

# Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF) Program Application

The NEC HAF Program was created to assist qualified applicants, who are enrolled NEC tribal members, with temporary homeowners' assistance to prevent mortgage delinquencies defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020. This program is available on September 6, 2022.

Please email completed applications to <u>erap@necalaska.org;</u> fax to (907) 443-9144; mail to Nome Eskimo Community, PO Box 1090, Nome, AK 99762; or to the NEC building at 200 West 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Nome, AK. Any Questions? Please Contact Theresa Kenick, Housing Director: 907-443-2246.

A "qualified household" is defined as a household in which at least one or more individuals meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be at least Adults 18 years old and must be tribally enrolled with NEC. The applicant must be the property owner of record and the home must be the homeowner's primary residence.
- Applicant must attest they have experienced a financial hardship after January 21, 2020, such as job loss, reduction in household income, or increased costs due to healthcare or the need to care for a family member related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Applicant must have income equal to or less than 150% of the area median income for which the household is located. NEC will use the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of "annual income" as outlined in 24 CFR 5.609 or the adjusted gross income on IRS Form 1040 for 2021.

#### **APPLICANT CHECKLIST**

Please use this checklist to ensure your application package is complete. Copies of all the following documentation are required to determine eligibility:

- **Proof of identification:** State, federal or tribal I.D.
- □ **Proof of Household Income**: Adults 18 years and older within the household must provide income documentation that includes but is not limited to: IRS tax return for 2021. If you are not able to provide the 2021 IRS tax return. Please provide the 2022 income with the following: most recent two paystubs; bank statements; IRS tax return for 2021 or most recent return; unemployment insurance benefits; Alaska PFD and Native Corporation (not including COVID relief payments); senior, veteran, pension, social security, public assistance, self-employed; completed Self-Employment Declaration Form.
- **Release of Information:** Signed and dated by adults 18 years and older within the household.
- Mortgage Lender Documentation: Provide a current mortgage statement and any late payment notices. The W-9 form must also be completed.
- Homeowners Insurance Documentation: Provide a current homeowners statement and any late payment notices. The W-9 form must also be completed.
- Utility Documentation: Provide a current utility statement and any late payment or disconnection notices. The W-9 form must also be completed.
- □ **Heating Fuel Documentation:** Provide a current heating fuel statement and any late payment or disconnection notices. The W-9 form must also be completed.
- Gas and or Propane Documentation: Provide a current gas or propane statement and any late payment or disconnection notices. The W-9 form must also be completed.
- Association Fees/Property Taxes Documentation: Provide a current Association fees/property taxes statement and any late payment notices. The W-9 form must also be completed.

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First Name				Last Name	
DOB			Maiden Name		
Phone/Mobile Number				Gender	
Email					
Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Physical Address (if different)					
City		State		Zip Code	

### For reporting purpose, what is your ethnicity?

Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	□Asian
American Indian or Alaska Native	Middle Eastern or North African	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Other ethnicity or origin	

### **REQUESTED ASSISTANCE:** What kind of assistance are you in need of:

□ Mortgage Assistance □ Homeowners Insurance □ Utility Assistance □ Heating Fuel Assistance

 $\Box$  Gas Assistance  $\Box$  Propane Assistance  $\Box$  Association Fess  $\Box$  Property Taxes

### HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Please list all members of your household including yourself. *Leave enrollment number blank if unknown*.

Name	DOB or	Last 4 SSN	Relation to Applicant	NEC Enrollment #
Self				

### Household Income

Tell us about your household total income and any deductions for all household members who are 18 years or older for the 2021 calendar year or confirmation of the household monthly income at the time of application. Monthly income can be used to determine eligibility over a 12-month period using your IRS tax return. Applicants must provide this information to the best of their ability and should only complete fields that are applicable (not all fields are required). NEC staff can help with adjustments as needed.

Household Member Full Name	Total Source of Income	Total Income with Adjustments
	Total Household Income	

#### Total Household Income:

If you are not able to provide the 2021 IRS tax return. Please provide the 2022 income with the following: most recent two paystubs; bank statements; unemployment insurance benefits; Alaska PFD and Native Corporation (not including COVID relief payments); senior, veteran, pension, social security, public assistance, completed Self-Employment Declaration Form.

The Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF)\_will provide financial assistance for qualified expenses to homeowners with incomes equal to or less than 150 % of the area median income for their household size or 100 % of the median income for the United States, whichever is greater. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development determines each of these income calculations.

The following example for the FY 2021 HAF Income Limits for Nome Census Area, AK: Select any FY2021 HUD Metropolitan FMR Area's Income Limits:

FY 2021 HAF Income Limits Summary for Nome Census Area, AK								
	1-Person	2-Person	3-Person	4-Person	5-Person	6-Person	7-Person	8-Person
Greater of 150% AMI or 100% of U.S. Median Income	\$98,000	\$112,000	\$126,000	\$139,950	\$151,150	\$162,350	\$173,550	\$184,750

### **Self-Employment Declaration Form**

Tell us about your self-employment income. Adults 18 years and older within the household must provide income documentation for the 2021 calendar year.

Applicants, please attach the following:

- □ Provide a copy of most current/recent Federal Income Tax Return
- □ Copy of current and active business licenses.
- □ Copy of Business account bank statements.

First Name			Last Name	
Contact Number				
Email				
Physical Address				
Mailing Address				
City	Stat	e	Zip Code	

Name of Business			Business Start Date	
Contact Number				
Email				
Physical Address				
Mailing Address				
City	State		Zip Code	
Estimate earned income		(Weekly, N	Ionthly, Annually)	

I certify that the information given on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. By signing my name, I agree to allow information from this form to be used for reporting and follow-up purposes. I understand that my name will never be used in any report and that all data will be kept strictly confidential.

