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DISTRIBUTING BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT ASSISTANCE (BNS)

This policy exists to promote the general welfare of the Tribe by providing financial assistance to tribal members for food, rent, mortgage, utilities, home repairs, weatherization, counseling, legal aid, learning, and childcare, due to the on-going economic harm caused by rising cost of living.

Enrolled Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribal Members Eighteen (18) And Older are Eligible to Receive Basic Needs Support Assistance Payments of \$2,000.

- Applicants must be eighteen (18) years of age on the date the application is submitted.

Eligible Tribal Members Must Submit a Complete Application According to the Deadline in Order to Receive BNS Assistance.

- The established deadline and process for submitting applications will be widely publicized by Tribal staff responsible for administering the BNS Assistance.
- Additional application requirements may be implemented as needed to determine eligibility in accordance with this policy.
- Eligible Applicant must complete the application.

Applicants Who Are Incarcerated During the Entire Application Period Will Not be Eligible for Assistance.

Assistance Used Outside the Scope of This Policy May Result in Repayment to the Tribe and Ineligibility for Future Eligibility.

Record of Assistance Given Will Be Tracked and May be Subject to Audit.

This Program Shall Be Administered in Compliance with Title 31 of the Tribe’s Law and Order Code and §139E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as Amended, and Therefore Shall Be Excluded from the Participant’s Gross Income for Federal Income Tax Purposes and State Benefit Calculation.

Assistance Will Not Diminish a Participant’s TANF/SFA, RCA, PWA, ABD Cash, and Food Assistance Benefits, as Pursuant to Washington Administrative Code 388-450-0040.