

WALKER RIVER HOUSING DEPARTMENT
ELDERLY/DISABLED ASSISTANCE POLICY
(Policy Amended WR-52-2015, Amended WR-37-2016)

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 for assistance to the elderly/disabled in the repairs and rehabilitation of existing homes of low income elderly/disabled persons to ensure access to their homes and barrier free bath facilities; for safe and sanitary conditions and better living environment. This policy is not to be used for items that would be considered as a luxury.

B. Application of Policy

This policy is applicable to all low income residents of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Reservation that are Near Elderly persons, Elderly persons and for persons who have been declared disabled and who are considered low income as outlined in Section II.
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II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Low-income residents

B. Residents whose income lies within the median (80-100) percentile for this area, as determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, with adjustments for small and larger families.

C. Near Elderly persons (55 years of age or older) and Elderly persons as defined in NAHASDA Act of 1996. (62 years of age or older)
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D. Disabled persons as defined by the American Disabilities Act and who are currently receiving disability payments.

E. Certification from a medical professional that there is a need for an accessible route or alterations to dwelling unit. Essential features may include but not limited to entrances, toilet rooms, barrier free shower systems and ADA approved plumbing fixtures.

III. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

A. Application

Persons must fill out a Request for Elderly/Disabled Assistance. This is the basic record of each person applying for services. Each applicant will be required to provide all information 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 emergency needs of elderly/disabled applicants. Funding availability will determine the extent of work to be provided.
- C. A maximum of \$5,000.00 per applicant may be granted on an annual basis for their existing home. All serviced will be contingent upon the availability of funds.
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