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Public Service Announcement from Financial Assistance Unit

The Financial Assistance Unit (FAU) within the Navajo Division for Children and Family Services (NDCFS) announces that applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Navajo School Clothing and Supplies (NSCS) Program will be available beginning November 1, 2025.

The fillable application forms will be online on the NDCFS website at www.ndcfs.org.

LIHEAP is a federally-funded program that helps low-income households with heating or cooling bills and making energy costs more affordable. The FAU assists Navajo tribal members living in the states of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah who meet financial eligibility criteria. Heating assistance may include purchase of firewood, coal or pellets; payment to a utility or propane company for home heating expense; crisis assistance; and/or weatherization assistance.

The NSCS Program provides funding for eligible school aged Navajo children (3-18 years old and enrolled in child care, Head Start, pre-kindergarten, pre-school or kindergarten through 12th grade) to purchase clothing and supplies. The purposes of the funds are to promote school attendance, encourage academic performance and support self-confidence among Navajo students.

Applications for Burial Assistance continue to be accepted at this time from participating mortuaries. The FAU reminds applicants that the burial must be on the Navajo Nation or in a border town and payment is made by invoice. Reimbursements will not be made to individuals for burial expenses.

Based on advocacy by Navajo Nation leadership, the federal government has approved increasing the Navajo Nation burial assistance amount to \$3,500. The Burial Assistance Program is to offer financial support to Navajo Nation residents with funeral expenses. The application is available on the NDCFS website and may be submitted by email.

The FAU also reminds the public that it no longer administers the federally-funded General Assistance (GA) Program. The Department for Self-Reliance now administers the GA Program. For more information on the program, the DSR may be reached at (928) 810-8553 in Window Rock and Dilkon, (928) 674-8194 in Chinle, (505) 786-2384 in Crownpoint, (505) 278-8190 in



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Farmington, (505) 722-8415 in Gallup, (928) 697-3218 in Kayenta, and (928) 283-6613 in Tuba City.

Finally, FAU would also like to announce that there are no funds for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program this fiscal year. In addition, the FAU no longer administers the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.

The FAU is dedicated to fostering the well-being and prosperity of the community and provides financial assistance to eligible individuals and households. FAU field offices may be contacted at:

- Window Rock (928) 871-7601
- Chinle (928) 674-2039
- Crownpoint (505) 786-2236
- Dilkon (928) 657-8173
- Gallup (505) 726-2672
- Shiprock (505) 368-1179

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