Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF)

FAQ's

Q: Can I use this funding for my home off the reservation?

A: Per our Hopi Tribal Constitution in Article IX - Bill of Rights; Section 1, states: All <u>resident</u> members of the Tribe shall be given equal opportunities to share in the economic resources and activities of the jurisdiction. Therefore the Committee have opted to keep the funds for the members who reside on the Hopi reservation.

Q: What is considered a Primary repair need?

A: Roofing repair, exterior windows and doors, weatherization, flooring, health or unsafe related repairs and handicap accessibility (e.g. ramps, showers, etc.).

Q: What types of repairs would not qualify?

A: Any cosmetic, secondary repairs or repairs that are not necessary to prevent homeowner displacement. Examples are listed on the page that is titled "Cosmetic Repair definition and examples".

Q: What type of verification documents would I need to apply for this funding?

A: Here are the types of documentation that is recommended and will be accepted (one document necessary):

- Deed or official record
- Mortgage documentation
- Homeowners insurance documentation
- Property tax receipt or bill
- Manufactured home certificate or title
- Home purchase contracts (e.g. Bill of Sale, Bond for Title, Land Installment Contract, etc.)
- Will or Affidavit or heirship (with death certificate) naming you as heir to the property.
- Land assignment
- Village verification or attestation

Q: How can I get assistance on finding the homeownership documentation for my house?

A: We have a few options to provide for documentation:

- HUD Homes Hopi Housing Authority 928-737-2800
- Village CSA's or Village leader (kikmongwi) can provide letter of certification.
- Village attestation form

Q: What if I recently made house repairs, would I be able to get reimbursed for that?

A: No. There are no reimbursement options available.

Q: Are clan homes or family homes eligible for repair?

A: The Committee has two funding buckets, one is from the US Treasury HAF and the other is the FRF Supplement. The HAF funding applies to 'primary residence' the applicant will need to show proof of homeownership. The FRF Supplement fund will be able to allow clan home or family home repairs, documentation will still apply from the family.

Q: If I request to repair my primary residence and I am a caretaker of our clan home. Am I eligible for both homes?

A: No. The applicant name will be eligible to apply for one home for repairs or rehabilitation.

Q: I live in my family members home, am I eligible to apply for repairs on the house, if they do not live here?

A: No. The applicant will need to show proof of homeownership.

Q: My home is under construction, my only home and I no longer have the funds to complete the project. I currently stay with other family members and it is getting over crowded. Would I be able to apply to finish the construction on my home?

A: The HAF funding will not apply to new construction or continued construction.

Q: My only home needs extreme repairs and is unsafe and unlivable, this forces me to rent. Would the house that needs extreme repair be able to qualify for this funding?

A: Yes. Focusing on the 'primary' repair need, proof of homeownership and contractors assessment.

Q: I am enrolled with one village but I was born and raised in another village and I have inherited a home from my grandmother in that village. Would I be able to apply for the house that I inherited?

A: Yes. The funding applies to primary residence with proof of homeownership.

Q: I live in a G-Shed, can this type of home qualify for this funding?

A. Yes. HAF allows manufactured homes to qualify for home repair assistance with proof of homeownership.

Q: What determines the priority of repairs? Will it be on a first come first serve basis?

A: These funds will not be first come, first served.

Per the US Treasury guidelines, home repairs will be based on the priorities of elderly, children and disabled and dire need of home repairs.

Q: Will I have to find my own contractor to work on my repairs?

A: No, the HTPRC will be seeking contractors for home repairs. Funding will be paid directly to the contractors by HAF, not the homeowners.

Q: Are Red Feather awardees eligible for this funding as well?

A: Eligibility may apply, depending on the prior assistance received from Red Feather.

Q: What are the deadline dates for all the projects?

A: Application deadline is October 2025; overall project deadline completion is September 2026.

Q: Define primary residence:

A: The home you live in 24/7.