

RESPONSE TO COVID-19, ASSISTANCE POLICY						
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Response to Covid-19 Virus Rental Assistance Policy	4/10/20					
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Board Signature: 4-14-2020	Executive Director	Und only				
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PURPOSE:

In response to the Covid-19 Virus of 2020 and the declared state of Emergency, the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency ("Agency") will offer one-time Rental Assistance to eligible households. The program assists low-income AIAN household with their rent as specified in the Indian Housing Plan. In 2008, HHCDA started a Rental Assistance Program that targets AIAN households, this Response to the Covid-19 Virus of 2020 shall be in additional to that existing program.

SECTION 1: APPLICANTS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. This Program is funded by the Unties States Department of Housing and Urban Development and in compliance with applicable federal requirements must be adhered to.
- 2. Head of household must be 18 years of age or older.
- 3. The applicant's annual income must not exceed the Low-income limits set by HUD. The last page of this application has an income eligibility chart, to qualify for this program the household income shall be equal to or under the 80% category. All household income must be reported for eligibility with this program, not only the applicant's income alone.
- 4. The Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency service area covers the Ho-Chunk Nation 14 —county service area and all of District 4.
- 5. The applicant must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
- 6. Preference will be given to Ho-Chunk enrolled Tribal members.

SECTION 2: APPLICATION PROCESS

The applicant must submit the following information:

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- 1. Rental Assistance Application must be filled out completely and returned to Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency prior to determination made regarding application denial or approval.
- 2. Income verification.
- 3. Copy of Tribal Identification.
- 4. The applicant must provide rental agreement or lease with the Rental Assistance Application.
- 5. Name, address, and phone number of applicant's new Landlord.
- 6. Total funds allocated for this program are limited. Funds will be granted on a first-come first-serve basis for eligible applicants. Preferences are granted to enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members.
- 7. A written decision will be mailed to the applicant within ten (10) working days.

SECTION 3: SELECTION CRITERIA

In selecting applicants, it shall be the policy of the Rental Assistance Program to make selections as outlined below:

- 1. <u>Ranking Preference:</u> Ho-Chunk enrolled tribal members, Elite Elders, Elders, Veterans, Handicapped individuals, Families, Single applicants.
- 2. <u>Local Preference:</u> Ho-Chunk Enrolled and then other Native American Tribal Enrolled Members.

SECTION 4: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. The grant amount cannot exceed \$700, and will be for the monthly rent.
- 2. The grant monies will be released to the Landlord. Landlord must submit to HHCDA a completed W9, tax payer ID form, before HHCDA can submit a rent payment.
- 3. The applicant may apply for the Rental Assistance Program once during the Covid-19 Virus Crisis.
- 4. Only one application can be submitted per household, per lease period.

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SECTION 5: DEFINITION OF TERMS

- 1. <u>Landlord:</u> Person(s), not being a relative to applicant(s), with whom applicant(s) has an Occupancy Agreement or Lease for rental of said property.
- 2. Elderly: Person(s) who are at least sixty (60) years of age or older.
- 3. Elite Elder: Specifically Ho-Chunk Elders 70 years of age and older.
- 4. <u>Handicapped:</u> Person(s) having a physical or mental impairment that (a) is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration, (b) substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently, and (c) is of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.
- 5. <u>Household:</u> A group of two or more persons who have a stable family type relationship (including members who are temporarily absent) and whose income and resources are available for use in meeting the living expenses of the group.



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RENTAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Pkease read each item carefully. The answers you give will be used to determine your eligibility. All information requested in this application must be provided to be considered for assistance. However, this application is not a guaranteee of assistance. Applications are reviewed and assistance is provided based on factors such asm but lot limited to funding, ability to positively resolve a situation; indications the crisis will not reoccur; and use of alternate funding sources if available.

