



## **FOOD SECURITY AND BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

### **I. MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Bear River Band understands that food insecurity and utility assistance is a common need for tribal members and in an effort to support tribal families, tribal members have access to this funding to ensure basic household needs are met.

### **II. GOALS:**

The assistance program is geared toward ensuring that tribal members have access to food and utilities necessary to live a healthy life.

### **III. DEFINITIONS:**

*Basic Needs* – includes propane, gas, electricity, and water.

*Food* – Any edible item purchased from a grocery store, excluding alcohol and tobacco products.

### **IV. FOOD CARD ASSISTANCE**

#### **Eligibility**

1. In order to receive the full amount awarded for this policy, the beneficiary must be an enrolled member of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria age 18 and above.
2. Tribal member must submit a completed benefit request application 7-14 days in advance.

#### **Limits of Assistance**

1. Tribal members can receive one food card per quarter in the amount of \$100.00 not to exceed \$400.00 per calendar year.
2. Food must be purchased from a grocery store, this policy will not cover fast food or restaurant food.
3. Reimbursements for food purchases will not be accepted.
4. No alcohol or tobacco is to be purchased using this fund.
5. Tribal member must submit receipts to the benefits coordinator within 30 days of purchase.
6. Tribal Members outside of tribal land more than 50 miles will be issued a check unless they request a food card for the following grocery stores: WinCo, Grocery

Outlet or Costco. Failure to provide receipts within thirty (30) days will result in a per capita deduction.

7. Tribal members may not apply for another food card until receipts have been submitted and accepted.

### **Program Payments**

Once the benefit request form is approved by the benefits coordinator, the food card will be available within 1-4 business days.

## **V. BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE**

### **Eligibility**

1. In order to receive the full amount awarded for this policy, the beneficiary must be an enrolled member of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria and between the ages of 18 and above.
2. Each tribal member age 18 and above will have access to \$500.00 per calendar year for basic needs.
3. Tribal member must submit a benefit request form to the benefits coordinator with an attached bill/invoice to receive basic needs assistance.
4. Tribal member must submit a completed benefit request application 7-14 days in advance.

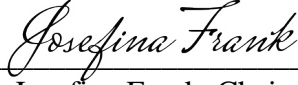
### **Limits of Assistance**

1. All bills/invoices will be paid to the vendor only.
  2. All bills/invoices to be paid must be in the name of the tribal member requesting assistance.
  3. Utility bills must be in *Past Due* status. Only the past due amount will be paid up to the \$500 benefit limit per calendar year.
  4. This policy will not be used to pay phone service bills, cable, internet service bills, purchase of cell phones or cell phone minutes.
  5. This policy will not be used to pay monthly reoccurring fees.
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This is to certify that the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Tribal Council duly assembled in Loleta, CA and adopted the foregoing policy on February 28, 2023 by a vote of

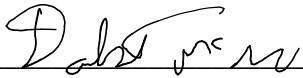
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Josefina Frank, Chairperson



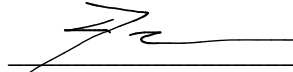
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