



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS
MANITOU RAPIDS

ONTARIO WORKS AND MORE

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OW provides financial and employment assistance for people in need who meet the eligibility criteria.

Financial Assistance may include:

- money for food,
- shelter, clothing or other household costs
- A monthly drug benefit card to help pay for medication.

Employment Assistance may include:

- workshops on resume writing and interviewing
- job counselling
- job-specific training
- access to basic education, so clients can finish high school or improve their language skills
- Certificates such as First Aid, WHMIS, CPR, Transport of Dangerous Goods, Smart Serve, etc.

Emergency assistance is also available to people who are in a crisis or an emergency situation (e.g. people who have lost their homes, are leaving an abusive relationship and/or are worried about their safety)

ERE (Employment Related Expenses)

- Fines, (non-DUI) preventing you from driving and restricting employment
- Driver's License – start-up costs, test fees
- Transportation – shuttle passes
- Traditional Crafts and various Workshops

OEEAB (Other Employment Expenses and Benefits)

If you have started a new job and are in need of items, there are funds available to help you get off on the right track):

- clothing
- work boots

FTEB (Full-Time Employment Benefits)

- clothing
- training
- transportation

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:

Fill out an application at the OW office if:

- Your children are in grades JK-8
- Are Band Members, either living on or off of Reserve
- Or are on Nominal Role List on Reserve to qualify

HOMEMAKERS PROGRAM:

The Homemakers program assists by taking care of elders, the disabled, ill or recovering from an illness. Should people seeking these services qualify medically and financially, they will be assessed for a homemaker to come in and help with:

- Cleaning their rooms or homes if they live alone
- Helping with personal cooking, laundry and basic chores

This program helps to keep people in their homes and avoid hospital stays.

FUNERALS

RRFN contributes to all members funeral costs up to a total of \$10,000. These funds can be put towards:

- Family members travel expenses
- Assisting with costs directly associated with the deceased and their funeral
- Reception costs related to food, drinks and event room

FOOD SHELF PROGRAM

Provides emergency food to families or individuals bi-monthly and also distributes Christmas Hampers to low income individuals in the community.

TSE: (TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FUNDING)

To assist low income families in between difficult times such as

- Moving and living costs related to an individual's health and safety
- Disconnection of utilities

BACKPACK PROGRAM

To assist low income families with appropriate school gear

- Depends on grade and school supply list