




CARES Act Direct Assistance Program Checklist and Information

Please Read Before Filling Out and Submitting Your Application

The BSNC CARES Act Direct Assistance Program will provide **eligible BSNC shareholders on record as of Sept. 17, 2021 a one-time payment of up to \$2,000 and shareholders on record as of Nov. 19, 2021 a one-time payment up to \$1,400** to assist with extra expenses and/or loss of income related to the COVID-19 pandemic between March 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2021. To qualify for CARES Act Direct Assistance, you must:

- **Be an “Eligible Shareholder.”** An eligible shareholder is defined as someone who:
 - Is 18 years of age or older, or is a minor (under age 18) and has a Parent or Guardian available to fill out the Application; **and**
 - For round #1: Has held voting shares of BSNC stock as of, or before, Sept. 17, 2021.
 - For round #2: Has held voting shares of BSNC stock as of, or before, Nov. 19, 2021.
- **Have or had financial hardships in the form of extra expenses and/or loss of income directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic between March 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2021.** Extra expenses and/or loss of income due to COVID-19 include:
 - **Employment or Financial Hardships.** This includes financial loss resulting from job loss (including resignation to provide care for family members), decreased work hours, furlough, unpaid leave, lost small business income, lost rental income, and similar costs.
 - **Housing Hardships.** This includes the current or previous need (between March 1, 2020 and Dec. 31, 2021) for housing assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction due to financial hardship, or increased household expenses including, but not limited to, utility costs (e.g., electricity, gas, propane, firewood, water, sewer, waste disposal, internet, and phone costs, and/or other costs).
 - **Food and Nutritional Hardships.** This includes expenses due to the increased cost of food, groceries, and/or meals and nutrition necessary for your health while following public health mandates and recommendations related to COVID-19. This includes increased expenses related to food security issues caused by supply-chain issues, such as purchasing subsistence materials (e.g., fishing gear; bullets; buckets; canning supplies; and other subsistence-related costs).
 - **Childcare or Dependent Hardships.** This includes increased expenses for child or dependent care due to school, daycare, or programming closures, and/or expenses related to online learning and/or maintaining and supporting the educational needs of school-age children (including post-secondary school) because of changes made by schools in response to COVID-19.
 - **Medical-Related Hardships.** This includes expenses for COVID-19 testing and medical treatment, expenses for medical and protective supplies, including, but not limited to, cleaning/sanitizing products and personal protective equipment (masks/gloves).
 - **Transportation Hardships.** This includes additional expenses for transportation because of COVID-19.
- **Have not received payment or reimbursement for the exact same expenses and/or loss of income by any other Alaska Native Corporation, CARES Act Program, or any other federal, state, tribal, or local government.**
- **Submit a completed application.** Applications will be accepted until Dec. 10, 2021. Each Shareholder should submit only one program application for each round to BSNC.



If you believe that you, or a minor on whose behalf you would apply, qualify for the BSNC Direct Care Assistance Program as indicated in the checklist above, please take note of the following additional information:

- Completed applications may be submitted on the MyBSNC shareholder portal at <https://shareholder.bsnc.net/home>, mailed to **Bering Straits Native Corporation, Attn: BSNC CARES Act Direct Assistance Program, 3301 C Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99503**, or by submitted via email to bsnccares@bsnc.net. Failure to submit the required information will delay processing and may cause the application to be denied. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS DEC. 10, 2021.
 - Receiving funds under this program may impact other needs-based benefit programs you receive and can cause tax consequences. Please consult with your program case worker or the appropriate agency or tax advisor for benefit-related or tax-related questions or concerns. **BSNC cannot offer advice about this.**
 - Applicants must agree to keep documentation of the expenses that are paid with, or reimbursed by, these one-time payments for a minimum of five years and, if requested, must assist BSNC during that period by providing copies of the documentation or any information needed to verify the expenses. **Failure to do so may result in the Shareholder being responsible for reimbursement of funds received.**
 - Approved payments are expected to be direct deposited on a rolling basis (barring any unforeseen interruptions) or mailed in check form to the address on file with Shareholder Records. Please check the “change address” box on the application if you need to update your address on file.
 - Direct deposit is only available if you have a MyBSNC account set up. Please register for direct deposit through the MyBSNC shareholder portal at <https://shareholder.bsnc.net/home>.
 - If you have any questions, please contact BSNC by emailing bsnccares@bsnc.net. Additional information about the BSNC CAREs Act Direct Assistance Program can be found on the website at <https://beringstraits.com/cares-act/>.
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