

## Emergency Funding for Members

### Definitions

**Administration:** Means Band Manager and Staff

**Emergency:** a state, especially of need for help or relief, created by some unexpected event

**Funding:** Money provided from Nuchatlaht Tribe to a member

**Leadership:** means the Tyee hawith and Council of the Nuchatlaht Tribe

**Member:** means a member of the Nuchatlaht Tribe as defined by the membership policy

**Necessity:** Food, water and utilities

**NT:** Nuchatlaht Tribe

**Utility:** Includes BC Hydro and heating providers

### Policy

Understanding that emergencies do arise and often require financial support, the NT Administration and Leadership have co-designed a policy to ensure that emergency funds are budgeted annually and allocated on a need-basis.

The following emergencies are eligible for funding:

1. Utility disconnection
2. Not enough food for self or family

Funding will only be provided through a purchase order or a payment directly to the vendor. In no circumstances will money be provided directly to the member. A member may apply for a maximum of \$200.00 within a 12 month period. Any requested amount over \$200.00 must be approved by NT Leadership. Once the annual budgeted emergency funds amount is used up, the requests will be forwarded to NT Leadership.

The following documents must be provided to Nuchatlaht Tribe in order to qualify for emergency funding:

1. A utility disconnection notice (if applying for utility emergency funding)
2. A written note that Social Assistance cannot provide support (if an SA client)
3. A completed Nuchatlaht Tribe Emergency Funding Request Form (Appendix A)
4. Any other documents requested by Nuchatlaht Tribe

Funding will be allocated based on need. Need will be determined and prioritized using the following criteria:

1. Time sensitivity: how soon does the member need emergency funding?
2. Is the emergency funding going towards a necessity?
3. How many people are affected by this emergency?
4. Has the member exhausted all support services? (food bank, SA, etc.)
5. Has the member received emergency funding in the last 12 months?

It is understood that hardships do arise and in order to counter these hardships, NT does its best to provide food fish for its members whether they are on-reserve or off-reserve.