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**SAGINAW CHIPPEWA HOUSING DEPARTMENT (SCHD)
 COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
 APPLICATION**

PRINT CLEARLY – IF WE CAN'T READ IT - YOUR APPLICATION WON'T BE PROCESSED!

Return this completed application and all supporting documentation to: SCIT Housing 2451 Nish Na Be Anong Drive, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 or email CERAP@sagchip.org. If you have questions or need assistance call (989) 775-4595.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Tribal Enrollment No.: _____ SSN: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone(s): _____
 Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 County: _____ Email: _____
 Applicant Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female
 Applicant Race: ☐ Native American ☐ Alaska Native ☐ Black or African American
☐ White or European American ☐ Asian American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Applicant Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Other

General Information

1. Are you or a member of your household a member of a US Federally recognized Indian tribe? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - a. If yes, attach proof of membership of an Indian Tribe for each household member
2. Are you a first generation descendant of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of MI? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - a. If yes, attach a copy of parent's tribal enrollment card.
3. Do you rent the home in which you are living? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - a. If yes, attach a copy of the lease agreement or other proof of residency; and
 - b. Provide landlord contact information:
 - Name _____
 - Phone _____
 - Email _____
 - Mailing address _____
4. Is this landlord a family member of yours or to anyone else in the household? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - a. If yes, what is the relationship: _____
5. You are seeking assistance for (check all that apply):

_____ paying rental arrears

_____ paying current / prospective rent

_____ paying security deposit

_____ paying utilities

_____ other housing expense
(late fees, screening fees)

Household Member(s) Information:

Name	Date of Birth	Last 4 digits of SSN	Tribal Enrollment No.	Annual or Monthly Income	Income Source

Income Verification

Below, provide information on either the total annual income of your household for calendar year 2020 or your total household monthly income.

1. **Annual income** of household: \$ _____
 - a. Applicant must attach and submit a wage statement, interest statement, unemployment compensation statement, or a copy of Form 1040 as filed with the IRS for the household for 2020.
2. **Monthly income** of household: \$ _____
 - a. Applicant must submit sufficient confirmation of the household's monthly income at the time of application for at least the two months prior to the submission of this application.

Other federal, state or local assistance

Below, provide information on any other sources of financial assistance your household received for calendar year 2020.

1. Public Housing subsidy or Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)
 - a. Where and what amount: _____
2. LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program)
 - a. What was it used for and what amount: _____
3. MDHHS Programs or Michigan Family Independence Program
 - a. Emergency Relief, for how long & amount: _____
 - b. Temporary Heat & Utility Assistance for how long & amount: _____
 - c. Cash assistance, for how long & amount: _____
 - d. Emergency Rental Assistance, when and how long: _____

Financial assistance under this Program may not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance already provided or may be provided to the household. The renter household may receive assistance for the tenant-owned portion of rent or utilities that is not subsidized.

Financial Hardship

1. Do you or any individual in your household qualify for unemployment benefits? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - a. If yes, attached supporting documentation demonstrating each individual's qualification for unemployment benefits.
2. Have one or more individuals in your household experienced any of the following financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic? (Check all that apply)
 - ☐ A reduction in household Income
 - ☐ Loss of Employment/Temporary Layoff/or Furlough
 - ☐ Reduction in hours/pay.
 - ☐ Unable to work or experiencing financial hardship due to no child care/school.
 - ☐ Underlying medical condition requiring staying home to prevent exposure.
 - ☐ Loss of self-employment/business income
 - ☐ Over the age of 50 and enduring increased costs because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - ☐ Disabled and enduring increased costs because of the COVID-19 pandemic
 - ☐ Incurred significant costs (hospital bills, medication costs, etc.)
 - ☐ Other financial hardship; list: _____
 - a. If you checked any of the boxes above, attach supporting documentation for each hardship. (E.g. copies of most recent paycheck stubs or other sources of income showing decrease in income; email/text/letter showing notification of unemployment/reduction in hours, bills showing significant costs incurred, etc.)

Housing Instability

1. Does one or more individuals in your household face a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, which may include (check all that apply):
 - ☐ A past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice
 - ☐ A past due water/sewer notice or past due home heating bills
 - ☐ Unsafe or unhealthy living conditions
 - ☐ Any other evidence of such risk
 - a. If you checked any of the boxes above, attached supporting documentation demonstrating each type of housing instability (e.g. past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice, or documentation of any other evidence of risk.)
 - b. If you checked any of the boxes above, please describe the details of your housing instability:

Rent Arrears and Utility Costs Arrears

Rent arrears and utility costs arrears includes rent and or utility arrears that occurred on or after March 13, 2020. Arrears includes interest charges, penalties or late fees accrued from the date on which the first missed payment after March 13, 2020 was due. Arrears DOES NOT include interest charges, penalties or late fees that accrued before March 13, 2020.

