



ASSISTANCE INFORMATION



FOR PCI TRIBAL MEMBERS AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS

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REACH OUT TO THE
FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
(FEMA), THE AMERICAN
RED CROSS, AND YOUR
INSURANCE COMPANY

#02

CONTACT THE PCI
FAMILY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT (FSD)

#03

APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE
THROUGH THE
DISASTER RECOVERY
PROGRAM

#04

TYPES OF
ASSISTANCE IN THE
DISASTER
RECOVERY
PROGRAM



FEMA



American
Red Cross



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FSD Application:
http://www.poarchcreekindians.org/wmlib/pdf/16/0906_fam_service_s_application.pdf

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT:

1. Must be a verifiable PBCI Tribal Member.
2. Must provide all intake documents to Family Services (contact the FSD to obtain the list of all intake documents required). Applications must be received within 60 days of the declared disaster.
3. Applicant's needs must fall within these categories: major natural disasters as declared by a "State of Emergency" or by a declaration of a "Federal Disaster Area."

1. Maximum of **\$2,000** (based on eligibility) per household for the purpose of purchasing food, clothing, and shelter for the PBCI Tribal Member and their family.
2. Additional assistance of up to **\$5,000** may be provided following a thorough assessment of unmet needs by the Family Services Department Disaster Recovery Assessment Team. You **MUST** show proof of any assistance received or denied via other sources or programs.





DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

ALL
REQUIREMENTS
MUST BE MET
BEFORE
DISTRIBUTION OF
FUNDS



1. What is the Disaster Recovery Program?

The Disaster Recovery Program provides financial resources for PBCI Tribal Members and their households during crisis situations caused by major natural disasters as identified by a declaration of a "State of Emergency"; or by a declaration of a "Federal Disaster Area"; or by household fires not caused by arson.

ALL THREE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET. Specifically, the Disaster Recovery Program states:

- a. The applicant must be a verifiable PBCI Tribal Member
- b. The applicant must provide all intake documents to the Family Services Department including: (1) verification of household constitution and (2) verification of the identified need
- c. The applicant's identified needs must fall within the following categories: (1) major natural disasters as identified by a declaration of a "State of Emergency" or by a declaration of a "Federal Disaster Area" or (2) household fires not caused by arson.

2. How do I access this program?

Contact the Family Services Department at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600; or you may fill out and submit electronically the Family Services application that can be found on the Poarch Band of Creek Indians website.

3. What financial resources may I be eligible for through this program?

An initial distribution of \$2,000.00 that can be electronically transferred to the bank account you have on file with the Tribal Member Benefits Department, or you can choose to receive these funds through the mail in the form of cash cards. If you need to change your banking information, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2209.

An additional distribution of up to \$5,000.00 depending upon an assessment of the needs that will be completed by the Family Services Department. The Family Services Department will present their assessment of your needs to a Disaster Relief Team comprised of representatives from the Family Services Department, Emergency Management, the Housing Department, the Accounting Department, and the Tribal Council.

4. Do I have to report any financial assistance I receive to FEMA and other agencies responding to the major natural disaster?

Yes. Not reporting these financial resources to these agencies is considered fraud and is a prosecutable offense.

5. Does the Tribe offer other programs that may be of assistance to me during this difficult time?

Yes. The Family Services Department has other programs that may be of additional services to you. These programs include the Tribal Assistance Fund, the Tribal Crisis Fund, and the Crisis Loan Program. The Family Services will assess for these needs while they are working with you. The Housing Department does have rental units that may be available to you depending upon the occupancy rate when the major natural disaster occurs. The Tribal Council may elect to provide additional services depending upon the needs presented.

