COVID-19 At home, On-the-Land Assistance Program Guidelines

Dehcho First Nations has received funds from the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to distribute to Dehcho Member Organizations. These funds have been provided directly to each DFN Organization.

Dehcho First Nations members can apply for funds to go on the land, OR if they are unable to go on the land, funds for groceries, supplies, etc. that are needed, directly from their First Nations or Metis Organizations.

Applications can be received from each person’s First Nations or Metis Organization. Because of the need for physical distancing and now that many offices are working from home, all applications must be distributed via email and submitted via email or by other means, but not in person. If you do not have internet or a computer etc., we ask people to reach out to those that do, through a phone call and ask for their help with the application process. We can use technology (phones and computers) to still get things done.

Guidelines

- Individuals or families (those living together in a household) that are able to go on the land, can apply directly to their First Nation or Metis Organization.
- Individuals or families (those living in your household) that are NOT able to go on the land and require assistance to access groceries, or other supplies (cleaning supplies, wood for wood stove etc.) can apply directly to their First Nation or Metis Organization. It is encouraged that the elderly or homebound are supported.
- Applicants must reside in the NWT. They do not need to live in their home community to apply for the funds, but do need to be residents of the NWT.
- All Dehcho First Nations members all eligible and will be able to access the fund.
- People who apply must secure their own resources to go on the land, either with this fund or through their own resources. For example: you could apply for gas money, however you cannot apply for the purchase of your own personal ski doo.
- Funding recipients are required to submit photographs back to your community office of their time on the land (suggested 1-3 photographs / funding recipient)
- Eligible costs to go on the land include: **Transportation costs, materials and supplies**
  - For example: gas, groceries, some camping gear, some equipment etc. (as guided by community office discretion)
  - Firearms and ammunition are not eligible expenses.
- Eligible costs for those that cannot go on the land include: **food and other necessary supplies (cleaning supplies, wood for wood stove etc.)** (as guided by community office discretion)
- On the land activities are to be line with current recommendations from the NWT Chief Public Health Officer. Physical distancing must be followed. For more information go to the GNWT HSS Website. https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/social-distancing

**Process**

Contact your local First Nation or Metis Organization: Their contact details are below.

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**Fort Simpson Metis**
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**Pehdzeh Ki First Nation**
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**West Point First Nation:**
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**Nahanni Butte Dene Band**
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