Check all that apply:

_____ Rent Arrears:

Total amount in arrears \$ _____ Months not paid: _____

Attach tenant ledger, landlord notice, billing statements, or other evidence of amounts owed. If utility costs are included in the monthly rent payment to the landlord, these are deemed to be rent.

_____ Utility Arrears: electricity, gas, home heating fuel, water/sewer, and trash removal. Utility costs DOES NOT include telephone or cable services.

1. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
 Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Name of account holder and account number: _____

2. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
 Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Name of account holder and account number: _____

3. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
 Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Name of account holder and account number: _____

4. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
 Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Name of account holder and account number: _____

5. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
 Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

Name of account holder and account number: _____

Attach copies of billing statements or invoices for each utilities account.

Current Rent and Current Utilities

Do you expect your household to be unable to pay your current rent or current utilities costs or are you unable to pay a required security deposit to obtain rental housing? Check all that apply.

_____ Current Rent due but NOT in arrears:

Total amount \$ _____ Due date: _____

If utility costs are included in the monthly rent payment to the landlord, these are deemed to be rent.

_____ Security deposit due Amount: \$ _____ Due date: _____

_____ Current Utilities: electricity, gas, home heating fuel, water/sewer, and trash removal. Utility costs DOES NOT include telephone or cable services.

1. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
 Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Name of account holder and account number: _____

2. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
 Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Name of account holder and account number: _____

3. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
 Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Name of account holder and account number: _____

4. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
 Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Name of account holder and account number: _____

5. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Name of account holder and account number: _____

Attach copies of current billing statements or invoices for each utilities account.

Prospective Rent and Prospective Utilities Costs

Do you expect your household to be unable to pay your prospective rent or prospective utilities costs? Check all that apply.

_____ Prospective Rent payments

Total monthly amount \$ _____ Date due: _____

Attach copy of the lease agreement or other documentation of amounts due. If utility costs are included in the monthly rent payment to the landlord, these are deemed to be rent.

_____ Prospective Utility costs: electricity, gas, home heating fuel, water/sewer, and trash removal. Utility costs DOES NOT include telephone or cable services.

1. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Name of account holder and account number: _____

2. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Name of account holder and account number: _____

3. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Name of account holder and account number: _____

4. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Name of account holder and account number: _____

5. Type of utility: _____ Amount \$ _____
Provider: _____ Phone #: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Name of account holder and account number: _____

Attach copies of billing statements or invoices for each utilities account.

Other Housing Costs

Do you expect your household will be unable to pay other Housing expenses? These are expenses such as late fees, interest or penalties for paying late, screening or application fees to obtain rental housing. Costs associated with maintenance work orders or unit repairs ARE NOT included as an eligible cost.

1. Type: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Due date: _____
Provider name: _____ Phone: _____
Mailing address: _____
Email: _____
2. Type: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Due date: _____
Provider name: _____ Phone: _____
Mailing address: _____
Email: _____
3. Type: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Due date: _____
Provider name: _____ Phone: _____
Mailing address: _____
Email: _____

Additional Requirements

1. Applicants must sign a release of information form allowing the SCHD to verify any and all information required to participate in the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
2. For each additional month that applicant(s) seek Financial Assistance under the CERA Program, they must submit information and documentation for the rent and utility costs for that month and prospective months for which they seek assistance.

Applicant Acknowledgements

I understand that I am required to update my application whenever any determining factor of eligibility changes. This includes employment/annual income, contact information, no longer qualifying for unemployment benefits, no longer experiencing a reduction in household income or other financial hardship, no longer facing a risk of homelessness or housing instability, or having a household income that is above 80 percent of the Area Median Income for the household.

By my signature below, I hereby certify that all of the foregoing information and attached documentation is true and correct. By signing this form I certify that I have not already received funding or benefit from another source for the same assistance being applied for with this form. I understand that providing any false statements, false information, any misleading statements or information, or if I fail to notify SCHD of changes to my household's eligibility, will be grounds for denial of the application or, if assistance has already been granted, recapture of any funds granted, and may be grounds civil or criminal prosecution if the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe determines it is appropriate to do so.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

If a landlord or owner of a residential dwelling submits this application on behalf of the Applicant:

I, the Applicant's landlord/residential dwelling owner, understand that I am required to provide this application to the Applicant after completing and submitting it.

