

MI'KMAO NEWS

SPECIAL EDITION HOUSING FALL 2008



IMPORTANT

Off-reserve Housing program is now approved.

FNI has negotiated \$1,025,000.00 for FNI members to make repairs to their homes.

Deadline dates are outlined in this newsletter.

Applications will be available at www.fni.nf.ca or by calling our main office.

OFF-RESERVE ABORIGINAL HOUSING PROGRAM APPROVED

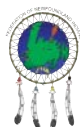
Dear members, it has been a long wait; however the Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI) is pleased to inform you, that the Off-reserve Aboriginal Housing Program has now been approved by the province of Newfoundland and Labrador for delivery. This is the program funding that the FNI have been updating you on over the past couple of years which was transferred to the province by the federal government. We understand that this is not the most appropriate time of the year to begin housing repairs; however for those who are interested in applying for such a program you can certainly use this time to get your application submitted and hopefully approved to begin the necessary work first thing in the spring of 2009. This program is open to all FNI homeowners with an annual income of thirty-five thousand (\$35,000.00) dollars or less and with eligible housing repair that meet the requirement of the program, additional information is available on the application.

The Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing repair program has a limited budget for each organization. The FNI has negotiated \$1,025,000.00 for phase 1, ending November 30, 2009. The FNI has set the first deadline for applications on February 28, 2009. If all funds are not awarded from the first review of applications a second deadline will be on June 30th, 2009 and finally if all funds are not awarded from the second review of applications a third deadline will be on August 30th, 2009. Application has been placed on the FNI website www.fni.nf.ca or visit either FNI offices to get a copy of the application. An administration office for this program will be established in the near future and further notice will be given of its location and contact information.

~Brendan Sheppard; President, FNI

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Federation of Newfoundland Indians Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing Repair Program (FNIORHRP)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants should meet all the following eligibility criteria:

- ~ Be a permanent legal resident of Newfoundland Labrador;
- ~ Be an FNI homeowner;
- ~ Have a combined applicant/co-applicant income at or below \$35,000, as per line 236 on the income tax return;
- ~ Provide proof of homeownership, by way of a deed of clear title or affidavit;
- ~ Must be the owner and occupant of the home;
- ~ Have an eligible repair item; and
- ~ Be at least 19 years of age.

HOUSING INCOME LIMIT

\$35,000

MAXIMUM GRANT AVAILABLE

~ Newfoundland (Island) \$8,000

INCOME VERIFICATION

Income verification is mandatory. Acceptable verification of income for this program shall be an Option C Print Out (available from Revenue Canada), from the previous calendar year, for the applicant and co-applicant.

INELIGIBLE PROPER- TIES

- ~ Non-owner occupied principal residences;
- ~ Multiple unit residential complexes;
- ~ Homes for sale;
- ~ Not-for-Profit rental properties; and
- ~ New homes under construction.

GRANT FUNDING

Grant funding will be available to eligible FNI homeowners, up to \$8,000.

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