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HOME RENOVATION GRANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Do I have to contribute any of my own funds?

No. Each grant is 100% provided by Mikisew Cree First Nation, which amounts to a maximum of \$25,000 CAD each.

2. If I applied for the 25/75 program, would I still qualify for the Home Renovation Grant (HRG)?

Yes, you may still be eligible, however you would need to re-apply under the HRG program.

3. Do I have to be the owner of the home to qualify?

Yes, you must provide proof of ownership of the home to qualify.

4. I just moved into my home; would I still qualify for the HRG?

Yes, you would still be eligible.

5. I rent-to-own my home; would I still qualify for the HRG?

No, unfortunately rent-to-own properties do not qualify for the HRG.

6. If my house requires more renovations than others, would that put me at the top of the selection?

No, the HRG selection is on a first come, first served basis. It is not needs based.

7. The renovations that I need will likely cost more than \$25,000, can Mikisew provide more funds if needed?

No, any renovation costs over and above \$25,000 will be at the cost of the homeowner.

8. I would like to install a new fridge (or other appliance) or central air. Is this allowed?

No, the intent of the HRG is to improve the structural deficiencies, shingles, siding, doors, windows, electrical, plumbing and heating upgrades. The program is not intended to address cosmetic upgrades.

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9. Do I have to use Mikisew Technical Services (MTS) as the contractor for my renovations?

No, you do not have to use MTS as your contractor. You can use a contractor of your choice, however you must provide a service agreement with your application that includes the contractor's name, quote, and timeline. You must also be willing to supervise the contractor while renovations are being completed.

10. Who administers the Home Renovation Grant Program and who funds it?

The Home Renovation Grant is solely funded by Mikisew Cree First Nation and is administered by Mikisew Property Management.

11. How will the Home Renovation Grant be distributed?

10 annual HRGs will be evenly distributed to members in each of the following five (5) community areas:

# of Grants	Area Name
2	Edmonton
2	Fort Chipewyan and Fort Smith
2	Fort McMurray
1	High Level
3	Other Locations

12. Do I have to pay back any of the funds received?

The Home Renovation Grant is fully revocable in the event the applicant breaches any condition set out in Section 7 of the HRG Policy.

13. My timeline for renovations will span over two (2) years, is this allowable?

No, the funds must be used within the fiscal year that they were awarded.

14. Will I receive the funds in my name once my application has been accepted?

Once you have been awarded the HRG, 50% of the funds will be paid directly to the contractor with the remaining 50% being paid to the Contractor upon completion.

MCFN/MPM ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS. APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO REVIEW THEIR APPLICATIONS TO ENSURE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS SUBMITTED.

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