

## Squamish Nation Assistance with Rent Program (SNARP)

### Frequently Asked Questions

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To support our community affected by the health and housing crisis, the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw Council funded the Squamish Nation Assistance with Rent Program (SNARP) for the upcoming year, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. The SNARP program will assist Squamish Nation renters paying market rental rates, including members living on- and off-reserve, out-of-province and out-of-country. The program is being administered by Hiyám ta Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Housing Society (Hiyám Housing).

Rent support supplements are part of a broader affordable housing strategy. The program is being funded by the Nation; members will need to apply for the SNARP funding each year it is available.

**Renewal applications for SNARP will be accepted from Tuesday, March 18, 2025, until Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 4:00 pm. Payments will start mid-July 2025.**

Applications will be mailed to current SNARP recipients. You can also find the application on the Hiyam Housing website at [www.hiyamhousing.com](http://www.hiyamhousing.com) or request one from Hiyám Housing by contacting our office at 604-210-9126 or [snarp@hiyamhousing.com](mailto:snarp@hiyamhousing.com)

**Submit completed application with supporting documents to:**

Hiyám Housing  
336 West 4th Street  
North Vancouver, BC, V7M 1J1

Or email: [snarp@hiyamhousing.com](mailto:snarp@hiyamhousing.com)

#### **1) *What are the eligibility requirements for SNARP Surplus?***

To be eligible for SNARP, applicants must be:

- A Squamish Nation member.
  - Renting in the private market and paying a market rent. This includes Squamish Nation members living on- and off-reserve, out-of-province and out-of-country.
  - Market-rate means that there are no restrictions on the amount that is charged for rent.

- Meet the program income limits threshold of a 2024 household income of less than \$85,000 for households without dependents and \$125,000 for households with dependents.
  - The income threshold is based on your total household annual gross income amount (income before taxes). It includes the income of non-Squamish Nation members who live in the home.
- Must not be living in other subsidized housing or receiving similar rent relief payments.
- Not receiving any other rent subsidy from the Nation or any level of Government, including subsidized housing or rent supplements such as Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) or the Rental Assistance Program (RAP).

## **2) How much is the supplement?**

The amount of the supplement changes depending on how many people are in your household:

- Single person/couple \$250
- Family with one child or dependent \$500
- Family with two or more children or dependents \$750

Family is defined as a minimum of two people, including one dependent child. The main applicant must be a Squamish Nation member.

A dependent is an unmarried child, stepchild, adopted child, or legal ward, mainly supported by the applicant, who:

- Lives with you at least 50 percent of the time.
- Is under 19 years of age; or
  - Under 25 years of age and registered in full-time school, university, or vocational institute which provides a recognized diploma, certificate, or degree; or
  - Of any age who, because of mental or physical infirmity, is accepted as a dependent for income tax purposes,
  - Senior – Defined as a single person aged 55 and older, who is physically or financially dependent on you.
  - People with disabilities – Those who can live independently and are in receipt of a recognized disability pension or are considered disabled for income tax purposes.

## **3) Am I eligible for SNARP if I live with roommates, in co-op housing, or in a secondary suite?**

If you meet the income eligibility requirements, you can receive the rent supplement when living with roommates. Each roommate who is eligible must apply individually. Members of housing co-ops can get the rental supplement if they meet all other eligible criteria, including:

- Paying the full market housing charge; and
- The co-op cannot be receiving any ongoing operating funding from the Government.

Secondary suites (suites that do not comply with zoning and bylaw requirements or that have not been registered) are still eligible, as long as you meet the other criteria.

#### **4) Can I move to a new home or location with SNARP?**

Yes, the rental subsidy can move to different locations as long as you still meet all the criteria. If market rental housing situations change and you get similar rental support or move into subsidized housing, you are required to notify Hiyám Housing that you are no longer eligible for this rent support.

#### **5) What additional documents must I submit with the application?**

- Identification: such as a driver's license, status card, passport, or BC identification card.
- Proof of address: driver's license, utility bill, pay stub, or mailed items addressed to the tenant at the rental address.
- Proof of monthly rent amount: a signed tenancy agreement, or rent receipt, or notice of rent increase.
- Landlord's details: contact information including email address.

Applicants must have all documents and photos prepared at the time of application. Please note, if you do not have these documents, other documents will be considered. Contact Hiyám Housing if additional information is needed.

#### **6) Will you ask for further supporting information for my application?**

Hiyám may follow up with your application to ensure all information is true and correct and for further documentation to verify your tenancy and income. This will help us make sure that this funding goes directly to the people most in need of assistance. We may ask for the following at a later time:

- **Proof of Income** for any household member who is over the age of 19.
- **Income Verification** tax information, personal bank statements, or other documentation to verify income.

Your landlord may also be asked to confirm details about your tenancy.

## **7) How will payments be made?**

Rent supplements will be paid by cheque or electronic transfer and payments will be made in Canadian Dollars.

You do not need to fill out the direct deposit form on the SNARP application if you already signed up for electronic fund transfer payments (EFT) with the Squamish Nation.

## **8) Who is considered a Person with Disabilities (PWD)?**

Criteria set for PWD is as follows:

- A person may be designated as PWD if they have reached 19 years of age and have a severe mental (including a mental disorder) or physical impairment that meets all of the following criteria.
- In the opinion of a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner, the impairment is likely to continue for at least two years.
- In the opinion of a prescribed professional, the impairment directly and significantly restricts the person's ability to perform daily living activities either continuously or periodically for extended periods.
- As a result of those restrictions, the person requires an assistive device, the significant help or supervision of another person, or the services of an assistance animal to perform daily living activities.

You will not be required to submit backup at the time of application, however, Hiyám Housing may follow up at a later time to assess the PWD eligibility.

## **9) How long will the SNARP Program be available?**

The Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw Council has confirmed funding for the Squamish Nation Assistance with Rent Program (SNARP) until June 30, 2026.