



MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COUNCIL

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The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is partnering with Tribal organizations to help Tribal members connected with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program benefits (called Basic Food in Washington State).

Federal regulations require Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) to work or participate in work-like activities for more than three months in the current 36-month period in order to receive Basic Food services; and

Historically Washington state has been able to waive the federal ABAWD participation requirements due to the State's unemployment rate.

King County is no longer eligible for the waiver due to reduced unemployment rates; however, DSHS has identified the Muckleshoot reservation as an area within King county that should be eligible for a waiver.

DSHS requests the Tribes permission to include the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe in the Waiver Proposal submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) for a waiver of ABAWD requirements for the Federal Fiscal Year 2019, on behalf of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

The Tribal Council of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe hereby authorizes DSHS to include the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe in the Waiver Proposal submitted to the USDA and FNS for a waiver of ABAWD requirements for the Federal Fiscal Year 2019.

Sincerely,

Virginia Cross
Muckleshoot Tribal Council