

# Financial Assistance Policy (revised December 2023)

This policy is not meant to supplement income on a monthly basis and is intended to assist community members with unforeseen expenses. It is recognized that community members struggle financially to meet their daily needs. Sagkeeng <u>may provide a limited amount</u> of financial assistance to community members to offset unforeseen expenses by utilizing own-source revenue.

The Chief and Council are not involved with the disbursements of this policy and are not responsible to submit this application form on the applicant's behalf.

Sagkeeng reserves the right to:

- a) Deny any Applicant,
- b) Publish the names of recipient(s)/amount received, and
- c) Approve an amount less than requested.

## Process:

- a) Application deadline 15th of every month
- b) Notices by mail or email 22<sup>nd</sup> of every month
- c) Direct deposit is preferred. Banking information is required (void cheque)

#### Criteria:

- a) Priority List
  - o Pensioners residing on-reserve (65 years of age and over)
  - $\circ \quad \text{On-reserve community members} \\$
  - Off-reserve community members
- b) Applicants demonstrating financial need and <u>must</u> provide a copy of supporting documentation with the application or the application is void
- c) Number of dependants
- d) Complete application

## Considered Requests:

- a) Hydro Bills (copy of at least 6 months required)
- b) Reimbursements (copy of receipt(s) required)
- c) Rent may be considered under the circumstances (further information may be required) Payable to the landlord.

### Not Covered:

- a) Property Taxes
- b) Storage Fees
- c) Satellite/Cable Bills
- d) Autopac Payments

- e) Vehicle Repairs
- f) Vehicle Payments
- g) Cell Phone/Land Line Bills
- h) Moving Expenses
- i) Furniture Bills
- j) Personal Store Accounts
- k) Court Ordered Payments

To allow for all band members equal opportunity for financial assistance under this Policy, Applicants approved for financial assistance, in whole, or, in part, will not be considered for further assistance for **6 months** following approval.

Applicants that were not approved for financial assistance in any given month <u>will be</u> <u>notified in writing</u> and may re-apply the following month.

Signed:

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## **Financial Assistance Policy Application**

Please email this completed application to <u>discretion@sagkeeng.ca</u> or fax 1-204-367-4315 or deliver to the Administration office with the Receptionist.

Applicant Name (please	print):			
Treaty #: <u>262</u>				
Mailing Address (complete with area code):		Contact Number:		
		Email (if applicable):		
Number of dependants:		Amount Requested: \$		
Current Income (circle o	ne):			
None Employed	Employment & Income Assistance (EIA)	Employment Insurance (EI)	Pension	Other
If "Other" explain:				=
If "EIA" name and conta	ct number of EIA Counsell	or:		
	you agree that Sagkeer information is require		ght to contac	t your EIA
Reason for request:				
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Signature of Applicant:		Date:		