

The Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is federally funded by P.L. 93-638 contracts. The program is to improve the living standards by providing decent, safe and sanitary homes within the territorial boundaries of the Navajo Nation. HIP provides housing assistance through home repairs, renovation of existing home, and replacement of existing house or new construction to assist eligible very-low-income families and/or individual.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ◆ Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Navajo Tribe.
- ◆ Lives in an approved Navajo Tribal service area.
- ◆ Annual household income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines.
- ◆ Present housing is substandard.
- ◆ Must have a finalized home site lease or residential lease in the primary's name.
- ◆ Has no other resource for housing assistance.
- ◆ Has not received assistance from HIP before.
- ◆ Has not received any other type of federal government sponsored housing program assistance over the previous 20-year period.

For down payment assistance available to eligible borrowers to participate in HIP. The applicant must still meet all the eligibility requirements.

Application Requirement Documents

- ◆ Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- ◆ Award letters from social security, retirement benefits, general assistance, veteran benefits, unemployment, etc.
- ◆ Current Federal 1040 tax forms.
- ◆ Supporting documents for disability status.
- ◆ Documentation for Veteran status, DD214, etc.
- ◆ Legal guardianship documents for claiming grandchildren, nieces or nephews under the age of 18.
- ◆ All permanent household members over the age of 18 years must provide required documents and complete all income verification forms.

The housing assistance application must be fully complete, sign and date.

All housing assistance applications and supporting documents are reviewed to determine eligibility. Eligible applicants are ranked according to need, from highest to lowest, based on the total numeric priority points outlined in 25 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Part 256.14.

Housing assistance applications are available annually from February 1 through September 30 at the Agency HIP Offices.

To obtain a housing application, please contact your local agency HIP office.

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Housing assistance applications are available for download on the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development or Community Housing & Infrastructure Dept. websites:
nndcd.org nnchid.org