

St. Mary's First Nation Home Heating Supplement Program

- Purpose:** To assist registered St. Mary's Band Members living off reserve with the increasing power costs.
- Definition:** "Applicant" means a **registered** St. Mary's First Nation Band Member 18 years of age and older applying for supplement. This does not include those who have pending applications under custom adoption and/or McIvor. These individuals are not eligible for the Program.
- "Program" means St. Mary's First Nation Home Heating Supplement Program.
- Eligibility:** Applicants must provide an electric bill (NB Power or their extra provincial equivalent) in their name. For greater certainty, the bill submitted must be in the name of a registered Band Member 18 years of age or older; the name of a spouse or common law spouse will not be acceptable. There will be no exception to this rule.
- Term:** Applications will be accepted November 3rd, 2016-December 11th, 2016. No applications or bills will be accepted, processed or reimbursed after December 11th, 2016. There will be **NO** exceptions to this deadline.
- Process:** An application must be received by the Social Department, as well as a copy of a power bill by December 11th, 2016. A cheque in the amount of \$500 will be processed and sent directly to NB Power (or other provincial equivalent) by January 29th, 2017. The application and bill are to be submitted to Paulette Paul, or Erica Paul either in person, via fax at 472-1365 or email, pauletteorr@smfn.ca; ericapaul@smfn.ca. Please note, it may take up to 30 days for NB Power to process these payments.
- Rules:** Only registered St. Mary's First Nation Band Members 18 years of age and older are eligible to apply for this Program.
- Where 2 registered St. Mary's Band members are on the same account for the same location, only one supplement/reimbursement will be issued. For greater certainty, there is one supplement/reimbursement issued per address and/or household.
- Supplements will only be issued for the primary residence of the Applicant. In other words, supplements will not be provided to secondary residences such as camps or cottages.
- Applicants living off reserve, who have been allocated a home on reserve and/or have a Certificate of Possession to a home on reserve, are not eligible for this Program.

For registered Band members who pay heat included in the price of their rent, they will not be eligible for this Program. In order to be eligible, a heating bill (in the Applicant's name) must be submitted.

Reimbursements will be issued in Canadian funds only.

Authority: The Director of Operations will be responsible for the oversight of the Program. However, the Program will be administered through the Social Department.