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POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

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Purpose

1 The purpose of these policy guidelines is to ensure that Huu-ay-aht citizens are provided with emergency financial aid as quickly and efficiently as possible in this time of extraordinary need brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Allocation of funding to Huu-ay-aht Citizens and their Households

2 (1) COVAid will be provided directly to Huu-ay-aht citizens 19 years of age and older.

(2) Households in which minor Huu-ay-aht citizens reside will be allocated COVAid for each minor citizen residing there, with the funds being provided to the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor citizens.

(3) Parents and guardians are expected to use the COVAid allocated to their households as they see fit to help defray household expenses associated with COVID-19.

(4) COVAid allocated to parents or guardians of minor citizens living in their households will presumptively be dispersed as follows:

(a) In households where one parent or guardian is a Huu-ay-aht citizen, to that citizen.

(b) In households where more than one parent or guardian is a Huu-ay-aht citizen, split evenly between them.

(c) In households with more than one parent or guardian, none of whom is a Huu-ay-aht citizen, staff will work with the parents/guardians to identify who will receive the funds.

(d) Where minor citizens are residing roughly equally between two different households, funds will be split between those two households.

(5) Despite the presumption described above, the Executive Director has discretion to direct that funds be dispersed as he or she sees fit to best meet the needs of minor citizens and their households.

How Funds to be Provided

3 (1) For safety reasons, no cheques will be available for pick-up at Huu-ay-aht offices.

(2) To facilitate the quick receipt of funds, recipients of COVAid are requested to provide direct deposit information and staff will make efforts to ensure that such information is available for as many citizens as possible.

(3) Where the administration does not have direct deposit information, cheques will be mailed to COVAid recipients at the address currently on file.

(4) Staff will make reasonable efforts to make arrangements to provide COVAid to recipients who have not provided direct deposit information and who either have no fixed address or who do not have an address on file.

Executive Director has Ultimate Discretion

4 (1) The Executive Director has discretion to make decisions in accordance with the purpose of this policy about the most appropriate way to disperse COVAid in circumstances that are not contemplated or not fully contemplated by these guidelines.

(2) It is recognized that in some instances funds, especially in respect of households in which minor citizens reside, may be incorrectly allocated. Such errors will be addressed by the Executive Director on a case by case basis with the goal of ensuring funds are provided fairly and where they are needed.