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BC Resolution # 05-14-25-C

Elder Assistance Program Application Submission Period and Disbursement Timeframe for 2025

- 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 Elder Assistance Program law ("the Law"), 10 O.C. 1002, through resolution BC-07-13-22-A for the purposes establishing the Elder Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to its elders to address their general welfare needs, pursuant to the Oneida General Welfare law; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the policy of the Nation to prioritize the general welfare needs of its elders and recognize that its elders possess unique and irreplaceable stores of knowledge, skill, culture, and experience that enhance and enrich the lives of every member of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the interests of the Nation are advanced when its elders remain confident that their general welfare needs can be met; and
- WHEREAS,** section 1002.5-1 of the Law provides that the Elder Assistance Program is open to any individual who is a member of the Nation, is age sixty-five (65) or older, and submits a completed application during the designated submission timeframe; and
- WHEREAS,** section 1002.5-2 of the Law provides that the Oneida Business Committee, in consultation with the Oneida Trust Enrollment 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 Elder Assistance Program; and
- WHEREAS,** section 1002.5-4 of the Law provides that assistance provided through the Elder Assistance Program shall be disbursed in accordance with the timeframe set through resolution by the Oneida Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, section 1002.6-1 of the Law provides that the Elder Assistance Program shall be funded through the Elder, Education and General Welfare Trust Fund, which is derived from the Emigrant NY Indian Claims Award Docket 75 Trust Fund. The Oneida Business Committee may obligate additional funding to the Elder Assistance Program through any other funding source deemed necessary by the Oneida Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, section 1002.6-2 of the Law provides that the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee shall determine the amount of assistance available to an eligible recipient from the Elder Assistance Program per any permitted distribution; and

Amount of Assistance for Disbursement

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with section 1002.6-2 of the Elder Assistance Program law the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee determined that for the Fiscal Year 2025 disbursement from the Elder Assistance Program amount of assistance available to an eligible recipient who is age sixty-five (65) or older by December 31, 2025, from the Elder Assistance Program shall be seven hundred three dollars and fifty-four cents (\$703.54).

Application Submission Period and Disbursement Timeframe

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with section 1002.5-2 of the Elder Assistance Program law, the Oneida Trust Enrollment Department shall make available an application form for the Fiscal Year 2025 disbursement of the Elder Assistance Program by July 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, applications for the Fiscal Year 2025 disbursement of assistance from the Elder Assistance Program shall be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on September 5, 2025, with the disbursement of assistance to be made on or before September 30, 2025.

Late Application Submission Period and Disbursement Timeframe

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. on March 2, 2026, with the late distribution being made on or before March 27, 2026.

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; 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 14th day of May 2025; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 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."