

**NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE'S
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

FOURTH QUARTER/ANNUAL REPORT

(October/November/December)

Date: 12/31/24

Welfare Assistance Grant (WAG)

General Assistance Program

During this quarter, the GA program serviced 7 clients. 2 clients were unemployable and 5 clients were employable seeking employment. The 2 unemployable client2 have applied for SSI/SSDI disability benefits and is currently awaiting confirmation. The 5 employable are still seeking employment. **A total of 23 individual persons were assisted this program year.**

Carry-overs from last year's GA Program

There were 7 participating clients carried over from program year 2023 into 2024.

New Applications

There were 3 new applications this quarter for the General Assistance Program (GA). All 3 were employable clients seeking employment or job training.

Re-applicants for GA Assistance

There were 2 re-applicants; participants that were terminated during program year and re-applied for services, this quarter. Both were employable clients seeking employment or job training.

Approvals, Denials & Non-Considerations

The 5 new applicants that applied were approved this quarter. All active participants and the 5 new applicants were approved. There were no denials this quarter.

Case Plans, Progress Reports & 90 Day Evaluations

There were 5 case plans established, 15 progress reports updated and there were no 90 day evaluation performed this quarter.

Suspensions

There were no suspensions placed on active clients this quarter. All those faxed to BIA for confirmation complied with program requirements and were approved.

Terminations

This quarter there was one termination from the GA program. Client found employment.

Service Only-Cases

Services were provided 31 times with regards to outreach services, advocacy or referrals for assistance through local agencies, such as, the Johnny Cake Centers, South County Community Actions Programs, Food Stamp Office, Social Security Administration Office, the Department of Human Services, state housing authorities and other agencies in the community that provide direct client services.

Transportation services were provided 6 times this quarter. There were 22 home visits conducted to assist families seeking services through the Tribe’s LIHEAP, CSBG and/or General Assistance (GA) Programs, or through outside resources or agencies in the local community.

Miscellaneous Assistance

There were no applications received for Miscellaneous “Burial” Assistance this quarter.

BIA - Emergency Assistance

There were no applications received for Emergency Assistance this quarter.

Areas Serviced

- North Kingstown
- South Kingstown
- Narragansett
- Westerly
- West Kingston
- Wood River Junction
- Charlestown

**Total Regular BIA 2024 WAG Funds Expenditures for this quarter and year
(WAG funding for 2024; \$37,742.00)**

General Assistance.....	\$ 5,737.00
Miscellaneous “Burial” Assistance.....	\$ 570.00
Total expenditures for the quarter:	\$ 6,307.00
Total expenditures for the year:	\$37,741.00
Remaining balance and carryover for the year:	\$ 1.00

Total BIA WAG COVID-19 (\$29,580) Expenditures for this quarter and year

General Assistance.....	\$	00.00
Miscellaneous “Burial” Assistance.....	\$	00.00
Emergency Assistance.....	\$	00.00
Total expenditures for the quarter:		\$ 00.00

**Direct Client Services – Tribal VLT Funds
(Emergency/Hardship Assistance)**

VLT funds were not provided by Tribal Government in December during this quarter.

FY2025 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Tribe was awarded \$33,548.00; award letter dated 10/29/24, for its FY2025 LIHEAP program of which \$32,538.00 was allocated for program services, such as, fuel asst., crisis asst., weatherization asst. and cooling asst. and \$1,010.00 utilized for Indirect Costs (IDC). The life of this program budget is 10/1/24 to 9/30/25.

For the first quarter (October/November/December '24) of this program, a total of **36** unduplicated households were assisted. **32** households assisted through the fuel assistance component, **1** household utilized weatherization assistance and 5 households assisted through the crisis assistance component; **3** unduplicates and 2 were reoccurrences; meaning they were serviced prior with 2025 LIHEAP funds! Total service funds expensed this quarter \$20,528.96 and the remaining balance of service funds is \$12,009.04.

Also during the first quarter (October/November/December '24), the Tribe was awarded \$946.00, supplemental FY2025 LIHEAP funds under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58); award letter dated 10/30/24. \$917.00 was allocated for program services and \$29.00 for Indirect Costs (IDC). The budget period for this grant is 10/1/24 to 9/30/26. At this time, **1** household has been assisted with crisis assistance through this program. Current remaining balance of funds is \$7.00.

Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG)

At this time, the Tribe was awarded \$7,948.00; award letter dated 11/20/24, for this year's FY2025 CSBG program of which \$7,709.00 was allocated for program services; emergency assistance, and \$239.00 utilized for IDC.

