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NFAS to Cease Their Applications for Services until October 1, 2022

Window Rock, Ariz. – The Navajo Family Assistance Services (NFAS) would like to inform the public of a temporary cease in acceptance of certain applications.

The NFAS program provides the following financial assistance to eligible individuals and households: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), General Assistance (GA), Burial Assistance (BA), Community Services Block Grant (CSGB), and Navajo School Clothing and Supplies (NSCS).

Effective September 9, 2022, 5:00 pm, the NFAS program will pause acceptance of applications for LIHEAP, LIHEAP American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), CSBG, CSBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and LIHWAP ARPA, until October 1, 2022.

“This temporary cease will allow NFAS staff to focus on meeting the Navajo Nation’s year-end, close-out, deadlines for payment processing. NFAS will continue to accept applications for General Assistance and Burial Assistance. When following up on submitted applications, your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Be prepared for delays, the NFAS program is short staffed and is prioritizing application reviews and processing.” stated Raeann Metteba, NFAS manager.

The NSCS application for School Year 2022-2023 will be released in late October 2022. An announcement will be made when the date is finalized.

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