LANDLORD SIGNATURE

DATE

LANDLORD TAX ID NUMBER

LANDLORD DUNS NUMBER

Application Received by SCHD:

STAFF MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

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Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No Reason: _____

Denial Communicated: _____ Staff Signature: _____

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Application Checklist

Please review your application to make sure it contains the following information:

For all Applicants:

- ☐ Copy of Driver's License or Tribal Enrollment Card (proof of identity)
- ☐ Proof of membership of an Indian Tribe for each household member (*if applicable*)
- ☐ Income Verification for each member 18 or older
 - ☐ Annual Income (a wage statement, interest statement, unemployment compensation statement, or a copy of Form 1040 as filed with the IRS for the household for 2020)
 - Or**
 - ☐ Monthly income received in the last 60 days (2 months)
- ☐ Signed release of information authorization
- ☐ Certification of economic hardship

Submit the following documentation if applicable:

- ☐ Copy of lease or rental agreement showing required rental payments and physical address of residence
- ☐ Documentation of each household member's qualification for unemployment benefits
- ☐ Letter / Email / Text from employer showing your lay off, furlough status, or decrease in hours
- ☐ Other documents showing a reduction in household Income
- ☐ Documents showing loss of self-employment/business income
- ☐ Bills / Receipts showing significant costs (hospital bills, medication costs, etc.)
- ☐ Documents showing other financial hardship (caregiver costs, child care)
- ☐ Copy of utility bill(s): electric, gas, propane, garbage removal, water/sewer
- ☐ Copy of a past due rent, utility notice or eviction notice (proof of housing instability)
- ☐ Documents showing unsafe or unhealthy living conditions
- ☐ Any other evidence of risk of housing instability

All sources of income for the household must be declared on page one (1) of this application:

- ☐ Wages, and tips
- ☐ Unemployment benefits
- ☐ Alimony or child Support
- ☐ Self-Employment
- ☐ Welfare cash assistance
- ☐ Social Security Retirement Benefits
- ☐ Social Security Disability Benefits
- ☐ Social Security Children's Benefits
- ☐ Social Security Spouse's Benefits
- ☐ Social Security Widower Benefits
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Veterans Disability Compensation
- ☐ Veteran's Pension
- ☐ VA Survivor's Pension
- ☐ Railroad Retirement or Disability Benefits
- ☐ Private Pension Plans
- ☐ Savings Account Interest
- ☐ Dividends paid from stocks or other investments
- ☐ Cash from life insurance policies

RELEASE OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that my rental history, my employment history and my prior tenancy may be investigated in the course of consideration for financial assistance under the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program and I hereby authorize **Saginaw Chippewa Housing** or its agent(s) to contact my current employer and my current landlord, my caseworker and/or my utility provider(s) as well as; any Tribal Clerk's Office, support and alimony providers, child care providers, retirement systems, courts and post offices, Social Security Administration, Tribal and/or State Social Services, law enforcement agencies, and schools and colleges and authorize the same to release information about me including, but not limited to, information about my employment, my tenancy, and/or details about the information submitted on the CERA application to the person or company with which this form has been filed. This releases the aforesaid parties from any liability and responsibility for releasing and/or collecting the above information. This release shall remain in effect for one year from the date of signing this agreement with the Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department.

I believe, to the best of my knowledge, that all information I have provided is accurate, true and correct and that I fully understand the terms of this release.

Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____
Street Address City State Zip

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Social Security Number ____ - ____ - ____

Driver's Lic. # _____ State _____ County _____

Phone (____) _____ *e-mail address _____
Receive Text Messages? Yes or No

Company Requesting Information: Saginaw Chippewa Housing
2451 Nish-Na-Be-Anong Rd.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
Phone: (989) 775-4595 Fax: (989) 775-4580

Information Being Requested:

____ Address Verification	____ Income Verification	____ Social Security Verification
____ Tenancy Verification	____ Employment Verification	____ Verification of County
____ Caseworker ACFS	____ Caseworker BH	____ Caseworker _____

*This form with the authorizing signature will be kept on file and may be photocopied repeatedly throughout the course of its validation and used as needed.

Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of MI Housing Department (989) 775-4595

CERTIFICATION OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

Funding for this COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program is authorized by Section 501 (a) of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020).

By signing my name below and by my acceptance of assistance through the CERA Program, I certify that my household meets the U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance eligibility criteria for financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic. The information submitted on the Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Program Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that assistance under this program is subject to the availability of funds.

Printed name

Signature

Date