

WALKER RIVER HOUSING DEPARTMENT  
**ELDERLY/DISABLED UTILITY ASSISTANCE POLICY**

(Policy amended WR-52-2015, WR-36-2016)

This Statement of Assistance Policy complies with the Indian Housing Plan of the Walker River Paiute Tribe Housing Department and ensures that the policy remains in compliance with the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act.

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**A. Purpose**

The purpose of this statement is to provide utility assistance to the elderly/disabled persons to ensure continued utility/service; for safe and sanitary conditions and better living environments. This policy is to be used for heating resources only.

**B. Application of Policy**

This policy is applicable to all low income tribal member residents of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Reservation, Nearly Elderly persons (55 years of age) and Elderly (62 years of age), and for persons who have been declared disabled and who are considered low income as outlined in paragraph II. (Amended WR-52-2015)

**C. Availability**

This service will be provided twice a year; October 1st thru December 31st and January 1st thru May 1st. These services will be contingent on availability of funding and resources for pellets and wood. (Amended WR-36-2016)

**II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

A. Low-income elders whose income does not exceed 80 percent of the median income for this area, as determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, with adjustments for small and larger families.

B. Elderly persons (62 years of age and older) as defined in NAHASDA of 1996, and Near Elderly persons (55 years of age and older). (Amended WR-52-2015)

C. Disabled persons as defined by the American Disabilities Act and who are currently receiving disability payments.

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### III. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

#### A. Application

Persons must fill out a Request for Elderly/Disabled Utility Assistance annually. This is the basic record of each person applying for services. Each applicant will be required to provide all information as requested, sign all necessary forms, and provide documentation of income.

All information provided to Walker River Housing Department is confidential and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility.

### IV. APPROVAL

A. Each application will be reviewed by the Executive Director or designated Supervisor for eligibility.

B. All applications will be considered with priority given to needs of the elderly/disabled applicants.

C. The limit of no more than \$600.00 per year will be allowed, per applicant. All funding will be contingent upon availability of funds. (Amended WR-36-2016)

(i) WRHD may approve an additional assistance amount of \$250.00 per applicant, if WRHD determines that the applicant has an emergent need. The additional assistance of \$250.00 shall only be utilized for propane expenses only. Not to exceed a maximum limit of \$850.00 per eligible applicant.