



NISGA'A LISIMS GOVERNMENT REACHING HOME PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Purpose
 - 1.1 The Nisga'a Homeless Prevention Program is an initiative aimed at providing Nisga'a citizens identified at-risk of or facing homelessness with support services to help them access or maintain housing. The support services help Nisga'a citizen's recipient's access to housing who reside on Nisga'a Lands.
2. Eligibility Criteria
 - 2.1 To be eligible for The Nisga'a Homeless Prevention Program, the Nisga'a citizen must
 - (a) Reside on Nisga'a Lands,
 - (b) Women or men who have experienced violence or are at risk of violence,
 - (c) Individuals leaving the correctional or hospital systems,
 - (d) At risk of eviction from primary residence,
 - (e) Proof of access to a secured residence,
 - (f) Proof of furniture need (no furniture, or damaged furniture, etc),
 - (g) Proof of income.

2.2 You will not be eligible for The Nisga'a Homeless Prevention Program if:

- (a) A member of your residence is already receiving or received support from The Nisga'a Homeless Prevention Program in the past 12 months.

3. Housing Services

3.1 If you are eligible and approved, the support service can assist with

- (a) Rent
- (b) Damage Deposit
- (c) Furniture – (Max \$1,000)
- (d) Basic Needs – (Max \$200)
- (e) Moving Expenses – Relocation
- (f) Utility – 1st time Renters
- (g) Groceries at move-in – (Max \$200)

3.2 Prevention

- (a) Rent Arrears – Current with Eviction notice.
- (b) Utility Arrears – Current disconnection
- (c) Emergency Housing
- (d) Life skills
- (e) Tenancy Agreement

4. Client Support Services

- (a) Mental Health & Wellness
- (b) Addictions workshop/recovery
- (c) Counselling

- (d) Harm reduction.
- (e) Shelter supports.
- (f) Traditional/Cultural Activities – elders
- (g) Food vouchers

4.2 Before receiving services:

- (a) Intake application must provide all details of needs, supported with documents as described in application.
- (b) Signed tenancy agreement.
- (c) Navigator to advocate and ensure all other resources of financial assistance has been exhausted (Jordan's Principal, Village Government, Social Development, and other)
- (d) In-person only interview
- (e) Payments will be made through Purchase Order, Gift Certificate or Voucher where applicable.