIM Services</p> |
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**Section III. EARNED INCOME & UNEARNED INCOME (25 CFR §20.308-§20.310)**

Is anyone in the household currently working or have they worked in the past 30 days?  Yes  No  
 If yes, identify Household Member(s) who are working and their earnings:  
 Household Member # 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Household Member # 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Household Member # 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you expect to receive or are receiving any of the following listed below:  Yes  No  
 (If yes, put a check mark in the box in front of all unearned income (not from employment) received by any household members, (see box below; use additional space for further explanation.)

Earned Income		Unearned Income	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alimony/ Child Support	Amount: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Amount: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gifts/ Contributions	Amount: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> TANF	Amount: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Income Tax Refund (Federal/State)	Amount: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps	Amount: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Settlement (Auto Accident, etc.)	Amount: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Commodities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Interest/ Dividends (Bank Accounts)	Amount: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care Payments	Amount: \$ _____
Other (list):		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (list)	Amount: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Lease Income (list)	Amount: \$ _____	(Example: Carl Perkins P.L. 105-332)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lottery/ Gaming Income (cash winnings)	Amount: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (list)	Amount: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Benefits/ Pensions	Amount: \$ _____	(Example: Alaska Native Corporation Dividend)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Royalties	Amount: \$ _____	Explain the Amount Approved and/or Disapproved- need to specify gross and net earnings. (Social Service Worker Section)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Per Capita Payments	Amount: \$ _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security/ Survivor/ Disability Benefits	Amount: \$ _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Benefits	Amount: \$ _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Benefits/ Payments	Amount: \$ _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation Benefits	Amount: \$ _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm/ Ranch Income	Amount: \$ _____		

Have you applied for TANF?  YES  NO Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you been terminated from TANF past 90 days?  YES  NO  
 Are you eligible to reapply for TANF?  YES  NO  
 Have you applied for other Resources/ Programs?  YES  NO Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section IV. STATEMENT OF COOPERATION**

I/We apply for financial assistance/ services for the listed members of my (our) household who are in need.  
 I/We have received a copy of, have had explained to us, and understand the provisions of Federal Law governing fraud.

Under 18 U.S.C. §1001, the Federal Law concerning fraud states: "[W]hoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry; shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years or, if the offense involves international or domestic terrorism (as defined in section 2331), imprisoned not more than 8 years, or both."

I (We) agree to supply information regarding resources and income and to notify the agency of any changes in my (our) situation. Release of Information: Human Services is authorized to obtain/exchange information necessary to establish eligibility for assistance. I (We) have read, or had explained to me/us, the provision of our protection under the Paperwork Reduction Act and the Privacy Act.

**Please initial:** Read & Understood the Statement of Cooperation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Read & Understood the Notification to the Client: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Read, Understood, & Signed the Release of Information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature of Applicant #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signature of Applicant #2 (If Applicable)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Social Services Worker Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date BIA Line Officer (If Applicable)

Not applicable

**A. GENERAL ASSISTANCE (25 C.F.R. §20.300 – §20.323)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Employable:	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployable (25 CFR §20.315)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending Public Assistance
	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) Younger than 16 years-old	
	<input type="checkbox"/> (b) A full-time student under the age of 19	Date Applied: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> (c) Student; P.L. 100-297	Date Verified by Worker: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> (d) Medical Exemption	
	<input type="checkbox"/> (e) Incapacitated Person; not yet receiving SSI	
	<input type="checkbox"/> (f) A caretaker of a person with a Mental/ Physical impairment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> (g) Parent with Child under the age of 6	
	<input type="checkbox"/> (h) Distance Related	
___ Miles    ___ Time    ___ Mode of Transport		

**Application for Assistance:**

Yes	No	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Written & Signed Application for Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Timely Approval Notice Provided
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Timely Denial Notice Provided
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Hearing Rights Provided
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Fraud Statement Provided

