



**LAXGALTS'AP VILLAGE GOVERNMENT
HOME RENOVATION GRANT**

DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT

I, _____
Full Name of Applicant

of _____
Residential Address of Applicant

hereby declare that I have read and understand the Laxgalts'ap Village Government Home Renovation Grant Program Guidelines attached to this Declaration and Agreement and agree to abide and be bound by the terms and conditions of the Laxgalts'ap Village Government Housing Grant Program (the "Program") as set out therein.

I declare and agree that, if grant funding (a "Grant") is provided to me for eligible home renovations under the Program ("Funded Renovations"),

- (a) I will use the Grant for the sole purpose of undertaking the Funded Renovations,
- (b) I will be solely responsible for the completion of the Funded Renovations, and
- (c) neither the Nisga'a Nation nor any of its employees, agents or contractors nor any department or agency of Laxgalts'ap Village Government will
 - (i) be a party to or assume any responsibility or liability in relation to any contract or agreement in connection with the Funded Renovations which I may enter into with a vendor, contractor, inspector or other person, or
 - (ii) assume any responsibility or liability for the actions or omissions of or materials or works provided by any vendor, contractor, inspector or other person that I may retain in connection with the Funded Renovations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Laxgalts'ap Village Government Home Renovation Grant
APPLICATION

Application Date: Month/Day/Year ____/____/____

Applicant's name:	
Address:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone: (Day)	
Email:	
Nisga'a Citizenship no	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$ _____

AMOUNT BEING APPLIED FOR: \$ _____ maximum \$10,000

1. Number of people permanently residing in home

Infant – 2 years _____, 3 – 9 years _____, 10 – 17 years _____, 18 – 29 years _____,

30 – 40 years _____, 40 – 60 years _____, 60+ years _____

2. Approximate age of house _____ yrs

3. Is the home primarily used as a rental property for the applicant? YES – NO

4. Is the applicant the registered owner/co-owner of the home? YES – NO

5. How long has applicant owned the home? _____

FAX OR MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTAION TO:
 Chief Financial Officer – Laxgalts'ap Village Government 416 North Road Laxgalts'ap BC V0J 1X0, Fax
 250-621-3320



LAXGALTS'AP VILLAGE GOVERNMENT HOME RENOVATION GRANT

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Purpose

1.1 The Laxgalts'ap Village Government Housing Grant Program (the "Program") is intended to provide grant funding ("Grant") for eligible home renovations to residential real property ("Property") in Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap for Nisga'a citizens who reside in the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 To be eligible for a Grant a Nisga'a citizen must

- (a) be at least 19 years of age,
- (b) reside in the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap,
- (c) be registered on title as the owner of, or be named in a registered mortgage as a mortgagor of, the Property in respect of which the Nisga'a citizen applies for a Grant,
- (d) use the Property as their primary residence,
- (e) not use the Property as a rental property, and
- (f) not have previously received grant funding under the Laxgalts'ap Village Government Housing Grant Program.

3. Limits and Restrictions of Grant

3.1 Grants are subject to the following limits and restrictions:

- (a) the maximum Grant available is \$35,000 per Property;

- (b) the number of Grants available in any year will be contingent upon the Program budget appropriation by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a to the Nisga'a Capital (New Asset) Finance Commission for that year;
- (c) a Nisga'a citizen awarded a Grant under the Program will not be eligible for any further Grant under the Program after the date on which that Grant is received by that Nisga'a citizen;
- (d) regardless of a Nisga'a citizen's eligibility to receive a Grant, a Property in respect of which a Grant is awarded under the Program may not be the subject of a further Grant under the Program after the date on which that Grant is received by a Nisga'a citizen.

3.2 The following is a list of home renovations which may be approved for a Grant under the Program:

- (a) furnace or fireplace replacement;
- (b) roof replacement or repair (including eave troughs and downspouts);
- (c) handicap / wheelchair access upgrade;
- (d) insulation upgrade;
- (e) window and exterior door replacement / upgrade;
- (f) plumbing upgrade;
- (g) electrical upgrade;
- (h) ventilation upgrade (indoor air quality);
- (i) porch, stairway and walkway repair;
- (j) bathroom upgrade;
- (k) general repairs* .

3.3 A Nisga'a citizen receiving a Grant under the Program will be solely responsible for the completion of the eligible home renovations for which the Grant is provided ("Funded Renovations") and must commence the Funded Renovations within six months after receiving the Grant.

