



Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

NUNAVUT HARVESTERS SUPPORT PROGRAM

HARVESTING EQUIPMENT PROGRAM POLICY

Approved by the Board of Directors in August 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

The objective of the Nunavut Harvesters Support Program (NHSP) is to relieve poverty among the Inuit of Nunavut and to preserve and advance Inuit harvesting culture, heritage and traditional ways of life, in accordance with the Nunavut Harvesters Support Program Policy (the “NHSP Policy”).

NHSP Harvesting Equipment Program (the “Program”) is to carry out the above objective by providing Inuit in need with funding assistance to purchase harvesting equipment.

II. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Subject to any program criteria that may be prescribed by applicable policies and guidelines, all Inuit are eligible to participate in and benefit from the Program.

The Program provides Inuit in Nunavut who are in need with funding assistance to make harvesting equipment and tools more affordable, so that they can participate in traditional harvesting activities. An applicant is considered “in need” if they need financial assistance to purchase harvesting equipment required to support their family and/or community. They are also considered “in need” if they have experienced loss of hunting equipment or sustained substantial damage to their hunting equipment due to an unavoidable hunting accident or disaster.

Funding will be provided in three areas:

- a) Funding assistance for the purchase of small harvesting equipment;
- b) Funding assistance for the purchase of safety equipment; and
- c) Funding assistance for disaster relief.

To be eligible for funding assistance, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- An Inuk 16 years of age or older and enrolled in the Nunavut Agreement;
- A harvester who engages in traditional harvesting activity; and
- Where applicable, the applicant’s household has not exceeded the annual funding limit in the applicable fiscal year. For the purpose of this section, a household includes the applicant’s legal or common-law spouse and any minor children. An

applicant's parents, children or other family members or relatives living in the same house who are 16 years of age or older are considered separate households.

III. ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The Program provides funding assistance for equipment required to carry out hunting, fishing, gathering and/or trapping activities. This includes the following:

- a) Small Equipment: 75% of the equipment costs (including shipping costs) to a maximum of \$1,000 per request and \$2,000 per household each year for small harvesting equipment/tools regularly used for harvesting purposes. List of eligible small equipment may be prescribed in the Harvesting Equipment Program Guidelines. Only one application can be accepted for each equipment purchase.
- b) Insurance Coverage for Small Equipment: for eligible small equipment regularly used for harvesting purposes, 75% of insurance premium to a maximum of \$500 per equipment and \$1,500 per household each year. Only one application can be accepted for each insurance policy each year.
- c) Safety Equipment: 75% of the equipment costs (including shipping costs) to a maximum of \$1,000 per request and \$2,000 per household each year for safety equipment regularly used for harvesting purposes. List of eligible safety equipment may be prescribed in the Harvesting Equipment Program Guidelines. Only one application can be accepted for each equipment purchase.
- d) Insurance Coverage for Safety Equipment: for eligible safety equipment regularly used for harvesting purposes, 75% of insurance premium to a maximum of \$500 per equipment and \$1,500 per household each year. Only one application can be accepted for each insurance policy each year.
- e) Insurance Coverage for Large Harvesting Equipment: 75% of insurance premium to a maximum of \$1,000 per equipment and \$2,000 per household each year for Large Harvesting Equipment regularly used for harvesting purposes. "Large Hunting Equipment" refers to snowmobiles, ATVs or UTVs (Side-by-sides), boats and outboard motors with an initial purchase price of \$5,000 or more. List of eligible large harvesting equipment may be prescribed in the Harvesting Equipment Program Guidelines. Only one application can be accepted for each insurance policy each year.
- f) Disaster Relief (Total Loss): 75% of the net replacement cost, to a maximum of the following amounts:
 - i. Snowmobiles – up to \$7,000.00
 - ii. ATV's – up to \$6,000.00
 - iii. Boats – up to \$10,000.00
 - iv. Outboard Motors – up to \$7,000.00

for any major harvesting equipment lost in a hunting accident or disaster. To qualify for this program, the equipment must be lost or damaged beyond repair. "Net replacement cost" for equipment refers to the purchase price (including shipping costs) of replacement equipment minus any payment from insurance and government program on the same equipment or accident/disaster.

- (f) Disaster Relief (Substantial Damage to Equipment): 75% of the net repair cost, to a maximum of the following amounts:
- i. Snowmobiles – up to \$3,500.00
 - ii. ATVs or UTVs (Side-by-sides) – up to \$3,000.00
 - iii. Boats – up to \$5,000.00
 - iv. Outboard Motors – up to \$3,500.00

for any major harvesting equipment substantially damaged in a hunting accident. To qualify for this program, the equipment must require and has undergone substantial repair that costs more than \$2,000. “Net repair cost” for equipment refers to the repair cost minus any payment from insurance and government program on the for the same repair or accident.

IV. ADMINISTRATION AND DELIVERY

The Program will be overseen by the NHSP Secretariat at NTI, with the assistance of the NHSP Working Group, and delivered by the Regional Inuit Associations (RIAs) in accordance with the NHSP Policy, this Policy, NHSP Delivery Guidelines, and Harvesting Equipment Program Guidelines that may be developed by the Secretariat in partnership with the RIAs and approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Secretariat and RIAs may also develop and use additional material such as manuals, forms, instructions and templates that are consistent with approved policies and guidelines and approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

V. REVIEW

The Policy may be reviewed every five (5) years at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Secretariat from reviewing the Program on a more frequent basis.