

NUNAVUT HARVESTERS SUPPORT PROGRAM

Nunavut Harvesters Support Program (NHSP) is intended to relieve poverty among Inuit in Nunavut and to preserve and advance Inuit harvesting culture, heritage and traditional ways of life by providing Inuit in need with funding assistance to purchase harvesting equipment.

HARVESTING EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

The Harvesting Equipment Program provides Inuit in Nunavut in need with funding assistance to make harvesting equipment and tools more affordable, so that they can participate in traditional harvesting activities. An applicant is considered in need if they require financial assistance to purchase harvesting equipment in order to support their family and/or community. Applicants can also be considered in need if they have suffered equipment loss due to an unavoidable natural disaster.

Funding will be provided in three areas:

- Funding assistance for the purchase of small harvesting equipment;
- Funding assistance for the purchase of safety equipment; and
- Funding assistance for disaster relief.

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AM I ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

To be eligible for funding assistance you must meet the following criteria:

- 16 years of age or older;
- Enrolled under the Nunavut Agreement;
- A harvester who engages in traditional harvesting activity; and
- Your family has not exceeded the annual funding limit (\$1,000) in the applicable fiscal year. For the purpose of this section, your family includes your legal or common-law spouse (your parents, children or other family members or relatives living in the same house who are 16 years of age or older are considered separate families).

Additionally, you must confirm that you either:

- Need financial assistance to purchase required harvesting equipment; or
- Have suffered financial loss due to an accident or disaster.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The Harvesting Equipment Program provides funding assistance for equipment required to carry out hunting, fishing, gathering and/or trapping activities. This includes the following:

- Small Equipment:** 50% of the equipment costs (including shipping costs) to a maximum of \$500 per request and \$1,000 per family each year for small harvesting equipment/tools (See list of eligible small equipment listed in the application form);
- Safety Equipment:** 50% of the equipment costs (including shipping costs) to a maximum of \$500 per request and \$1,000 per family each year for safety equipment used for harvesting (See list of eligible safety equipment listed in the application form);
- Disaster Relief:** 25% of the net replacement cost, to a maximum of \$2,000, for any major harvesting equipment lost in an accident or disaster. To qualify for this program, the equipment must be lost or damaged beyond repair. Net replacement cost refers to the purchase price (including shipping costs) of replacement equipment minus any payment from insurance and/or any other government programs on the same equipment.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you are interested in applying for funding under the Harvesting Equipment Program, application guidelines and forms are available online at www.tunnigavik.com or by contacting the NHSP office. If you require support completing the application form, please contact the NHSP office for assistance.

NHSP may work with your Community Liaison Officer (CLO) and/or local Hunter and Trappers Organization (HTO) to determine whether or not your application for funding will be approved, and will notify you of the decision within thirty (30) days after all the information on your application is reviewed.

