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**A Message from the Office of April Bennett, Housing & Poverty Reduction Officer, Ktaqmkuk Reaching Home Hub
Social Development Department**

Good day, members and residents!

Just sharing this valuable resource offered by Qalipu First Nation

- April Bennett

Qalipu First Nation Launches Seniors Emergency Home Repair Assistance Program

Qalipu First Nation Housing Division is pleased to announce the launch of the Seniors Emergency Home Repair Assistance Program, designed to help senior homeowners safely remain in their homes during urgent situations. The program provides financial support for critical home repairs that, if left unaddressed, could make a home unsafe or unlivable.

The program provides up to \$5,000 in financial assistance for critical repairs. It is open to Qalipu First Nation members aged 55 and older living in Newfoundland and Labrador. Applicants must submit all required supporting documentation, and it is strongly recommended that all applicants and co-applicants review the application in its entirety to ensure that it is complete before submission. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

To qualify, applicants combined annual household net income must not exceed the following:

Number of Persons in the Household/Combined Income Eligibility

1 Person- \$51,000

2 Persons- \$88,674

3 Persons - \$120,966

4 Persons - \$148,474

5 Persons - \$154,454

Applications will be assessed on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be accepted until all program funding is exhausted.

Applications and full program details can be found here: <https://qalipu.ca/qalipu/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Qalipu-Seniors-Emergency-Home-Repair-Assistance-Program-Application.pdf>

For questions or help completing your application, our housing team is available by phone at 709-634-0996 or by email at housingproject@qalipu.ca.



REMINDER

**Aging Well at Home Grant
Application Form**



Program Details

The Aging Well at Home Grant provides financial assistance to low-income adults 65 years and older who live in their own home to help with the costs of household and health care services. Eligible households will receive \$400. Only one person per household may apply for the supplement.

Who can apply for the grant?

Eligible individuals must:

- Be 65 years of age or older as of March 31, 2025;
- Have an annual household net income of \$50,000 or less for couples or \$32,700 or less for single households ("Net Income" is the income identified on Line 23600 in the Notice of Assessment provided by the Canada Revenue Agency. Call 1-800-959-8281 if you need a copy of your Notice of Assessment);
- Live in a home or apartment that you own or rent. Only one person can apply from each household;
- Be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador; and,
- Have paid, or will pay, for eligible household and health care services between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026.

How to apply

Submit completed application form and supporting documentation online to:

Aging.Well@nlhealthservices.ca

or by mail to:

NL Health Services-Central Zone
3 Bell Place, Level 3
Gander, NL A1V 2T4

or by fax: (709) 651-3556

Call the Flat Bay Band at (709) 647-1370
if you need an application printed for you!

Required Documentation

- I have enclosed a copy of my Notice of Assessment and my spouse's Notice of Assessment (if applicable) from tax year 2024.
- I have enclosed proof of residential address.
- I have enclosed a copy of my MCP card.

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April Bennett - Reaching Home Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – Eligibility

1. What is the Reaching Home Program? Reaching Home is a federal homelessness program funded by the Government of Canada. It provides short-term supports to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or are at immediate risk of becoming homeless. The program focuses on prevention, housing stability, and helping people secure and maintain safe housing.

2. Who is eligible for the Reaching Home Program?

You may be eligible if you are:

- Experiencing homelessness (sleeping outdoors, in emergency shelters, couch surfing, or staying in unsafe or temporary housing), or
- At immediate risk of homelessness due to factors such as eviction, utility disconnection, unsafe housing conditions, or financial crisis.

Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis.

3. Does the program only help people who are currently homeless? No. The program also provides homelessness prevention supports for individuals and families who are at serious risk of losing their housing, where intervention can prevent homelessness.

4. Do I need to be Indigenous to access the program?

Eligibility depends on the specific funding stream:

- Indigenous Reaching Home Programs serve Indigenous individuals and families (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis).
- Non-Indigenous streams serve the general population.
- Program staff can help determine which stream applies to your situation.

5. Do I need to be on Income Support or EI to qualify? No. You do not need to be on Income Support or EI to be eligible. However, clients are often required to explore all other available income supports and resources first. Reaching Home is intended as short-term or emergency assistance, not ongoing income support.

6. What types of assistance does Reaching Home provide?

Depending on eligibility and available funding, supports may include:

- Rent arrears or short-term rental assistance
- Utility arrears (power, heat, water)
- Damage deposits or housing set-up costs
- Emergency accommodations
- Case management and referrals to other services
- Mediation with landlords or service providers

All assistance is time-limited and based on assessed need.

7. How is eligibility decided?

Eligibility is determined through an intake and assessment process that considers:

- Housing status and risk of homelessness
- Income and financial situation
- Barriers such as disability, health issues, family violence, or employment challenges
- Availability of other resources or programs

Funding is not guaranteed and depends on program criteria and available funds.

8. Can I receive help more than once? Reaching Home funding is generally intended as one-time or limited emergency assistance. Repeat assistance may be restricted, and clients are encouraged to work with case managers on longer-term housing stability plans.

9. What documents do I need to apply?

Documents may include (but are not limited to):

- Photo identification
- Proof of income or lack of income
- Lease or rental agreement
- Utility bills or arrears notices
- Eviction or disconnection notices

Program staff will advise what is required for your specific situation.

10. Does Reaching Home guarantee housing or payment of arrears? No. The program does not guarantee housing or financial assistance. Supports are based on eligibility, assessed need, prevention of homelessness, and available funding at the time of application.

11. How do I apply or get more information?

To apply or learn more:

- Contact your local Reaching Home program office
- Request a referral from a community agency or service provider
- Speak directly with program staff to complete an intake assessment

Please contact the Office of April Bennett, Housing & Poverty Reduction Officer, and I will be happy to do an intake assessment with you. I can be reached at 709-647-1370 or email aprilbennettflatbayband@gmail.com