During the first quarter (October/November/December '24) of this program, **6** households were assisted with emergency hardship assistance; 3 households for housing assistance; rent, and 3 household for fuel assistance. Total expenditure of service funds at this time \$4,015.32. The remaining balance of 2025 CSBG funds is currently at \$3,693.68.00. The program is currently awaiting its second allotment of funds at this time to be awarded to the Tribe during the second quarter of this program in (Jan/Feb/Mar '25).

**Title VI Administration on Aging Program (AOA)
(Senior Nutrition Program)**

The FY2023 Title VI AOA Program (2nd year); budget period 4/1/24 to 3/31/25 (project period: 4/1/23 – 3/31/26), received \$68,108.00 in April; award letter dated 3/27/24, and \$81,242.00 in June; award letter dated 6/11/24, totaling \$149,350.00 awarded to the program; \$141,880.00 to utilized for program operations and \$7,470.00 to be allocated for Indirect Costs. The program also had a carryover of \$4,522.00 from FY2020 program year as well; totaling \$146,402.00 to maintain program operations and building overhead at the Four Winds Community Center's East Building, the senior meal site facility.

For the first quarter (April, May, June '24) the program provided takeout meals to **84** tribal elders/seniors and other eligible patrons at the meal site facility. The senior meal site facility provides a noontime meal to the seniors five days a week, fifty-two weeks a year. The total number of takeout/congregate meals provided for this quarter was 3,712.

For the second quarter (July, August, September '24). Out of the original 84 patrons serviced in the first quarter the program provided takeout meals to 69 tribal elders and other eligible patrons at the meal site facility. The senior meal site facility provides a noontime meal to the elders, seniors and eligible patrons five days a week, fifty-two weeks a year. The program provided an additional 3,060 meals this quarter bringing the total number of takeout meals provided at this time to 6,772; total patrons served 84.

For the third quarter (October, November, December '24) the program provided an additional 2,842 meals; takeout meals, to tribal elders and other eligible patrons at the meal site facility. The additional 2,842 meals this quarter bring the total number of takeout meals provided from the program at this time to 9,614. **Total individual patrons served is still 84.**

**Title VI Administration on Aging Program (AOA)
(Caregiver Supportive Services)**

The FY2023 Title VI AOA Caregiver Supportive Services Program (2nd year); budget period 4/1/24 to 3/31/25 (project period 4/1/23– 3/31/26), received a total of \$31,020.00 in April; award letter dated 3/27/24, \$34,540.00 in June; award letter dated 6/11/24, and a carryover of \$2,073.00; Statement of Revenues and Expenditures dated 2/5/24, totaling \$67,633.00 in annual funding of which \$63,973.00 was allocated for program operations; \$3,660.00 allocated to Administrative and Indirect costs. These funds sustain a full-time staff person for the program to provide respite care services to eligible tribal families in the Washington County area. Services provided through this program assist those tribal members who provide care for a loved one at home or are being cared for themselves.

During this first quarter (April, May, June '24) the program assisted 4 families with 4 units of information/referrals to available services, 0 units of assistance in getting access to available services, 0 units of assistance with hygiene, 0 units of assistance in dressing, 0 units of bathing/showering, 1 units of medication reminders, 2 units of meal preparation, 0 units of light housekeeping, 4 units of companionship and 1 unit in chore services. These are just some of the

units of services provided through this program. A total of **12** units of Respite services were provided this quarter.

During this second quarter (July, August, September '24) the program acquired 8 additional families who wanted Respite services; **a total of 12 participants**. Out of the 14 participants in the program 12 were assisted Respite services. 21 units of information/referrals to available services, 27 units of assistance in getting access to available services, 0 units of assistance with hygiene, 0 units of assistance in dressing, 0 units of bathing/showering, 6 units of medication reminders, 14 units of meal preparation, 6 units of light housekeeping, 23 units of companionship and 42 units in chore services. These are just some of the units of services provided through this program. A total of **139** units of Respite services were provided this quarter. There is still a total of 12 participants in the program.

During this third quarter (October, November, December '24), 2 participants withdrew from the program; total participants is now 10. The program assisted participants with 0 units of information/referrals to available services, 25 units of assistance in getting access to available services, 0 units of assistance with hygiene, 0 units of assistance in dressing, 0 units of bathing/showering, 1 units of medication reminders, 8 units of meal preparation, 0 units of light housekeeping, 22 units of companionship and 17 units Of chore services. These are just some of the units of services provided through this program. A total of 73 units of Respite services were provided this quarter; total Respite services provided at this time **212**.