

## ***Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Honored Elder Stipend Program***

### **I. Stipend Program**

Policy Manual approved by Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Executive Council 7/13/2013  
Implementation effective 10/01/2013 (Revisions effective 1/1/2015)

#### **A. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this benefit program is to afford Tribal elders who have reached the age of sixty (60) years, support for a healthy and happy lifestyle and to begin to meet the needs of these elders by providing a monthly assistance stipend in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The stipends hereafter shall be referred to as the Honored Elders Assistance (“HEA”).

#### **B. DESCRIPTION**

This benefit program is designed to increase overall tribal elder health and wellness and to alleviate the negative effects of termination on tribal individuals, families and the Tribe as a whole, by providing a payment of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) that can be used to offset the additional expenses associated with persons who have reached the age of sixty (60) who have suffered personal, family or tribal injury as a result of termination. The Tribe looks to preserve the emotional and physical wellness of our honored tribal elders as the Tribe looks to these valued persons to lead our growth and progress.

#### **C. SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES**

On January 1, 2015, the Tribe will issue its Honored Elders Assistance Stipend to tribal elders age 60 and over. Payments will be initiated once the tribal office receives the initial Honored Elders Assistance Stipend Application and will continue on a monthly basis for the remainder of the year. If you do not receive a check by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, contact Nichole Humphrey at (707) 275-0737 ext. 112 / [nhumphrey@hpultribe-nsn.gov](mailto:nhumphrey@hpultribe-nsn.gov) immediately to have your check investigated. Checks are issued by Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake and authorized by the Elders Program. If you have a change of address, it is best to call Enrollment as well as the Tribal Office to ensure that your change is made. Checks are mailed out of the tribal office on the fifth day of each month, however if the fifth falls on a weekend or holiday, the check is mailed the prior business day.

**Tribal Elders Age 60 and above will receive Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) on a monthly basis.**

***Honored Elders Assistance services are subject to available funding.***