Financial Hardship Requests

The intent of the Financial Hardship Requests are to assist Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT) Enrolled Members with “emergency” expenses in one of the following five (5) categories: Financial Hardship, Medical Assistance, Educational Assistance, Financial Sponsorship, and Wake/Funeral Assistance Grants.

Maximum Assistance Guidelines

Maximum allowable amount per individual TAT enrolled member is up to $500.00 per fiscal year, OCTOBER thru SEPTEMBER. An application submission is the last resort from all other community resource programs; all other options must be applied for and then denied.

Eligibility

Chairman Fox’s Office will assist those enrolled TAT members who live off the reservation.

Applicants must be:

- Enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara (MHA) Nation,
- Eighteen (18) years or older, and
- NOT employee of the MHA Nation.

Financial Hardship ~ for TAT enrolled member that may need emergency financial assistance with utilities, make repairs, travel, etc. All financial hardships requests shall include a letter from the individual stating their current situation and have the bill which they wish to receive help with. All financial hardship requests shall not exceed the amount of $500.00 per fiscal year. **Please note:** the $500.00 is not a guarantee and approval is based on need and budget availability.

- Eligible requests may include but are not limited to past due bills such as: heat/propane, electricity, car payment, auto repair costs, reconnect fees or possible maintenance costs to move back into a home like security and other deposits such as: utilities and rent, etc.

Medical Assistance ~ All medical assistance must be supported by an appointment slip and/or a letter-documentation that states that you or an immediate family member (wife, husband, companion/partner, so daughter, grandchild, mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, and grandfather) was admitted to a hospital. Assistance may be granted as well if an immediate family member is in transit to or in the emergency room. A request can NOT be an appointment that has been rescheduled (emergency circumstances should have proof from the doctor) possible clause – “emergency reschedule” may be eligible for another check. There is no set amount; approval is based on need and budget of the Chairman Fox’s administration.
Maximum per Medical Emergency and Extended Stay ~ Discretion will be used to determine needs beyond aforementioned policy for concerns of medical emergencies that involve “life or limb” and/or terminal illness, not to exceed a total of $1,500.00 in all categories for assistance per fiscal year.

**Educational Assistance** ~ if a student requesting above the already available amount from the Higher Education Department, each may be eligible for assistance by maintaining the standards of the Higher Education Department.

- Maximum amount allowed for student is $250.00
- A student must be in good standing with Higher Education Department standards
- A student must provide a copy of current transcripts of official grades that demonstrate a 2.0

**Financial Sponsorship** ~ Sponsorship in any form must be supported by letter or request and by documentation of event administering, attending, participating in and/or supporting.

- Applicant must provide a list of members if it is a team request ¾ of team must be enrolled members or it will be prorated applicable to enrolled members.
- Applicant must provide a budget.
- Applicant must show proof of fundraising

**Wake/Funeral Assistance** ~ Wake & Funeral assistance may be granted due to a death in the family. Immediate family members (wife, husband, companion, son, daughter, mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, and grandfather) not associated with the already approved amount from the burial fund will be eligible for assistance. Funeral assistance must be supported by a letter/documentation from the funeral home that states a family member has passed away.

To check the status of your request (if approved or not, amount approved, and potential mail out date) please contact:

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Three Affiliated Tribes
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And ask for Chairman Fox Office