**Eligibility Factors:**

Yes	No	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Member of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe or Alaska Native Village
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Reside in a Designated Service Area or Alaska Native Village
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Does not have Sufficient Resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Concurrent Application to other Agencies
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ISP Developed and Signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assess Applicant Employability
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Not Receiving Public Assistance (SSI/ TANF)

**Eligibility Re-Determination:**

Yes	No	N/A		Yes	No	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly Job Search Documented
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Review & Update Eligibility (3 or 6 months)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension/ Termination (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- Signed ISP/Progress update every 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Job Search Exemption documented
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	- Recipient complying with ISP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monitor Recipients training or work related activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	---	Home Visit to verify Income, HH Composition & Residency				

**Referral(s) to other Resources Services: Check programs to which the applicant is being referred:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Programs:
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Health Services (IHS)	Identify: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational/ GED/ Vocational	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Administration (SSA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Programs (HUD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol and Substance Abuse (ASA)	<input type="checkbox"/> State/ County Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare	<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Administration (VA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Program	Identify: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> No Referral was made

**BUDGET CALCULATION (25 CFR §20.311-§20.313):**

**Household Size:** Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SIZE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Monthly State Standard** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**2. Monthly Deductions** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**3. Monthly Earned Income** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**4. Monthly Unearned Income** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**5. Monthly Liquid Assets\* Available** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**6. Total Monthly Income** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**7. Total Monthly Countable Income** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**8. APPROVED AMOUNT** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**State Standard:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deductions:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Earned Income:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Unearned Income:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Liquid Assets\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What are your monthly expenses?**

**Shelter/ Rent:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Utilities:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Food:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Clothing:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Liquid Assets includes properties in the form of cash or other financial instruments which can be connected to cash, such as savings or checking accounts, promissory notes, mortgages and similar properties and retirement annuities.

Additional Comments or Notes

Application Approved       Application Disapproved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Disapproval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Services Worker Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signature

Not applicable

**F. Service Only**  
**(25 C.F.R. §20.400-20.404)**

**Application for Assistance:**

Yes No N/A

- Written & Signed Application for Assistance
- Timely Approval Notice Provided
- Timely Denial Notice Provided
- Hearing Rights Provided
- Fraud Statement Provided

**Eligibility Factors:**

Yes No N/A

- Enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe
- Reside in Designated Service Area or Alaska Native Village

Request is for:

- Child Protection
- Adult Protection
- IIM Services
- Court Related Service
- Money Management
- Counseling (Referral)
- Other Services (list):

**Required Documentation:**

Yes No N/A

- Complete Initial Social Service Assessment
- Develop/Sign/Implement Case Plan
- Referred to Other Resource(s) for Assistance/Service

When Applicable, Coordinated with the Following Program(s):

- Tribal Court
- Law Enforcement – FBI, BIA, US Attorney
- Other Agencies (State, County, Etc.):
- Child Protection Team:
- Multi-Disciplinary Team:
- Others:

**Protective Services**  Adult Protection  Child Protection [Check one]

Yes No N/A

- Date Referral/Report of Harm Received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Assessment Conducted: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Referral Out to (Check one below, fill in date to the right): \_\_\_\_\_
- BIA Law Enforcement
- State CPS Office
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Substantiated: \_\_\_\_\_ or Date Unsubstantiated: \_\_\_\_\_

- Results of Referral
- Stated Goal/Outcome of Strategies
- Relative Placement
- Home Study Conducted

**Tribal Court Documentation Shows the Following:**

- |                          |                          |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Yes                      | No                       | N/A                      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Initial Court Action; When Applicable (Within 30 Days) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 Month Review for Child Protection Cases              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 Month Permanency Plan Hearing for Child Protection  |

**Clients Met the Following Mandates:**

- |                          |                          |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Yes                      | No                       | N/A                      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Develop, Sign, and Implement Case Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Follow Agreed Upon Case Plan           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cooperated with All Assessment(s)      |

