

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS  
OF ODAWA INDIANS  
NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT  
PROCEDURE**

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**LTBB GUN SAFE PROGRAM**

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Natural Resource Commission recognizes that suicide is a real threat to LTBB Youth and Community. Studies have shown that individuals are more likely to attempt suicide with firearms from within the house hold. In an attempt to reduce the availability of firearms owned by families that use them for the exercise of their Treaty Reserved Hunting Rights the NRC will seek to provide the LTBB community with a limited number guns safe per year. LTBB Hunters may apply to the LTBB NRC for the opportunity to receive a gun safe. Onetime only.

1. Tribal members interested in receiving a gun safe must fill out and submit an application by February 28<sup>th</sup> of 2018 and by October 1<sup>st</sup> each year here after. If there a more applicants (qualified) than gun safes available the department will conduct a drawing from the applicants received subject to the criteria below.
2. Eligibility:
  - a) Must be a Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Member.
  - b) Must have valid LTBB Inland Hunting and Fishing License.
  - c) Preference will be given to households with children under the age of 21.
  - d) Must completely fill out a Gun Safe Request application and submit no later than the end of the Application period.
  - e) Must not be currently incarcerated.
  - f) Must not currently have any outstanding or pending commercial fishing violations.
  - g) Must not currently be in default on any other Tribal or NRD financial assistance programs.
3. LTBB Hunters that apply, qualify according to the eligibility criteria and are selected will be awarded a gun safe capable of holding up to 12 long guns. This is onetime only benefit per household.

4. Successful applicants awarded a gun safe shall not sell or dispose of the safe within twenty years of receiving it. Households awarded a gun safe but no longer need it may donate it back to the NRD for redistribution.
5. This program shall be funded by the Treaty Rights Enhancement Budget and is subject to available funds.
6. Approval/Denial:
  - a) Upon receiving a completed application (including appropriate documentation), the NRC will review the application.
  - b) Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the NRC based upon completeness of the application, eligibility and criteria components of the program.