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COVID-19 Food Supplement Program (Canada)

On December 2, 2020, the Nunatsiavut Government announced details of a second round of support initiatives aimed at assisting Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims deal with impacts associated with the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of the *COVID-19 Food Supplement Program* for the Constituency of Canada is to ensure seniors, low-income families and individuals have access to nutritional food (and equipment necessary to prepare food). Adequate nutrition is crucial for maintaining good health and having the ability to fight off infection.

Under this program, the Nunatsiavut Government provides electronic gift cards or purchase orders on a bi-weekly basis for seniors (65 years of age and older) and eligible family units. Gift cards can only be redeemed at stores chosen by eligible program recipients and where gift card purchase is available.

Eligible purchases include all food items (including yoghurt tubes and ice cream), with the exception of pop, energy drinks, chips, bars, candy, etc. Dishes, cutlery, food storage (containers) and laundry detergent are also permitted to be purchased.

Ineligible purchases include lottery tickets, tobacco products and alcohol.

Please note that gift cards or purchase orders not picked up within two weeks of being issued will be cancelled.

Eligibility

This program is only available to Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Applications must be completed in order to be eligible to receive assistance under this program.

The following tables set out the income cut off. Please note there are three (3) tables for the Constituency of Canada.

Baseline: Central and Western Labrador includes Sheshashiu, Churchill Falls, Labrador City and Wabush

Total # of Individuals in Family Unit	Baseline Income	Incremental Impact of Spouse/Dependents (\$500 per individual)	Total Amount with Dependents + Spouse:	Annual Income after taxes
Single	\$2,200	0	\$2,200	\$26,400
2	\$2,200	\$500	\$2,700	\$32,400
3	\$2,200	\$1000	\$3,200	\$38,400
4	\$2,200	\$1,500	\$3,700	\$44,400
5	\$2,200	\$2,000	\$4,200	\$50,400
6	\$2,200	\$2,500	\$4,700	\$56,400

Baseline: Coastal Labrador - includes Natuashish and Southern Labrador

Total # of Individuals in Family Unit	Baseline Income	Incremental Impact of Spouse/Dependents (\$500 per individual)	Total Amount with Dependents + Spouse:	Annual Income after taxes
Single	\$2,500	0	\$2,500	\$30,000
2	\$2,500	\$650	\$3,150	\$37,800
3	\$2,500	\$1,300	\$3,800	\$45,600
4	\$2,500	\$1,950	\$4,450	\$53,400
5	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$5,100	\$61,200
6	\$2,500	\$3,250	\$5,750	\$69,000

Baseline: Canada outside of Labrador

Total # of Individuals in Family Unit	Baseline Income	Incremental Impact of Spouse/Dependents (\$450 per individual)	Total Amount with Dependents + Spouse:	Annual Income after taxes
Single	\$1,900	0	\$1,900	\$22,800
2	\$1,900	\$450	\$2,350	\$28,200
3	\$1,900	\$900	\$2,800	\$33,600
4	\$1,900	\$1,350	\$3,250	\$39,000
5	\$1,900	\$1,800	\$3,700	\$44,400
6	\$1,900	\$2,250	\$4,150	\$49,800

How to apply

Beneficiaries wishing to apply for *COVID-19 Food Supplement Program* (Canada) can obtain an application form online at www.nunatsiavut.com. Completed forms can be emailed to COVID19@nunatsiavut.com. Beneficiaries can also contact the following during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday AST):

Rutie Dicker (709) 922-2942, ext. 222
Mary Adelaide (709) 922-2942, ext. 260