

## OFF RESERVE HOUSING FUND

Please be advised that The Bear River First Nation will immediately start accepting applications for its Off Reserve Housing FUND. Applications are due by August 8, 2016 and review of applications will take place as soon as possible after. Only the successful applicant will be notified.

This is the second year the Bear River Chief and Council will be delivering the "Off Reserve Housing Grant" to its off reserve Band Members. The program allows ONE Bear River First Nation Band Member who is 19 years of age or older the opportunity to receive a onetime grant of **\$5,000.00** to assist with off home ownership off reserve. The grant is open to Bear River First Nation registered Band Members.

### **General Information on the Program:**

The Bear River First Nation's off Reserve Housing Program is designed to assist one Bear River First Nation Band Member who is 19 years of age and older in obtaining housing off reserve. In order to qualify for the grant:

- You must be 19 years of age or older;
- You must be a registered Bear River First Nation Band Member;
- You must own a home off reserve (sole or co-owners) Proof of ownership must be provided.
- OR you are in the process of purchasing or building a home (qualify for a mortgage and provide evidence of mortgage approval upon request).
- Please ensure all information requested is provided including but not limited to: Proof of Ownership, Proof of Home Insurance, Proof of Will, Planned Scope of Work including cost etc.

### **Priority will be given to those band members who:**

- DO NOT own or co-own, (includes certificate of possession or veteran's allotment) more than one property or parcel of land on or off reserve.
- Have not received grants or any other non-repayable money for housing from any other First Nation in Canada or any other government funding agency.
- Have proof of valid house insurance.
- Have proof of a valid Last Will and Testament which includes a provision for the home.
- Do not reside in or occupy a home on reserve land.
- Have proof of up to date payment of property taxes and mortgage payments.

The Bear River Chief and Council will review and approve the applications based on the criteria set out in the above guidelines. Any ties will be broken by taking into consideration financial need – preference will be given to low-income households. Any applications not received by the Bear River First Nation by August 8, 2016 by 4:00 PM, will not be considered.

**BEAR RIVER FIRST NATION  
OFF RESERVE HOUSING GRANT**

Please send completed applications to: Bear River First Nation, 130 Reservation Road, PO Box 210, Bear River, Nova Scotia. Phone: 902 467-3802/3803. Fax: 902 467-4134.

**PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First Name:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:      Day      Month      Year

Band Number:

Mailing Address:

Province:

Postal Code:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

**PART 2: OFF RESERVE PROPERTY INFORMATION**

I hereby certify that I am the sole owner, joint owner of the following properties. Property includes land, houses, cottages, townhouses, condominiums etc. Please attach a separate sheet if you need more space or have more than one property.

Property 1  
Location (address)

Sole-owner

Co-owner. If you are a co-owner please list names and relationship to application of other owners.

Name Co-owner

Relationship to Applicant:

**PART 3: MORTGAGE INFORMATION**

I have a mortgage on the property listed above and:

I am up to date on the mortgage payments.

I am behind on the mortgage payments.

Please attach name and contact information of Bank or Mortgage Broker.

I do not have a mortgage on the property listed above.

I do not own property but I am in the process of acquiring a property and have been approved for a mortgage. Please include copies of mortgage pre-approval.

**PART 5: ON RESERVE PROPERTY**

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT MAY APPLY TO YOU:

I currently occupy a house on reserve land.

I have a certificate of possession for land on reserve.

I have a veteran's allotment for land on reserve.

**PART 6: WILLS & ESTATES**

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT MAY APPLY TO YOU:

- I have a valid will (written, dated, signed by two witnesses) that includes a provision for the property/properties listed above.
- I do not have a valid will.

**PART 6: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT MAY APPLY TO YOU:

- I have NOT received financial assistance from any first nation organization, provincial or federal organization for the purchase of my home.
- I have received financial assistance from the following federal, provincial, first nation or non-governmental organization for the purchase of my home. Please attach a list the organization and the amount of the assistance received.

**PART 4: HOUSE INSURANCE**

- I have valid home insurance policy. If YES, please attach name, address, telephone number and policy number.
- I DO NOT have home insurance.

**PART 4: HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

**FOR ALL PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF 18 WHO RESIDE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (INCLUDING THE APPLICANT). PLEASE ATTATCH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT TAX RETURNS AS PROOF OF INCOME.**

Name	Income
Name	Income
Name	Income

**PART 5: CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct. I clearly understand that if I provide any false or misleading information my application will be immediately rejected, I will be required to immediately repay any funds paid to me and I may be subject to prosecution.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

**PART 6: BRFN USE ONLY**

Date Received	Initials:
Date Reviewed:	Initials: