Subpart C—Direct Assistance

§ 20.303 Eligibility for Direct Assistance

§ 20.300 Who qualifies for Direct Assistance under this subpart?
To be eligible for assistance or services under this part, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:
(a) Meet the definition of Indian as defined in this part;
(b) Not have sufficient resources to meet the essential need items defined by the Bureau standard of assistance for those Bureau programs providing financial payment;
(c) Reside in the service area as defined in §20.100; and
(d) Meet the additional eligibility criteria for each of the specific programs of financial assistance or social services in §§20.301 through 20.516.

§ 20.301 What is the goal of General Assistance?
The goal of the General Assistance program is to increase self-sufficiency. Each General Assistance recipient must work with the social services worker to develop and sign an Individual Self-Sufficiency Plan (ISP). The plan must outline the specific steps the individual will take to increase independence by meeting the goal of employment.

§ 20.302 Are Indian applicants required to seek assistance through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families?
Yes, all Indian applicants with dependent children are required to apply for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and follow TANF regulations.

§ 20.303 When is an applicant eligible for General Assistance?
To be eligible for General Assistance an applicant must:
(a) Meet the criteria contained in §20.300;
(b) Apply concurrently for financial assistance from other state, tribal, county, local, or other federal agency programs for which he/she is eligible;