Name:				Phone#:						
Mailing Address:										
Physical Address:										
County you Reside:	Tribal Affiliation:									
Tribal Enrollment #:					pita Distr	ibution:	Y/N			
If yes, How Much:				Receive Per Capita Distribution: Y / N How Often:						
Other Income:	Wage:				nsion:					
Per Year	Wage:			Child Su						
	Other:	Other: Unemp Benefits:								
			Relationship		Social	Security		-		
Name		Sex	to you	Birth Date	Nu	mber	Gross Annual In	come		
Landlord's Name:					Amount R	equesting:				
Landlord's Address:										
Landlord's Phone:					# of	Bedrooms	:			
Is any other Agency					() Yes		o If yes Exp	olain:		
I certify the above informati	on is true an	d correc	t. My application for	r assistance is because	se of an imme	diate need for	help at this time. I			
authorize the release to Ho-	Chunk Housi	ng & Co	mmunity Developm	ent Agency for any a	nd all informa	tion needed to	complete and verify			
my application. I understant			tion of falsification o	f information will ma	ike me ineligi	ble for progran	assistance and will			
result in paying the program	back in full.									
Applicant's Si	gnature:						Date:			
Co-Applicant's Si										



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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I/we, the undersigned, with this, authorize the HO-CHUNK HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY and their agents to obtain any information, necessary, to process the HUD housing application. This information may be obtained from the following sources, any of the programs of the HO-CHUNK NATION, federal, state and local governments and any of their agencies and representatives, law enforcement agencies, financial institutions and current and prior landlords. This list is not all-inclusive and may include any additional agency. Government or private source as deemed necessary by the HO-CHUNK HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY and/or their agents.

I/We, the undersigned, with this, release the HO-CHUNK HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY and/or their agents any requested information from the following agencies: federal, state and local governments law enforcement agencies, financial institutions and current and prior landlords.

The information requested maybe given by fax, telephone or in writing. This release is valid for one year from the date of the applicant's signature. This release is valid if photocopied and does not have to have and original signature.

I/we, have read the terms and conditions of this AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION and with this, give consent for the release of any requested information.

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT			
BIRTH	IDATE			
S.S.N. OF APPLICANT	DATE			
PRINTED NAME OF 2 ND APPLICANT	SIGNATURE OF 2 ND APPLICANT			
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FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be collecting information you gave to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency at application or reexamination. HUD will collect the information on Form HUD 50058. The data it will collect include name, sex, birth date, Social Security Number (SSN), Income (by source), assets, certain deductible expenses, and rental payment.

The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, requires us to tell about this. We also are required to tell you what HUD will do with the information.

HUD may give the information to manage and monitor HUD assisted housing programs. It also may verify whether the information is accurate and complete by doing a computer match.

HUD may give the information to Federal, State, and local agencies when it will be used for civil, criminal or regulatory investigations and prosecutions. HUD also may make summaries of resident data available to the public. Other than these uses, HUD will not release the information outside HUD, except as permitted or required by law.

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3543 requires applicant and residents to give the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency the SSN(s) of household members at least six (6) years old. If you are an applicant and you have been issued or use SSN(s) and you do not give them to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency, Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency is required to reject your application for housing assistance. If you are receiving housing assistance and you have been issued or use SSN(s) and you do not give them to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency, the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency is required to evict your family or withdraw your housing assistance.

The U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended 42 U.S.C. 1437 et. Seq., and the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, P.L. 97 – 35, 85 stat., 348, 408 require applicants and residents to provide the other information listed in the first paragraph to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency. If you are an applicant and you fail to give the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency this information, the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency may have to reject your application or delay acting on it. If you are receiving housing assistance and you do not give the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency may have to evict or withdraw your housing assistance.

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Head of Household	Date
Spouse/Co-Applicant	Date

I have read and fully understand the Federal Privacy Act Statement.

Authorization for the Release of Information/ Privacy Act Notice

to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 2501-0014 exp. 1/31/2014

PHA requesting release of information; (Cross out space if none) (Full address, name of contact person, and date)

IHA requesting release of information: (Cross out space if none) (Full address, name of contact person, and date)

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Authority: Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. This law is found at 42 U.S.C. 3544.