**IIM Services**       Adult IIM Account       Minor IIM Account

**Required Documentation:**

- Kennerly Letter is on File (Adult Account Only)
- Photo Identification
- Account holder's address and residence is documented in case record
- Valid Court Order: (Check One)
  - Custody Order    Guardianship    Power of Attorney    Non Compos Mentis    Emancipated Minor    Other
- Information in Evaluation supports Distribution Plan
- TFAS Account Summary in accordance with Approved Distribution Plan
- Receipts Collected
- Case Narrative Reflects current Case Activity
- 6-Month Review Documented
- Tribal Resolution on file (if applicable)
- Account Holder listed on Stratavision Report

Additional Comments or Notes

Application Approved       Application Disapproved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Disapproval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Services Worker Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signature

## **NOTIFICATION TO THE CLIENT**

### **PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

25 CFR Part 20 and 25 U.S.C. 13 authorize the collection of this information. The information is confidential and is never disclosed without written clearance and consent of the applicant. The primary use of this information is to determine eligibility for financial assistance and services for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Child Welfare, Burial and Disaster Assistance Programs. Additional disclosures of this information may be to other BIA or tribal officials in the conduct of their official duties pertaining to the application for financial assistance or services, or in the conduct of program review and to the Office of Inspector General or the General Accounting Office when conducting an audit of BIA Programs, or local Law Enforcement agency when the agency becomes aware of violation or possible violation of civil or criminal law, and to the General Services Administration in connection with its responsibility for records management. This information will be entered into the BIA, Financial Assistance and Social Services – Case Management System, Interior/BIA-8 (76 FR 56787), which can be obtained upon request from the Chief, Division of Human Service, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-4513-MIB, Washington DC 20240. No record contained therein may be disclosed by any means of communication to any person, or to another agency, except pursuant to a written request by, or with prior written consent of the individual to whom the records pertains. Executive Order 9397 authorizes the collection of your Social Security number. Furnishing the information is voluntary but failure to do so may result in disapproval of your application. If the BIA uses the information furnished on this form for purposes other than those indicated above, it may provide you with an additional statement reflecting those purposes.

Under the Privacy Act, BIA may not give out information you give the social service worker except that BIA may share the information with other Federal, State, and Tribal offices and programs who have some responsibility with the social services for which you are applying. The information can also be given to those agencies when you ask them for a job or some other benefit and for law enforcement purposes. This can be done without your consent. For any other person or program wanting information from your case file, you must first give your written consent. You have the right to know what information is in your case record and you can ask to see it. If you believe some information in your case file is inaccurate, ask your caseworker about how to change the information in the case record.

### **FEDERAL LAW GOVERNING FRAUD**

Whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or devise a material fact, or makes or uses any false writing or documents, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined, imprisoned not more than 8 years, or both.

### **PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT**

This information is being collected to determine applicant eligibility for financial assistance and services and to provide Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) managers with information for program planning, reporting and utilization. Response to this collection is required to obtain benefits under 25 CFR 20. A Federal Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Public reporting for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, completing the form. Direct comment regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action – Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-3071-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

### **DECISION**

When you file an application for social services, you have a right to a written decision within 30 days. In some cases, it may take 45 days. If you disagree with the decision, you may have a review of the decision by seeing your Human Services worker or supervisor. You also may file an appeal and have a hearing. An applicant or recipient must pursue the appeal process applicable to the Public Law 93-638 contract, Public Law 102-477 grant, or Public Law 103-413 Self-Governance Annual Funding Agreement. The regulations for Human Services are in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

The amount of grant assistance you may receive or authorize to be expended is based on State Standards of Public Assistance and/or the rates established by the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, minus your income and available resources. The information you give must be accurate. If your circumstances change, you must report this immediately to your Human Services office. By doing so, your Social Services worker can give you proper assistance you are eligible to receive.



Within the limits of its authority, the Human Services Office wants to help you. Ask your Human Services worker to more fully explain any of this information. If you give inaccurate information and receive assistance to which you are not entitled, you will be required to pay it back.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### **INDIAN BLOOD (25 CFR §20.100)**

Applicant must (1) be a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, or (2) in the Alaska service area only, any person who meets the definition of "Native" as defined under 43 U.S.C. 1602(b): "a citizen of the United States and one-fourth degree or more Alaska Indian." It includes, in the absence of proof a minimum blood quantum, any citizen of the United States who is regarded as an Alaska Native by the Native village or Native group of which he claims to be a member and whose father or mother is (or, if deceased, was) regarded as native by a village or group.

