

PENOBSCOT NATION COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Penobscot's Nation COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program is designed to assist Tribal citizens with emergency rental housing related assistance. Eligible applicants: (1) must have a Penobscot Nation member living in their household (2) must qualify for unemployment benefits or have faced a reduction in household income or financial hardship due to the pandemic (3) must demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and (4) household income cannot be more than 80 percent of the Area Median Income. Assistance may include Rent Arrears, Utility and Home Energy Costs Arrears, Current and Prospective Rent, and Current and Prospective Utility Costs. *This program does not include mortgage payments*.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully and submit a completed application with all required documentation as set forth below. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

- Complete, signed COVID ERA Application.
- Provide a copy of Penobscot Nation membership card for applicant and all household members (if applicable)
- Provide a copy of photo identification (for adults).
- Provide a copy of a Social Security card or numbers for each household member.
- Provide a copy of current lease, landlord agreement or rental statement form (must be in applicant's name).
- Provide a Discharge notice or other declaration showing reduction in overall income due to COVID.
- Provide a statement showing proof of income (or lack thereof) for the past 30 days for each adult in the household (Check stubs, payment statements, 2020 year tax returns may also be used).
- Provide copies of current utility bills (must be in applicant's name).

Return this application and all requested information to the mailing address provided, physical drop off location or via email at <u>RentalAssistance@penobscotnation.org</u>:

Mailing: Penobscot Nation ERA Program 12 Wabanaki Way Indian Island, ME 04468 Physical Location: (Drop Box) Penobscot Nation ERA Program Nicholas Sapiel Building 27 Wabanaki Way Indian Island