This law requires that you sign a consent form authorizing: (1) HUD and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA) to request verification of salary and wages from current or previous employers; (2) HUD and the HA to request wage and unemployment compensation claim information from the state agency responsible for keeping that information; (3) HUD to request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The law also requires independent verification of income information. Therefore, HUD or the HA may request information from financial institutions to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Purpose: In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above-named HA to request income information from the sources listed on the form. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your household's income, in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. HUD and the HA may participate in computer matching programs with these sources in order to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. HUD may disclose information (other than tax return information) for certain routine uses, such as to other government agencies for law enforcement purposes, to Federal agencies for employment suitability purposes and to HAs for the purpose of determining housing assistance. The HA is also required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. HUD and HA employees may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of the income information that is obtained based on the consent form. Private owners may not request or receive information authorized by this form.

Who Must Sign the Consent Form: Each member of your household who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the household or whenever members of the household become 18 years of age.

Persons who apply for or receive assistance under the following programs are required to sign this consent form:

PHA-owned rental public housing
Turnkey III Homeownership Opportunities
Mutual Help Homeownership Opportunity
Section 23 and 19(c) leased housing
Section 23 Housing Assistance Payments
HA-owned rental Indian housing
Section 8 Rental Certificate
Section 8 Rental Voucher
Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

Failure to Sign Consent Form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to the HA's grievance procedures and

Section 8 informal hearing procedures.

Sources of Information To Be Obtained

State Wage Information Collection Agencies. (This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation I have received during period(s) within the last 5 years when I have received assisted housing benefits.)

U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only) (This consent is limited to the wage and self employment information and payments of retirement income as referenced at Section 6103(I)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

U.S. Internal Revenue Service (HUD only) (This consent is limited to unearned income [i.e., interest and dividends].)

Information may also be obtained directly from: (a) current and former employers concerning salary and wages and (b) financial institutions concerning unearned income (i.e., interest and dividends). I understand that income information obtained from these sources will be used to verify information that I provide in determining eligibility for assisted housing programs and the level of benefits. Therefore, this consent form only authorizes release directly from employers and financial institutions of information regarding any period(s) within the last 5 years when I have received assisted housing benefits.

Consent: I consent to allow HUD or the HA to request and obtain income information from the sources listed on this form for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that HAs that receive income information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying what the amount was, whether I actually had access to the funds and when the funds were received. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

This consent form expires 15 months after signed.

Signatures

Head of Household	Date		
Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household		Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date

Privacy Act Notice. Authority: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543) requires applicants and participants to submit the Social Security Number of each household member who is six years old or older. Purpose: Your income and other information are being collected by HUD to determine your eligibility, the appropriate bedroom size, and the amount your family will pay toward rent and utilities. Other Uses: HUD uses your family income and other information to assist in managing and monitoring HUD-assisted housing programs, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information you provide. This information may be released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Penalty: You must provide all of the information requested by the HA, including all Social Security Numbers you, and all other household members age six years and older, have and use. Giving the Social Security Numbers of all household members six years of age and older is mandatory, and not providing the Social Security Numbers will affect your eligibility. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

Penalties for Misusing this Consent:

HUD, the HA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, the HA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form.

Use of the information collected based on the form HUD 9886 is restricted to the purposes cited on the form HUD 9886. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, the HA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

2020 ANNUAL INCOME LIMITS: for Madison / Dane County and for Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency's Low- & Moderate-Income Programs

		Size of Household								
Income Category	1 Person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons		
Extremely Low Income (30% or less of HHCDA NAHASDA Median Income)	21,050	24,050	27,050	30,050	32,500	35,150	39,650	44,150		
Very Low Income (50% or less of HHCDA NAHASDA Median Income)	35,050	40,050	45,050	50,050	54,100	58,100	58,100	66,100		
Low Income (80% or less of HHCDA NAHASDA Median Income)	54,950	62,800	70,650	78,500	84,800	91,100	97,350	103,650		
Moderate Income (100% or less of HHCDA NAHASDA Median Income)	70,100	80,100	90,100	101,100	108,150	116,150	124,150	132,150		

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