

## Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake

### Tribal Assistance for persons with Permanent Disabilities Program

#### Stipend Program

Policy Manual approved by Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Executive Council January 26, 2018.  
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- PURPOSE
  - The purpose of this benefit program to afford Tribal Members, between the ages of 18 and 60 whose employment options are challenged by permanent disabilities, support for a healthy and happy lifestyle and to begin to meet the needs of these members by providing a monthly living assistance stipend in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00.) These stipends hereafter shall be referred to as the “Permanent Disabilities Program” (“PDP”)
- DESCRIPTION
  - This benefit program is designed to increase overall health and wellness to our Tribal Members with Permanent Disabilities, and to alleviate the negative effects of termination on our Tribal Individuals, families and the Tribe as a whole. This is done by providing a payment of three hundred dollars (\$300) that can be used to offset the additional expenses associated with persons living with permanent disabilities.
- SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES
  - Members applying for this program must fill out the initial Permanent Disabilities Program application, as well as provide proper documentation certifying their status as permanently disabled.
  - Members must be between the ages of 18 -60 to be eligible to participate in this program.
  - Once a member reaches their 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday, they then have the option to transition into the Tribe’s Honored Elder Assistance Program.
- AWARDING PROCESS
  - Payments will be initiated after the PDP application is submitted and all required documentation is approved and or verified, the application will be active and in effect for five (5) years.
  - The member will have his/her first check for the month following their application approval.

- Checks are cut on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day of each month and available for pick or to be mailed out. In the event that the 5<sup>th</sup> is a holiday or falls on a weekend the checks will available the last business before the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- DISCLAIMER – This program are subject to the availability of funds, and the Executive Council reserves the right to discontinue this program at will.