3.4 Neither the Village of Laxgalts'ap nor any of its employees, agents or contractors nor any department or agency of Nisga'a Lisims Government or a Nisga'a Village Government will:

* In order to be considered an eligible home renovation under the Program, applicants will be required to include with their Application Form a detailed breakdown of the work and costs of any general repairs.

- (a) be a party to or assume any responsibility or liability in relation to any contract or agreement in connection with Funded Renovations which a Nisga'a citizen who receives a Grant may enter into with a vendor, contractor, inspector or other person, or
- (b) assume any responsibility or liability for the actions or omissions of or materials or works provided by any vendor, contractor, inspector or other person which a Nisga'a citizen who receives a Grant may retain in connection with Funded Renovations.

4. Terms of Grant

4.1 Before receiving a Grant, a successful applicant must sign and submit to the Chief Financial Officer of Laxgalts'ap Village Government;

- (a) a Laxgalts'ap Village Government Housing Grant Program Declaration and Agreement; and
- (b) provide a completed Application with supporting documents for the Property located in the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap.

4.2 On each anniversary of the date on which a Nisga'a citizen receives a Grant under the Program, \$5,000 of the Grant (or such lesser portion of the Grant as remains unforgiven on that date) will be forgiven to the Nisga'a citizen by the Laxgalts'ap Village Government, until the entirety of the Grant is forgiven, provided that the Nisga'a citizen

- (a) has commenced the Funded Renovations within six months of receiving the Grant, and
- (b) has not
 - (i) used any part of the Grant for a purpose other than the completion of the eligible home renovations for which the Grant was provided,
 - (ii) sold the Property in respect of which the Grant was awarded, or
 - (iii) ceased to reside at the Property in respect of which the Grant was awarded prior to that anniversary.

4.3 A Nisga'a citizen who receives a Grant under the Program and who does not commence the Funded Renovations within six months of receiving the Grant must repay to the Laxgalts'ap Village Government the Grant in its entirety.

4.4 A Nisga'a citizen who receives a Grant under the Program and who

- (a) uses any part of the Grant for a purpose other than the completion of the eligible home renovations for which the Grant was provided,

- (b) sells the Property in respect of which the Grant was awarded, or
- (c) ceases to reside in the Property in respect of which the Grant was awarded

before the entirety of the Grant is forgiven under section 4.2, must repay to the Laxgalts'ap Village Government the portion of the Grant which remained unforgiven at the time of that use, sale or cessation of residence.

5. **Application Process**

5.1 Each applicant for a Grant under the Program must submit a completed Application Form to the Laxgalts'ap Village Government c/o Chief Financial Officer, or such other individual as may be designated by the Nisga'a Capital (New Asset) Finance Commission:

Chief Financial Officer
416 North Road
Laxgalts'ap, B.C. V0J 1X0
Facsimile: 250.621.3220

5.2 Each application for a Grant under the Program will be reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer, who will make a recommendation in respect of the application to the Laxgaltsa'ap Village Government.

6. **Criteria and Evaluation**

6.1 The following information will be considered in evaluating an application for a Grant under the Program:

- (a) the date of the application,
- (b) the applicant's current household income,
- (c) the applicant's current living conditions, including the physical condition of the applicants current residential premises and the extent of crowding of those premises,
- (d) the overall benefit of the proposed renovation project to the safety and comfort of the applicant,
- (e) the overall long-term impact of the proposed renovation project to the Property in respect of which the application is submitted,
- (f) the number of permanent occupants of the Property in respect of which the application is submitted,
- (g) the overall value and cost-effectiveness of the proposed renovation project.

6.2 Nisga'a citizens are encouraged to seek other sources of financial assistance prior to applying for a Grant under the Program.

6.3 A Nisga'a citizen who applies for but does not receive a Grant under the Program during a fiscal year may re-apply for a Grant under the Program during the following fiscal year.

7. Pre-qualification and Inspection

7.1 A Property which is the subject of an application for a Grant may be subject to inspection by an inspector retained by Laxgalts'ap Village Government, prior to the making of a decision in respect of the application under the Program.

8. Communication of Decision

8.1 A Nisga'a citizen who applies for a Grant under the Program will be advised in writing whether or not they will receive a Grant.