Applicant Signature:	Date:	

	lortgage Lender, Homeowners Insurance, Utility, Heating Fuel, as, Propane, Association Fee, Property Tax Information			
Mortgage Lender & Homeowners Insurance	<ul> <li>The following information and documentation are required for mortgage and Homeowners Insurance to be provided through this program. Payments will be made directly to your mortgage and homeowners insurance lender. The W-9 form must also be completed.</li> <li>&gt; Do you own your home? □ Yes □ No</li> <li>&gt; Is this your primary place of residence? □ Yes □ No</li> <li>&gt; Are you past due on your mortgage? □ Yes □ No</li> <li>&gt; Are you past due on your homeowner's insurance? □ Yes □ No</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>*If yes, attach a copy of your past due unpaid bills from your provider. This can be obtained from your lender and insurance.</li> <li>&gt; Do you need assistance with past due, current, or future assistance? □ Yes □ No</li> <li>&gt; Copy of your mortgage and homeowner's insurance statement.</li> </ul>			
	Mortgage Lender:Contact Number:			
	Homeowners Insurance:Contact Number:			
Utilities, Heating Fuel, Gas and or Propane	<ul> <li>The following information and documentation are required for Utilities, Heating Fuel, Gas and or Propane to be provided through this program. Payments will be made directly to your utilities, heating fuel, gas and or propane provider. The W-9 form must also be completed.</li> <li> Are you past due on your utility, heating fuel, gas or propane bill? □Yes □No</li> <li> Do you need assistance with past due, current, or future assistance? □Yes □ No</li> <li>*If yes, attach a copy of your past due unpaid bills from your provider. This can be obtained from your utilities, heating fuel, gas and or propane provider.</li> </ul>			
	Utility Provider: Contact Number:			
	Heating Fuel Provider:Contact Number:			
	Gas and or Propane Provider:Contact Number:			
Association Fees and Property Taxes	<ul> <li>The following information and documentation are required for Association fees and Property Taxes see to be provided through this program. Payments will be made directly to your Association Fees and Property Tax provider. The W-9 form must also be completed.</li> <li> Are you past due on your Association Fees or Property Tax bill? □Yes □No</li> <li> Do you need assistance with past due, current or future assistance? □Yes □No</li> <li>*If yes, attach a copy of your past due unpaid bills from your provider. This can be obtained from your association fees and property taxes provider.</li> <li>Association Fee Provider:Contact Number:</li> </ul>			
	Property Tax Provider: Contact Number:			

Form W-9
(Rev. December 2011)
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

#### Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

ci O	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
Print or type Specific Instructions on page	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:         Individual/sole proprietor       C Corporation       S Corporation       Partnership         Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partner         Other (see instructions) ▶         Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Frust/estate ship) ▶Exempt payee Requester's name and address (optional)
See Sp	City, state, and ZiP code	
	List account number(s) here (optional)	
Pa	rt I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)	
to ave reside entitie	your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name old backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for ant allen, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other es, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to ge</i> n page 3.	
Note.	If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose her to enter.	Employer identification number
Par	t II Certification	

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and

3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign	1227 1.025 1.225
oign	Signature of
Here	U.S. person ►

#### **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

#### **Purpose of Form**

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income. Date ►

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- . An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- · A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or
- organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

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## AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Signed and dated by each household member aged 18 or older.

I/We,\_\_\_\_authorize Nome Eskimo Community (NEC) to receive/release information from/to agencies and financial institutions to verify my/our application for participation in the NEC Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF).

Information may also be obtained directly from financial institutions concerning information about income. I/we understand that income information obtained from these sources will be used solely to verify information that I/we provided in determining eligibility for the HAF and will only apply to time periods relevant to the determination of HAF assistance.

Verification and or reports include but are not limited to records of: Bank Statements, State Public Assistance, Native Corporation Dividends, Permits Fund Dividend, Unemployment Compensation, Workers Compensation, Internal Revenue Service, Social Security, SSI.

I/We understand that this authorization cannot be used to obtain any information about me that is not pertinent to my/our eligibility.

I/We agree that a photocopy of this authorization may be used for the purposes stated above. The original of this Authorization is on file with NEC and will stay in effect for one (1) year from the date signed. I/We understand I/we have a right to review my/our file and correct any information that I/we can prove is incorrect.

First Name:		
Last Name:	Maiden Name:	
DOB:	Last 4 SSN:	
Phone Number:		
Mailing Address:		
City, ST:	Zip:	

Applicant Signature:

Date:

**OTHER MORTGAGE RELIEF:** Has your household received, or do you anticipate receiving another source of public or private subsidy or assistance that is similar to this program such as BSRHA, AHFC Programs or other NEC Emergency Homeowners Assistance Fund? 

Yes 
No

If yes, what is the name of the program?

**ATTESTATION:** To be eligible, you or a member of your household must demonstrate risk of homelessness or housing instability and suffered a financial hardship after January 21, 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic.

You, or a member of your household (please check all that apply):

Qualified for unemployment benefits between March 13, 2020 – Present (do not need to be receiving benefits currently to qualify).

□ Reduced income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please describe:

□ Significant increased costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please describe:

□ Other financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please describe:

By signing below, I do hereby attest those one or more individuals in my household have experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the COVID-19 pandemic. I agree to notify the Nome Eskimo Community of any significant changes to my household income or financial status that would impact my eligibility for the HAF Program.

By my signature below, I certify that the preceding facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that providing misleading or false information may result in denial or require repayment of benefits received.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
Internal Use Only: Date Received	Enrollment verified
□ Income verified□ Da	ate Approved