PENOBSCOT NATION’S EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Match 16, 2022

The Penobscot Nation received limited funds to operate an Emergency Rental Assistance Program from the US Department of Treasury in 2020. This program is scheduled to end in September of 2022, unless federal legislation is passed and additional funds become available to the ERA-1 program.

Please be advised that the Penobscot ERA funds are being expended at a rapid rate, given the significant needs of tribal families and the continued economic impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on so many.

Regretfully, given the limited amount of remaining ERA funds, as of today’s date we will no longer be able to accept new applications for hotel or motel stays.

ERA assistance will continue for those individuals and families currently in hotels or motels, along with those receiving rental and utility assistance under the program until the ERA funds either are expended or until September, 2022, whichever comes first.

The Penobscot ERA staff is continuing to provide outreach services to help individuals and families find and secure rental housing and we are working diligently to identify additional resources that can provide assistance now and in the future.

Individuals and families are encouraged to reach out to the ERA staff to identify resources that may be available to assist during this challenging time. We can be reached at 207-817-7396 or by email at Jayden.Love@penobscotnation.org and Alexis.Ireland@penobscotnation.org.