



Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to support Elders to live independently for longer through minor repairs and safety modifications to their homes.

Eligibility

This program is intended to benefit TNG Elders who are on limited income or have become disabled and need an emergency or minor repair of their home to maintain a safe and healthy living environment.

Eligible individuals must be:

- a) an individual on the Toquaht Nation Citizenship Register, in accordance with *Toquaht Nation Citizenship Act*, who is at least 55 years of age.

Income limitations

1. Combined gross income of the homeowner and spouse/partner in the home being repaired or renovated must be below \$42,619.20 for an applicant(s) to be eligible. Elders must submit verification of income to be considered.
2. Elders must provide proof that they own their home for house repairs to be considered. Safety enhancements are an exception (grab bars, railings, non-slip surfaces, broken stairs).
3. With limited funding, repairs are prioritized first by need and safety. Allocations will be approved with priority placed on health and safety issues, age, and disability and be provided on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the fiscal year.
4. Applications may be filled out with the Community Health and Social Development Coordinator to start the process.

Examples of emergency or minor housing repairs:

- Safety enhancements (grab bars, handrails, non-slip surfaces, walk-in showers, broken stairs (indoors and outdoors))
- Appliances needed for health and safety (e.g., fridge, stove, washer)
- Minor roof repair
- Water leakage / plumbing
- Furnace / heating malfunction
- Fumigation / mould removal
- Chimney cleaning / repair

- Minor electrical
5. Once an Elder receives a minor repair on their house they will not be eligible to be apply for further funding for that fiscal year.
 6. Maximum annual amount that can be funded is \$4,000.00.
 7. Must demonstrate that the required repairs are a health, safety or fire hazard and may require confirmation or recommendation of the appropriate authorities or knowledgeable professional.
 8. Citizen must provide a quote from supplier or contractor. Payments will only be made directly to suppliers or contractors.

Exclusions

1. Repairs that are required because of intentional abuse. For example, if someone willfully damaged the home, the person who is responsible should also be responsible to fix what they damaged.
2. Repairs that have been previously funded by TNG, except for regular maintenance required to ensure continued safe functioning (i.e., chimney sweep).
3. Further exclusions:
 - Paint and wall repairs (except to make renovations to accommodate mobility aids)
 - Repair of luxury items (hot tubs, garages, dishwashers)
 - Fixtures, doors, lightbulbs
 - Damage to walls, floors
 - Damage caused by pets
 - Structural issues (foundations, framing, roof replacement)