The purpose of the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Program is to provide financial assistance to tribal members to prevent displacement of CRST Members who are Homeowners experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. The HAF Program can help income-qualified households with mortgage deficiencies, defaults, foreclosures, forbearance costs, utility and energy services, delinquencies with insurance or property taxes and home repairs to maintain habitability necessary to maintain housing stability. This is a temporary one-time assistance federally funded program and assistance is subject to the availability of funds and eligibility.

The Cheyenne River Housing Authority (CRHA) is the sub-grantee recipient of the grant awarded to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe by the US Department of Treasury. CRHA prepared a HAF Plan which was approved by the Treasury Department prior to the grant award. There are ceiling amounts for the eligible activities funded by the HAF Plan and grant.

One of the requirements is to document the number and needs of CRST homeowners to establish baseline data. CRHA will conduct a survey among our homeowners to identify areas of need regarding homeownership. The survey will be available online or at the CRHA Administrative Office. It is important for each tribal homeowner to complete the survey, so your needs are included in the final report. The survey must be completed before the application.

CRHA will host three (3) Zoom webinars and one public session to discuss the HAF Plan, HAF Survey, HAF Application and answer any questions regarding the eligibility and eligible activities/services.

The following documents are required by all applicants:

- Submitted: Complete the HAF Survey
- Submitted: Complete and signed application
- Submitted: Proof of homeownership i.e., Mortgage Holder, Title and/or Deed to home, Title Status Report (TSR), etc.
- Submitted: Picture Identification (Driver’s License, State ID, Tribal ID)
- Submitted: Proof of Enrollment/Tribal ID/CIB
- Submitted: Income Verification for ALL household members 18 years and older
- Submitted: Completed and signed Release of Information for EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER 18 YEARS AND OLDER

The following IF APPLICABLE:

- Submitted: Mortgage Statement listing delinquent amount
- Submitted: Property Tax Statement listing delinquent amount
- Submitted: Utility Bills(s)
- Submitted: Insurance Statement(s) listing delinquent amount

Applications will be processed and reviewed as they are received. Preference and priority will be given to homeowners having incomes equal to or less than 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Applicants will be notified within fourteen (14) days of a completed application if they are approved for HAF funding.

Incomplete applications will not be processed and will delay the application process and could result in denial of services. If you are missing any of these documents at the time of submission, program staff will follow up with you to submit required documents.

If you need assistance with the survey or application, you can call (605)964.4265 from Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Mountain Time.