



## **2022 PANDEMIC INFLATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT**

### **Information & Instructions**

**Grant Application Deadline is October 28, 2022**

#### **Program Summary**

The Little Shell Tribal Council has established an Inflation Assistance Program (“IAP”) to provide necessary financial relief to Little Shell tribal members, 18 years or older, directly or indirectly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and rising household costs. Eligible Little Shell tribal members will receive a single grant payment of \$750.00. Eligible Little Shell tribal members are required to complete, certify, and submit the Inflation Assistance Program Application.

#### **Inflation Assistance Program Grant Information**

On March 21, 2020, the Little Shell Tribe (“LST” or “Tribe”) declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While our communities have adapted to the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tribal Council recognizes that tribal members continue to face significant barriers in this recovery period – including rising costs of fuel, food commodities, housing, and essential goods. To help offset the impacts of these expenses, the Little Shell Tribal Council has established the 2022 Inflation Assistance Program Grant Program (“Program” or “IAP”) to provide necessary financial assistance to our Little Shell tribal members in need. The Program will provide critical financial relief to eligible LST tribal members that continue to recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Applicant Eligibility**

The Tribe has established strict parameters on eligibility to ensure the Program complies with all applicable legal and federal requirements. To be eligible for the Program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be an enrolled Little Shell tribal member eligible to receive Little Shell benefits and services as of August 26, 2022;
2. Must have attained eighteen years of age by October 28, 2022;
3. Certify that they will use the grant funding to help alleviate the financial impacts of inflation and apply the funds towards the purchase of essential items such as fuel, utilities, clothing, food, housing, school supplies, and related items; and
4. Submit an application on or before 11:59 pm Mountain Time on **Friday, October 28, 2022**.

#### **Certification of Application**

Each applicant must certify that the information submitted on the application is accurate. An applicant that provides false information will face penalties including the denial of the submitted application, potential exclusion from other LST programs, and/or reimbursing the Little Shell Tribe for receiving federal funds fraudulently. The Director of Operations shall provide the Tribal Council with any information regarding alleged falsification of application statements. The Tribal Council will review and issue a decision on the penalty. All decisions shall be final.

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## **Review of Application and Disbursement of Grant Payments**

All grant payments disbursed under the Inflation Assistance Program must be used to offset the economic impacts of rising costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grant payments must be used to cover eligible expenses such as to pay residential rent, mortgage payments, or utility bills; purchase groceries, fuel, cleaning, medical and protective supplies.

The LST Inflation Assistance Program will oversee the collection of all applications. The Program shall conduct a review of each applicant and only approve completed and certified applications for the Chairman's, or his designees, final review and approval. Upon receiving final approval, the Finance Office will disburse grant payments to the approved applicant. If an application is denied for any reason other than a late submission, there will be an opportunity to submit an appeal to the full Tribal Council.

## **Materials Required for Submission**

All applicants are required to submit the following:

1. The Inflation Assistance Program application;
2. LST enrollment number; and
3. A photocopy of applicant's government issued photo ID (LST enrollment card, driver's license, passport, etc.).

## **Application Deadline and Submission**

All applications must be received on or before 11:59 pm Mountain Time on October 28, 2022. It is the responsibility of the applicant to meet this deadline and verify receipt of their submission. Applicants can request verification by e-mailing [care20@lstribe.org](mailto:care20@lstribe.org).

There are three ways to submit the application:

- Submission by E-Mail to [Care20@lstribe.org](mailto:Care20@lstribe.org).
- Submission by Mail or Hand Delivered to:

LST Tribal Government Building  
615 Central Avenue West  
Great Falls, MT 59404

- Submission by Fax to (406) 315-2401.

## **Questions**

For all questions, please email [Care20@lstribe.org](mailto:Care20@lstribe.org) or call (406) 315-2400.

## **Checklist of Required Documents for Submission**

- Completed LST Inflation Assistance Program Grant Application that includes:
  - Applicant's current mailing address, phone number and e-mail.
  - Applicant must sign and date the application.
- A photocopy of the applicant's government issued photo ID (LST enrollment card, driver's license, passport, etc.)

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## Application

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS OCTOBER 28, 2022

### Applicant Information

The applicant is responsible for providing their correct contact information on the application form. The applicant must be an enrolled LST tribal member by August 26, 2022, and have attained eighteen (18) years of age by October 28, 2022.

<b>Full Name (First, Middle, Last Name)</b>	<b>Tribal Enrollment Number</b>
<b>Former or Maiden Name (if applicable)</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
	<b>E-Mail Address</b>

### Certification of Information

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name), certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the Inflation Assistance Program. I further certify that I have been directly and/or indirectly impacted by the rising costs while recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. I confirm that I will use the full amount of the grant payment for qualified expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic recovery. Further, I certify all the above information is accurate and complete. I acknowledge that giving false information is grounds for penalties including the denial of my application and the reimbursement of any funds obtained through deception.

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**Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

FOR PROGRAM REVIEW ONLY

DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

SCANNED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

UPLOADED BY: \_\_\_\_\_