



MONACAN INDIAN NATION HOUSING DEPARTMENT
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**YOUTH DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM
POLICY & PROCEDURES**

POLICY STATEMENT

The Monacan Indian Nation (MIN) Tribal Council recognizes the need to develop a program to help reduce the use of illegal drugs by tribal youth residing in and around the Monacan tribal community in Amherst County, VA. The objective of the youth drug prevention program will be to offer tribal youth an opportunity to participate in organized activities that will help them learn about the harmful effects of substance abuse along with explaining why participating in criminal activity at a young age will affect their ability to get a quality education and employment later on in life. Another objective of the program will be tribal youth learning that substance abuse is not part of the MIN's culture and traditions. The program is also intended to help reduce the incidences of crime and drug related criminal activity in the Monacan tribal community.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND PROCEDURES

Drug prevention activities for youth residing in affordable housing is an eligible activity and expense using Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). The name of this program shall be the MIN Youth Drug Prevention Program. The program will be administered by the MIN's Housing Department. For the purposes of this program, youth shall be defined as a tribal member who is eighteen (18) years of age or younger.

The program may provide financial assistance using IHBG funds for the following drug prevention program activities:

- Provide for transportation for tribal youth to attend activities or events related to drug prevention.
- Sponsor or provide drug prevention related educational programs including working in cooperation with the local schools and law enforcement agencies.
- Provide sports and recreation equipment for tribal youth.
- Salaries and expenses for staff of youth sports programs.
- Cultural and traditional activities that are specifically designed to provide the "Drugs Are Not Our Culture" message.

The MIN Housing Department Manager working in cooperation with the MIN Administrator will be responsible for developing an Application for Assistance forms along with any other forms necessary for the efficient and effective administration of this program. At a minimum, the Application for Assistance form shall require:

- The name of the individual or organization requesting assistance.
- A narrative description describing the youth drug prevention related activity for which financial assistance is being requested.
- A proposed budget including the estimated activity expenses.
- Any other information requested by the MIN staff or Tribal Council.

The MIN Housing Department Manager will receive completed applications for assistance and determine whether the described activity is an eligible program activity and/or if more information is required.

The MIN Housing Department Manager shall have the authority to approve applications for financial assistance up to \$2,500. The Tribal Administrator shall have the authority to approve applications for between \$2,501 up to \$5,000. Amounts above \$5,000 will be jointly reviewed and approved by the Tribal Chief and the Tribal Administrator jointly.

The MIN Tribal Council shall determine as to whether this program will be included as a program activity in MIN's annual Indian Housing Plan. The amount of IHBG funds budgeted for this program shall be determined annually by the MIN Tribal Council and included in the Uses of IHBG Funds section of the Indian Housing Plan.



Enacted, on this day, 1 of Sept, 2020, in Amherst, Virginia.

Kenneth Branham

Chief Kenneth Branham

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Date