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BC Resolution # 08-23-23-C

Oneida Nation Assistance Fund Application Submission Period and Disbursement Time Frame for 2023

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee adopted the Oneida General Welfare law, 10 O.C. 1001, through resolution BC-12-08-21-A for the purpose of governing how the Nation provides assistance to eligible members, on a non-taxable basis, through approved programs that promote the general welfare of the Nation pursuant to the principles of the General Welfare Exclusion; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee adopted the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund law (“the Law”), 10 O.C. 1003, through resolution BC-11-30-22-A for the purposes establishing the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance to its members to address their general welfare needs, pursuant to the Oneida General Welfare law; and
- WHEREAS,** section 1003.5-1 of the Law provides that the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund is open to any individual who is a member of the Nation, is age eighteen (18) or older, and submits a completed application during the designated submission timeframe; and
- WHEREAS,** section 1003.5-2 of the Law provides that the Oneida Business Committee is responsible for setting forth through the adoption of a resolution an application submission period and disbursement timeframe for a distribution of assistance from the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** section 1003.5-4 of the Law provides that assistance provided through the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the timeframe set through resolution by the Oneida Business Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** section 1003.6-1 of the Law provides that the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund shall be funded through the Nation’s annual budget, and by any other funding source deemed necessary by the Oneida Business Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** section 1003.6-2 of the Law provides that the Oneida Business Committee shall determine the amount of assistance available to an eligible recipient from the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund per any permitted distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee approved and adopted the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget through resolution BC-12-28-22-D, in which thirty-four million nine hundred thousand five hundred dollars (\$34,900,500) was allocated for, among other things, a potential general welfare assistance program for the Nation's eligible members, in an amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to each enrolled member who is at least eighteen (18) years of age by September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget as adopted through resolution BC-12-28-22-D also included an allocation of six million six hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$6,670,000.00) for a potential general welfare assistance program for the Nation's eligible members, in an amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to each enrolled member who is at least sixty two (62) years of age by September 30, 2023; and

Amount of Assistance for Disbursement

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with section 1003.6-2 of the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund law the Oneida Business Committee determined that for the Fiscal Year 2023 disbursement the amount of assistance available to an eligible recipient from the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund shall be as follows:

- *General Disbursement.* A disbursement of assistance of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) is available to any eligible applicant who is an enrolled member of the Nation, at least eighteen (18) years of age by September 1, 2023, who has submitted an Oneida Nation Assistance Fund application.
- *Additional Disbursement for Elders.* An additional disbursement of assistance of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) is available to any eligible applicant who is an enrolled member of the Nation, at least sixty-two (62) years of age by December 31, 2023, who has submitted an Oneida Nation Assistance Fund application.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with section 1003.5-2 of the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund law, the Oneida Trust Enrollment Department shall make available an application form for the Fiscal Year 2023 disbursement of the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund by July 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, applications for the Fiscal Year 2023 disbursement of assistance from the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund shall be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on September 8, 2023, with the disbursement of assistance to be made on or before September 30, 2023.

Late Application Submission Period and Disbursement Time Frame

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, any eligible members missing the initial aforementioned application deadline may submit a late application for the funds by 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on March 1, 2024, with the late distribution being made on or before March 30, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 23rd day of August, 2023; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."