



Off-Lands Housing Support Program

Program Overview

About the Program:

The Tla'amin Nation Off-Lands Housing Support Program helps Tla'amin citizens who live off-lands and are experiencing housing challenges.

The program may provide short-term financial assistance and housing support services to help households:

- remain in their current housing;
- prevent eviction or housing loss;
- find safe housing during an emergency; or
- improve housing stability and affordability

Because program funding is limited, supports are provided based on housing need and available resources.

Who the Program Supports:

The program supports Tla'amin citizens living off-lands who may be experiencing:

- housing costs that are difficult to afford;
- risk of eviction or housing loss;
- a housing emergency; or
- temporary financial hardship affecting housing stability

Some program services are available even when financial assistance is not required.



Types of Support Available:

Depending on the situation, the program may provide different types of housing support.

A. Emergency Housing Support:

For urgent situations where someone does not have a safe place to stay.

Support may include:

- temporary hotel stays;
- food and basic needs during an emergency; or
- help finding safe housing quickly

B. Rapid Rehousing Support:

For households who have lost housing or are at risk of losing housing.

Support may include:

- short-term rent assistance;
- help paying a damage deposit;
- help with utility bills or arrears; or
- help finding new housing

C. Temporary Rental Assistance:

For households experiencing short-term financial hardship but still able to maintain their housing.

Support may include:

- temporary rent assistance; or
- help paying rent arrears to prevent eviction

D. Emergency Housing Repairs:

For urgent repairs that could result in housing loss if they are not addressed.

Examples include repairs to:

- heating systems;
- plumbing or electrical systems; or
- essential appliances such as refrigerators or stoves



E. Tenant Rights Support:

Support to help tenants resolve housing issues.

This may include:

- tenant education;
- help preparing for tenancy dispute resolution; or
- referrals to legal or advocacy services

F. Home Maintenance Education:

Programs that help people learn how to maintain their housing.

This may include:

- home maintenance training; or
- basic tool or supply kits

G. Rental Subsidy Program:

Some households with very high housing costs may qualify for longer-term rent support.

This program helps make rent more affordable based on household income.

- Rental subsidies are reviewed each year.



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1. Key Definitions

The following definitions help explain how the program understands housing situations and determines eligibility.

Household:

A household includes all people who normally live together in the same home and share housing costs.

This may include:

- one person living alone;
- couples or partners;
- parents and children;
- extended family living together;
- adults sharing housing

** The number of people in a household may affect the type and amount of support available.*

Household Income:

Household income is the total income earned by all adult members of the household before taxes.

Examples include:

- employment income;
- self-employment income;
- disability benefits;
- employment insurance;
- pension income;
- social assistance; or
- child support or spousal support

** Household income is used to understand housing affordability and determine eligibility for some supports.*



Housing Costs:

Housing costs are the regular monthly costs needed to maintain housing.

These may include:

- rent or mortgage payments;
- heat and electricity;
- water or municipal services;
- property taxes; or
- strata or condominium fees

** Housing costs are compared to household income to help determine housing needs.*

Emergency Housing:

An emergency housing situation means there is an immediate risk to personal safety or the loss of housing.

Examples include:

- imminent eviction or sudden housing loss;
- fire, flood, or major damage making housing unsafe;
- loss of heat, water, or electricity;
- family violence or urgent safety concerns;
- no safe place to stay; or
- medical emergencies requiring temporary accommodation

** Emergency assistance is short-term and focused on stabilizing the immediate housing situation.*

If you are experiencing a situation like this, you may be able to apply for emergency housing support through this program.



2. How to Apply

How Eligibility is Determined:

Eligibility for housing support is based on housing need.

A household may qualify if:

- housing costs are 30% or more of household income
- the household is experiencing a housing emergency
- the support will help prevent housing instability

** Households with higher housing costs compared to income may qualify for higher levels of assistance.*

Not sure if you qualify?

If you are experiencing housing challenges, we encourage you to apply. Housing staff can review your situation and help determine whether support may be available.

Program Priorities

Because program funding is limited, priority may be given to households experiencing greater housing challenges, including:

- Elders;
- women and children leaving violence;
- 2SLGBTQ+ individuals;
- persons with disabilities or mental health challenges;
- youth aging out of care; or
- households facing housing instability

** Accessibility, digital barriers, and geographic barriers will also be considered.*

Apply Online

Tla'amin citizens living off-lands can apply online.

<https://wkf.ms/3P1XGed>

Contact

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