### **RESIDENCY (25 CFR §20.100 & §20.300)**

To be eligible for assistance or services, an applicant must reside in a designated service area.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER SERVICES**

Applicant must not be receiving or eligible to receive County/State Public Welfare or Social Security Income. An individual or family who is presumed to be eligible for these programs may, after providing evidence of having applied for those benefits, be granted General Assistance (GA), pending approval of such application. Also, all clients applying for GA who are eligible for assistance from other programs such as Social Security, Unemployment Benefits, Worker's Compensation, Veteran Benefits, Retirement, etc., will be required to seek and show that they have applied for that assistance. The BIA Financial Assistance and Social Services programs are a secondary resource and cannot be used to supplant or supplement other programs.

### **POLICY ON EMPLOYMENT: ACCEPTANCE OF AVAILABLE EMPLOYMENT (25 CFR §20.314)**

An applicant must actively seek employment including the use of available state, tribal, county, local or Bureau-funded employment services, which they are able and qualified to perform. This means that a recipient, prior to and after applying for GA, must continue to actively seek employment. An applicant or recipient of GA who is determined employable must also accept local and seasonable employment when it is available. According to 25 CFR §20.316, the recipient must demonstrate that they are actively seeking employment by providing the Human Services worker with evidence of job search activities as required in the Individual Service Plan (ISP) and if they do not seek available local and seasonal employment or quit a job without good cause, they cannot receive GA for a period of at least 60 days but not more than 90 after they refuse or quit a job.

Applicants must report all current and expected employment and income. Those claiming temporary or permanent disability are required to present documented medical verification of such disability.

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

It is the responsibility of all Financial Assistance applicants to report and present appropriate documentary verification of any and all changes that may occur in their income or living arrangements. Failure to do so may constitute fraud and be subject to prosecution and/or repayment of disbursements. Each of the following must be reported as they occur:

- A move from one residence to another
- Addition to or reduction in household members
- Payments received from boarders or lodgers
- Changes or adjustments in housing or Utility Costs
- A move from the Reservation Area, Designated Service Area, or Alaska Native Village

**IMPORTANT: Once you have finished reading the *Notification to the Client*, you must initial that you have read and understand all provisions of the Notification to the Client; read and understood the Statement of Cooperation; and read, understood, and signed the Release of Information. You must then sign and date Page 3 of the Application.**

# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

### RELEASE OF INFORMATION



You grant and authorize the exchange of information between the BIA/ Tribal Human Services Program and the following agencies/programs:

Tribal/State Employment Offices  
Tribal/State Social Services Programs  
Social Security Administration  
Tribal/State Education Programs  
Tribal/State/Federal Courts  
Tribal/State Medical Services  
Tribal Enterprises  
Alaska Native Corporations  
State/County Fiduciary Trust Offices

Tribal/State Alcohol & Drug Programs  
Tribal/State Housing Programs  
Veteran's Administration  
Tribal/State Federal Probation Programs  
Tribal/State Child Protection Services  
Tribal/State Mental Health Services  
Tribal/State Voc-Rehab Programs  
Indian Health Services

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Any information exchanged will pertain to your eligibility to receive Financial Assistance and Social Service benefits or referral to other programs that would benefit you. By signing on the statement of cooperation (Page 3 of the Application) you agree and understand any information obtained will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purposes directly connected with providing benefits or services on your behalf. You further agree and understand that any information obtained may be released to proper governmental agency, court, or law enforcement agencies for purposes of legal and investigative action concerning fraud.

This Release of Information will remain in effect for one (1) year from date of signature or until you request to rescind authorization.

I authorize the Social Services Program to obtain and/or exchange information necessary to establish eligibility for Financial Assistance and Social Services.

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Name of Applicant (Print)

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Date

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Signature of Applicant