FAQs for CARES Act Education and Housing Cost Assistance Grants

Who is eligible?
- Enrolled Citizens of Tlingit & Haida who have been impacted by COVID-19 are eligible for the Education and Housing Cost Assistance Grants.

I don’t live in Alaska, but I am an enrolled citizen can I still get assistance?
- Yes, if you are an enrolled tribal citizen and U.S. citizen you are eligible to apply.

Can I apply for the Education and Housing Cost Assistance Grant?
- If your household has experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19, then you are eligible to apply for both the Education and Housing Cost Assistance Grants.

How many grants can I receive?
- You are only eligible to receive one Education Cost Assistance and one Housing Cost Assistance Grant PER household.

How much help can I get?
- If eligible, your household can receive up to $500 dollars for the Education Cost Assistance Grant.
- If eligible, your household can receive up to $500 dollars for the Housing Cost Assistance Grant.

My rent is more than $500.00. Why can’t Tlingit & Haida provide more funds??
- Due to the amount of CARES Act funds we received we are only able to award one Education Cost Assistance and one Housing Cost Assistance Grant per household.
- We do have other programs at Tlingit & Haida that you may be eligible for.
  - TANF –
    - Juneau – 907.463.7158
    - Ketchikan – 907.225.2033
    - Sitka – 907.747.3790
  - Elderly Services – 1.800.344.1432 x 7131 or Local 463.7131
  - General Assistance – 463.7332

We have two families living in one household. Can we apply twice?
- No. Grants are awarded on a per household basis. You are only eligible for one Education Cost and one Housing Cost grant.

How long will it take to receive the grant?
- If you are approved, processing funds will take approximately two weeks.

Why will it take so long?
- We anticipate a wide demand for the grants. To allow for accuracy of processing a high volume of sensitive information, it is estimated to take up to two weeks.

I am not an enrolled member of Tlingit & Haida but I am a parent/guardian of a child who is enrolled with Tlingit & Haida. Can I apply for the Cares Act Assistance Grants?
• The grants are awarded on a per household basis. As long as the enrolled child/member lives in your household then you can apply for the grants.

I am not enrolled with Tlingit & Haida but I have my Bureau of Indian Affairs Letter/Card. Can I still apply?
• No, you just be an enrolled member with Tlingit & Haida.

Can I apply for the CARES Act Assistance Grants if I have submitted my enrollment application?
• Do you have a Provisional Enrollment?
  o Yes?
    ▪ Then you are eligible to apply.
  o No?
    ▪ Then you aren’t eligible to apply.

How can I turn in my application?
• Applications can be sent to caresrelief@ccthita-nsn.gov
• Applications can be faxed to 888-493-5169
• If you live in Juneau applications can be dropped off to the guard at the Andrew Hope Building

For more information or additional questions, please contact:
907.463.7788 or caresrelief@ccthita-nsn.gov