

## **Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program (IHAP) to open January 1**

December 24, 2021 – IRC is pleased to announce that IHAP will open January 1, 2022.

“The Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance program offers contributions of up to 75% of purchases in support of Inuvialuit subsistence harvesters. This program is ongoing opportunity made possible by investment returns from the Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Trust – and we have been able to increase IHAP contributions amounts, both minor and major, starting in 2022,” said IRC Chair and CEO Duane Ningaqsiq Smith.

Effective in 2022, and after community consultations, the IRC Board was unanimous in passing updates to the IHAP policies.

New documents and updated forms are now available for 2022 that reflect the updates.

IRC would like to advise all Beneficiaries of the following improvements to IHAP:

- Increase in assistance for major items from \$5000 to \$7500 (or up to 75% of the total cost).
- Increase in assistance for minor items from \$1000 to \$2500 (or 75% maximum).
- Cabin material is now added to the list of major items (in addition to remaining on the minor).
- Applicants must be enrolled as an Inuvialuit beneficiary (18 years and older and of legal age).

Beneficiaries can find the new IHAP policy on IRC’s website effective January 1, 2022.

Timelines for applications, review and financial arrangements stay consistent with previous years and can be found with all needed documents at the IRC website:

**[www.irc.inuvialuit.com/IHAP](http://www.irc.inuvialuit.com/IHAP)**

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