

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND HOUSING

(funded through the US Dept of Treasury)

Eligibility

An “eligible household” is defined as a Tribal Member renter household in the 6 County Service Area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Manistee) in which at least one or more individuals meets the following criteria:

- i. Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income,
- ii. incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
- iii. Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- iv. Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median.

Household income is determined as either the household’s total income for calendar year 2020 or the household’s monthly income at the time of application. For household incomes determined using the latter method, income eligibility must be redetermined every 3 months.

LOT RENT AND LEASE TO OWN/LAND CONTRACTS ARE NOW ELIGIBLE

Available Assistance

Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance to ensure housing stability. The payments can cover rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing. (Arrearages allowable back to March 13, 2020) Funds will expire on December 31, 2021. Once a household’s rental arrears are reduced, grantees may only commit to providing future assistance for up to three months at a time. Households may reapply for additional assistance at the end of the three-month period if needed and the overall time limit for assistance is not exceeded.

Application Process

An application for rental assistance may be submitted by either an eligible household or by a landlord on behalf of that eligible household. Households and landlords must apply through programs established by Grand Traverse Band Housing. In general, funds will be paid directly to landlords and utility service providers. **Please call Grand Traverse Band Housing 231.534.7800 or visit the Housing tab at www.gtbindians.org to receive an application.**