



The Housing Management Update

June 26, 2011

2011 Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend Assignments

Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) would like to remind you that in 2011 we will be accepting Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend assignments until the first part of September. Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) assignments can be used to pay your rent in advance, as well as pay an account that is delinquent.

Here's how it works: any adult 18 years old or older who has filed for a PFD and believes that he or she will be receiving their PFD from the state of Alaska free and clear of any garnishments (IRS, Child Support, Alaska Post Secondary Education, collection agencies, etc.) can assign a dollar amount up to \$800 in 2011 which will immediately be applied towards a tenant's account. A PFD recipient can also choose to assign a percentage of their PFD. If the PFD applicant assigns 100% of the PFD, THRHA will credit the account \$800 upon receipt of a PFD assignment; \$600 for 75%, \$400 for 50%, and \$200 for 25%. When we actually receive the PFD in October and the PFD amount is higher than \$800, the remaining balance will be applied to the account accordingly.

PFD assignments must be filled out completely, signed by the applicant and 2 witnesses (or one notary or postmaster), and the original, signed form must be returned to the THRHA office in Juneau before a credit can be applied to the account. It is very important to remember that we need the *wet ink* signature before we can process your assignment and the original form must be filled out entirely and free of corrections, changes, and white out per the Department of Revenue guidelines.

If you assigned your PFD to THRHA last year and it was garnished, you are not eligible to assign your PFD to THRHA this year without providing proof that it will not be garnished by another agency in 2011.

To ensure proper credit of your 2011 PFD assignment, please make sure that your account number is listed in the box titled *case number*. For your convenience we have enclosed one PFD assignment form. Additional forms can be obtained by visiting our web site at www.thrba.org and clicking on the applications tab on the left side of the page. Please contact your rental specialist with any questions or concerns.

Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority Student Housing Voucher Program

- Provides rental assistance for low-income students up to \$2,000 per year
- Students or parents must be Alaska Native
- Applicants must attend an accredited university or vocational institution
- Part-time and full-time students are eligible
- Part-time students (minimum of 9 credits per semester) may be eligible for 50 percent of the maximum assistance amount
- Be sure to apply before August 15, 2011

Please contact Jocelyn Ramirez at Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority for more information.

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Successorship Upon Death or Mental Incapacity

Attention New Mutual Help and HOAP tenant-homebuyers! A majority of Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) tenant-homebuyers have lived in their homes for many years. Over the years it very likely that a lot of familial changes have occurred.

It is very important that tenant-homebuyers have a current *Succession upon death or mental incapacity* form in their housing file. Having a current form on file will help THRHA to determine who the successor of your home will be should you face the unfortunate event of death or mental incapacity and THRHA still holds the title to the home you currently live in.

For more information contact Jerry Bennett Sr. or Bert Bennett Jr. at their respective numbers listed below.

Norton Gregory is the Housing Programs Manager who oversees the various programs and housing program staff which include the rental staff and occupancy specialists. Norton can be reached by:

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Please remember that all changes must be submitted to the Housing Management department in writing. This includes changes in jobs, income, adding or removing a family member from your lease, or changes to your automatic monthly bank deduction.

Brian Jackson is the Rental Specialist who handles the rentals in Juneau, Angoon, Craig, Haines, and Saxman. Brian can be reached by:

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Bert Bennett, Jr. is the Rental Specialist who handles the HOAP program in Juneau, Petersburg, and Wrangell, as well as the rentals in Hoonah, Klukwan, and Wrangell. Bert can be reached by:

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