



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –U.S. TREASURY

AVCP RHA is partnering with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to help distribute the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to assist eligible tenants with rent payments and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The initial registration on the AHFC website and telephone closed on March 5, 2021 but you are still able to submit an application for the next round of funding that should be soon. Please contact AHFC or us with any questions.

Under ERA assistance can be provided to homeowners. The regulations are being developed.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 or the COVID-19 Stimulus Package, a \$1.9 trillion dollar economic stimulus bill was passed by the United States Congress and signed by the President on March 11, 2021. ARPA will assist in the economic and health recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic. The NAHASDA Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program was allocated \$450 million. The plan is to allocate ARPA in the same way CARES Act of 2020 was allocated.

Tribes are calling for tribal consultation in developing regulations to implement ARPA.

FY2022 INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT – INDIAN HOUSING PLAN

AVCP RHA will begin planning and developing the Indian Housing Plan (IHP) for the FY21 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG). The program year FY2022 begins on October 1, 2021. We will send out notices and solicitations to Tribes under the AVCP RHA tribally-designated housing entity (TDHE umbrella to receive suggestions and ideas. This information will be considered to develop the AVCP RHA Indian Housing Plan.

Eligible activities are determined by HUD but can include new housing development, modernization and weatherization of existing homes, voucher assistance programs, and other housing-related activities. We will be reaching out to each Tribe via email, fax and regular mail to solicit ideas for activities for this program year.

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CARES ACT – EMERGENCY VOUCHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Funding under the AVCP Regional Housing Authority 2020 CARES Act is still available to provide assistance to eligible individuals and families whose incomes and ability to pay for house payments, rent, utilities, fuel, and water and sewer were affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

. Eligibility requirements include:

- Must be a tribal member of Tribe that has named AVCP RHA as their Tribally-Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) and must be residing in that village.
- Low Income and Non-Low Income tribal members (based on HUD income guidelines) are eligible to apply. Proof of income (pay stubs, tax returns, etc.) will be required for tracking purposes.
- Total Assistance including mortgage, rental, utility, and laundry tokens is capped at \$500 per family.
- All approved assistance will be sent directly to the mortgage-holder, landlord, or utility for payments.
- Must provide documentation that shows you were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic from either losing a job, reduced work hours, furloughed, or other applicable reasons.
- Applicants cannot duplicate assistance from other federally-funded programs for the same payment in the same month (ex: Receiving electric bill assistance from two different programs for the same month).
- Other eligibility criteria will be expressed to applicants directly if needed



Mark Charlie, CEO

CEO CORNER

I express my appreciation and thanks to all of you, the tribes, who did what you can to slow the spread of the pandemic. Your work and decisions are working as we see the numbers of the virus going down. I thank those that took the vaccination to help themselves, your family and friends, and everyone in the village and the region. Special shout-out to the village of Mekoryuk for 100% of the people getting the shot and special recognition to the mother and daughter duo team for their hard work. KUDOS!

With these lower numbers we are going back to business as usual and soon everything will be normal and we can see and greet each other without our masks on albeit we are beginning to recognize people even when they are wearing a mask! Hope your spring hunts are bountiful and your spring activities safe!

AVCP RHA PROGRAMS

The following programs are currently offered by AVCP RHA in villages and in Bethel.

Homeownership Programs

Mutual Help Program; Home Mortgage Program; and the Very Low Income Housing Program.

Low Rental Programs—Bethel

Bethel Low Rental. Available to eligible families. The rent is 30% of the adjusted gross income;

Ayalpik Apartments is for eligible elders and handicapped applicants. The rent is 30% of the adjusted gross income; and

Lulu Heron Apartments is for eligible elders and handicapped applicants. The rent is 30% of the adjusted gross income.

Low Rent Programs -Villages

AVCP RHA has triplex units for eligible applicants. The rent is 15% of the adjusted gross income. The units in St. Mary's (2), Kotlik (1), Tuntutuliak (1), Kipnuk (1), Toksook Bay (1), Napakiak (1), Aniak (1), Scammon Bay (2), Chevak (4), Alakanuk (3) and Low Income Tax Credit in Hooper Bay (19).

Other Programs

Emergency Voucher Assistance Program. The program provides financial assistance to program eligible applicants pay are facing cut-off of services for fuel, electricity or utilities cost or facing eviction.

For information about any of the programs contact the AVCP RHA office.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board and Directors first face to face meeting was in a Strategic Planning session. The Board and Directors met for 2-days. The session was timely and good way to start after not having met in person since February 2020. We discussed plans, strategies, and goals for the organization. These are important sessions that give us a process of documenting and establishing a direction for the organization by assessing where we are and where we want to go. With these discussions, we will put a plan in place to ensure success in the future providing affordable housing and program needs.

MODERNIZATION PROJECTS

Facilities and Special Projects Department has plans to do modernization work in several villages in 2021: They include

Kotlik, 19 units. Electrical Upgrades; Mekoryuk, 5 units, Electrical Upgrades; Kongiganak, Releveling; Scammon Bay, 1 unit, Demolition; and Platinum, 1 unit, Water and Sewer Installation.

On-Going Projects: Russian Mission, 20 units, Boiler upgrades and heating elements; and Chevak, 17 units, Boiler upgrade and heating elements



NEW HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

On-Going Projects: St. Mary's, 2 units; Scammon Bay, 2 units; Tuluksak 1 unit; Akiak (replacement) 1 unit.

Planned 2021 Projects: Kotlik 2 units; Mekoryuk, 1 unit; Napaskiak 1 unit; Nightmute 1 unit; Toksook Bay 1; and Nunam Iqua 1 unit.

MOVE-INS

This is a report on the move-ins for the 2020 and to date. The report covers move-ins to new houses, vacated units and to rental units. Due to COVID-19 and the travel mandates majority of the move-in and the orientations were conducted over the phone and using mail service to obtain signed documents. New development Move-Ins

Alakanuk 2 units; Platinum 1 unit; Upper Kalskag 1 unit; Chuathbaluk 1 unit; Aniak 1 unit; Stony River 1 unit and Crooked Creek 1 unit.

Vacate Move-Ins

Kongiganak 1; Toksook Bay 1; Chefnak 1; and Kwigillingok 1

Rentals

Ayalpik 4; and Bethel Low Rent 8.



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