



Resolution 2024-09-003
Approve 2025 Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Client Rental Contribution

Approved September 4th, 2024

- WHEREAS** the Samish Indian Nation was federally re-acknowledged by the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America on April 6, 1996;
- WHEREAS** the Samish Tribal Council is empowered to act on behalf of the Samish Indian Nation pursuant to Article VI, Section 2, of the Samish Tribal Constitution, approved November 14, 2003, by Resolution of the Samish Tribal Council and adopted and ratified by Vote of the Samish General Council on March 2, 2004, and recognized by the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, David W. Anderson on April 20, 2004;
- WHEREAS** the health, safety, welfare and education of the citizens and family members of the Samish Indian Nation is the responsibility of the Tribal Council of the Samish Indian Nation;
- WHEREAS** the Samish Tribal Council has reviewed Section 13.206 - Rental Assistance -B- Grant Amount and has accepted the Housing Departments recommendation regarding the percentage amount a program participant will pay toward their rent in 2025;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Samish Tribal Council:

1. Approves the Samish Indian Nations's Housing Department to allow Samish Elders, as defined by HUD as of 62 years of age or greater and or disabled and unable to work, and who are enrolled in the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program, to pay 15% of their adjusted gross income in 2025.
2. Approves the Samish Indian Nation's Housing Department to allow all other Samish Citizens participation in the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program to pay 30% of their adjusted gross income toward their portion of rent in 2025.
3. Approves the Samish Indian Nation's Housing Department to allow tribal citizens from other federally recognized tribes participating in the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program to pay 30% of their adjusted gross income toward their portion of rent in 2025.

SAMISH TRIBAL COUNCIL

By:



**Thomas D. Wooten
Tribal Council Chairman**

CERTIFICATION

The above resolution was duly adopted by the Samish Tribal Council on the 4th day of September, 2024, at which time a quorum was present, by a vote of:
7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAIN.

Certified

by:



**Nicole M. Smith
Tribal Council Secretary**



August 28, 2022

To: Kimberlee Anderson, Chief Operations Officer
Samish Indian Nation Tribal Council

RE: Client Rental Contributions for FY 2025

During the 2024 calendar year, we were able to support our vulnerable elders and persons with a disability, in many ways, including the opening of Xwch'angteng.

A key component of Xwch'angteng is the amount Households are to pay for their rents each year. This is the same for all Households enrolled in the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program. Rental costs are continuing to rise and this directly impacts on a household's available dollars to cover all other living expenses. My recommendations below are a balance between economic vitality of the Citizen and the fiscal responsibility of the Samish Indian Nation's Housing program.

My recommendation for 2025 is as follows:

Elders and Persons with a Permanent Disability (unable to work) continue to pay 15% of their adjusted gross income toward rent. This is a continuation of the 15% rental contribution we offered in FY2024.

Most of our elders/disabled are on a fixed income, many making less than \$15,000 per year. Their fixed income adjustments from the government does not account for the excessive cost of housing, food, energy, or transportation in our ten-county service area. Providing them with financial relief allows them to age in place.

For working Households, my recommendation is that those households continue to pay 30% of their adjusted gross income toward rent.

Rental costs have continued to grow year over year equating to a dramatic increase in rents over the last decade. By maintaining the same percentage each person is paying, we aim to offer a sense of stability for the people we serve while also being able to operate a fiscally responsible program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Justin Krupa
Housing Director