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ELDER UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICY

1. PURPOSE

The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians ("Tribe") Elder Utility Assistance Program Policy ("Policy") is intended to set forth guidelines for which Tribal Elders may apply to receive financial assistance under the Elder Utility Assistance Program ("Program"). The Program is established to promote the general welfare of the elder population by assisting Tribal Elders in addressing their need for sufficient utilities.

2. GUIDELINES

Assistance will be given to those Tribal members, regardless of location, who meet the following guidelines.

1. The individual is an enrolled member of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians.
2. The individual is age fifty-five (55) years or older.
3. The individual is in need of assistance or agrees to pay taxes on any assistance received.
4. The individual shows actual utility expenses by submitting a request form and current utility bills to the Elder's Committee via the Elder's Coordinator.

3. DETERMINATION OF NEED

(a) An individual is considered to be in need of assistance if their yearly income is equal to or below the yearly median income of California. The yearly median income of California is determined by the Health and Human Services Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program's current "State Median Income Estimates," published in the Federal Register. A determination of an applicants need shall be made once a year.

(b) An individual shall demonstrate their need for assistance by filling out the Request Form and submitting it to the Elder's Coordinator.

(c) The Elder's Committee may reestablish minimum standards of living and income guidelines in order to determine need. The Elder's Committee may look for guidance from federal guidelines such as the federal poverty levels, federal earned income credit levels, and median income figures for national, state, local and/or other communities.

(d) Individuals who do not have a need for assistance, but are otherwise qualified, may still receive assistance if they agree to pay all required taxes.

4. ELECTION OF NEEDS OR NON-NEEDS BASED ASSISTANCE

(a) All applicants will be required to choose between needs based or non-needs based assistance on the application form.

(b) Individuals who chose non-needs based assistance will acknowledge that they understand the requirement to pay taxes on any assistance they may receive.

(c) The amount of assistance shall be equal for needs based and non-needs based assistance.

5. ASSISTANCE AMOUNT

Tribal members who meet the required guidelines may receive a maximum utility assistance of two-hundred dollars ($200) per month, per household. Members shall not resell their utility assistance. If any member is discovered reselling their utility assistance they will be cited subject to penalties and fines, and the matter heard in Tribal Court.

6. REQUESTS PROCEDURE

All requests for utility assistance shall be made by submitting a completed Request Form and a copy of the applicant's current utility bills to the Elder's Committee for review. Request for utility assistance needs to be made once per month.

7. REVIEW PROCEDURE

All requests shall be reviewed by the Elder's Committee at their monthly meeting. The Elder's Committee shall determine whether the request meets the Program's guidelines and inform applicants whether their request has been approved or denied. All determinations by the Elders Committee are final.

8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any member of the Elder's Committee applying for utility assistance may not be present at or involved in the review of his/her own application or immediate family members application. Immediate family member shall include, parent, sibling, and child.

9. AMENDMENTS

This Policy, or any section herein, may be amended by a majority vote of the Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

As a duly-elected official of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, I do hereby certify that, at a meeting duly called, noticed, and convened on the 8th day of August, 2013 at which time a quorum of __7__ was present, this policy was duly adopted by a vote of __6__ FOR, __0__ AGAINST, __1__ ABSTAINED, and said policy has not been rescinded or amended in any form.

8-8-13

Tribal Council Chairperson — Date

ATTEST

8-8-13

Tribal Council Secretary — Date

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RESOLUTION 2013-40

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE ELDER'S UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICY.

WHEREAS, the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians (the "Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians and is recognized as possessing powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Shingle Springs Tribal Council is the duly-elected governing body of the Tribe and is authorized to act on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe, through its Elders Committee, desires to provide utility assistance to its Tribal Elders; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Tribe to create an Elder's Utility Assistance Policy ("Policy") in order to outline the utility assistance program and define the program requirements and process; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the Elder's Utility Assistance Policy, a copy of which is attached, and has found this Policy necessary in order to provide utility assistance to its Tribal Elders.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby approves the attached "Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Elder's Utility Assistance Program Policy", and authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents and agreements necessary as may be required to give effect to the transactions, herein contemplated, and to take such other actions as may hereby be necessary and appropriate to carry out the obligations there under.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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As a duly-elected official of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, I do hereby certify that, at a meeting duly called, noticed, and convened on the 8th day of August, 2013 at which time a quorum of 7 was present, this resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED, and said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any form.

Chairperson — Date: 8/8/13

ATTEST:

Secretary — Date: 8-8-13