



PENOBSCOT NATION
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Penobscot Nation COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program is designed to assist Tribal citizens with emergency rental housing related assistance. Eligible applicants : **(1)** must have a Penobscot Nation member living in their household **(2)** must qualify for unemployment benefits or have faced a reduction in household income or financial hardship due to the pandemic **(3)** must demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and **(4)** household income cannot be more than 80 percent of the Area Median Income. Assistance may include Rent Arrears, Utility and Home Energy Costs Arrears, Current and Prospective Rent, and Current Utility Costs. ***This program is for renters only.***

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully and submit a completed application with all required documentation as set forth below. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

- Complete, signed COVID ERA Application.
- Provide a copy of Penobscot Nation membership card for applicant and all household members (if applicable)
- Provide a copy of photo identification (for adults).
- Provide a copy of a Social Security card or numbers for each household member.
- Provide a copy of current lease, landlord agreement or rental statement form (must be in applicant's name).
- Provide a Discharge notice or other declaration showing reduction in overall income due to COVID.
- Provide a statement showing proof of income (or lack thereof) for the past 30 days for each adult in the household (Check stubs, payment statements, 2020 year tax returns may also be used).
- Provide copies of current utility bills (must be in applicant's name or spouses name).
- Provide a statement explaining financial hardship affecting ability to pay rent, utilities due to COVID-19.

Return this application and all requested information to the mailing address provided, physical drop off location or via email at RentalAssistance@penobscotnation.org:

Mailing: Penobscot Nation
ERA Program
12 Wabanaki Way
Indian Island, ME 04468

Physical Location:
Penobscot Nation
ERA Program
Nicholas Sapiel Building
27 Wabanaki Way
Indian Island
(Drop Box- side entrance)