

Development and Modernization Policy Part B Health and/or Disability-Related Housing Accessibility Program

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) Health and/or Disability-Related Housing Accessibility Program is financed with funds received from Indian Health Service (IHS), and administered through the Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD). Upon receipt of IHS funds, STHD budgets them for use in this program in accordance with this policy.

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Definitions:

ELDER FAMILY- The terms `elder family' means a family whose head (or his or her spouse) is an enrolled member of the CTSI and at least 55 years of age.

ELDER PERSON- The term `elder person' means a person who is an enrolled member of the CTSI and at least 55 years of age.

Emergency: Situations that is temporary or permanent in nature but necessary as determined by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department.

PERSON WITH DISABILITIES- The term `person with disabilities' means a person who has a physical impairment which substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently and is of such a nature that such ability could be improved by physical modifications to their home. The disability can be temporary.

What does the program provide?

- Emergency housing accessibility goods, such as materials, that will allow an eligible participant to remain in or return to their home, overcoming physical barrier(s) to full use of the home, in an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred (\$700.00) dollars.
- Single purpose activities such as accessibility for person(s) with disabilities, permanent and temporary, to avoid displacement of the occupants.

What can funds be used for? Replace hot water heaters, handicapped accessible improvements (grab bars, ramp materials, etc.), appliances (cook stove, refrigerator, washer, and dryer), Emergency Plumbing or Electrical repair, and HVAC repair. Funding cannot be used to replace or repair adequately functioning systems that do not present a hazardous or health and safety condition.

Eligibility CTSI members with a documented disability, CTSI Elder families, and CTSI Elder person, living within the 11-county service area with a current need. There is no income requirement.

Units do not need to be located on tribal land and must be owner-occupied except for the following provision. Services for non-owner occupied rental units are limited to the purchase of materials to install ramps and grab bars.

Application Process - Applications may be obtained at and returned to the STHD office. Supporting documentation must accompany the application i.e. proof of disability and copy of tribal enrollment.

All applications will be reviewed within 72 hours of receipt and a determination of program eligibility will be made at that time. Because funds are allocated when an applicant is deemed eligible, there will not be a waiting list. When funds are exhausted, the program will close until such time as additional funds are available.