

****Initial one time emergency money per fiscal year is \$ 500 maximum****

Hoopa Valley Tribe Emergency Assistance Program Policy

Adult Care Assistance funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and administered by the Division of Human Services, is a program to assist Hoopa Tribal Members in **DIRE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**. This program **WILL NOT** pay for **household bills, groceries, rent, hotel/motel costs, clothing or for homeless assistance**. Scheduled appointments are not emergencies as you are aware in advance of the appointment. Failure to provide receipts will make you ineligible for future funding.

All emergencies will require verification prior to receiving assistance.

Program Guidelines:

Elders and disabled members will be given priority for assistance. It is a known fact that the elders and disabled on fixed incomes, require more medical needs, prescription costs, transportation, etc. An Elder is considered age 62 or older. All disabilities will be in accordance with the State Disability guidelines or the Social Security Administration guidelines.

Adult Care Assistance:

Financial assistance will be granted to an adult in a dire emergency situation. Emergencies that require air ambulance or ground ambulance services out of the area are considered an emergency. The nearest relative will receive assistance up to \$300.00, (only one person will receive the assistance) depending on the distance. Scheduled appointments are not emergencies. Documentation must be provided prior to receiving monies. Human Services will verify all emergencies. Assistance will be granted no more than twice per Fiscal year.

Death Benefits:

The Tribal Council allows for funeral expenses up to \$5,800.00. Documentation **MUST** be provided with the application prior to receiving funds. All funeral homes will be paid directly by Human Services.

Fire:

If a fire destroys a tribal member's owned home and its contents, the owner of the home is eligible to receive \$1,000.00. If arson is suspected, no assistance will be issued until the investigation is completed. A copy of the fire report signed by the fire department chief MUST be attached to the application for assistance prior to monies being released.

The following amounts are available for emergencies:

Eureka: \$100.00

Redding Area: \$150.00

Out of Area: \$300.00

Beyond Eureka or Redding emergencies **SHALL NOT** exceed \$300.00 - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

For those members participating in the TANF program, the amount of assistance you receive will be reported to the TANF department.

Tribal Member Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Briefly describe emergency situation:

I hereby give my consent for the Division of Human Services staff to verify any of the information and documentation I have submitted I understand that my assistance will be based according to the given eligibility requirements and that my application will be reviewed for approval when all required written documentation has been received by the Division of Human Services.

Signature of Applicant

Date

****Erratic behavior or abusive language by applicant will NOT be permitted. Division of Human Services will uphold the Hoopa Valley Tribe's Improper Conduct Ordinance, which includes removal from DHS premises.**

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