

Tribal Relief Fund – ACTION REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY

As part of the \$2T appropriation of the Cares Act, Congress designated an \$8B tribal set aside in Title VI of the Corona Relief Fund, to assist tribes in covering the expenditures incurred due to COVID-19.

To receive funding, the Department of Treasury requires tribes to submit information and create a portal no later than **Friday, April 17 at 7:59 pm AK time**, at the following website:
<https://forms.treasury.gov/caresact/stateandlocal>

Treasury has yet to announce the formula/methodology on how the \$8B will be divided amongst the 570+ tribes in the country. Currently they are asking for **tribal population, land base, employees and FY '19 expenditures**, so we know Treasury is considering these factors.

If Alaska tribes will be disadvantaged on a formula based on these factors, it is necessary for Alaska tribes to submit their information ASAP. This will allow Treasury to test potential formulas and strengthen the evidence for the need of a tribal minimum, Alaska specific, or small tribe set-aside within the designated funds.

1. Fill out the attached “Certification for Cares Act” form. Submit the **same** information at this site: <https://forms.treasury.gov/caresact/stateandlocal>
2. Under recipient information you will have to provide:
 - a. Taxpayer ID Number
 - b. DUNS Number
 - c. Tribal Contact.
3. Click “NEXT”
 - a. Under Recipient Type you will have to provide;
 - i. Population
 - ii. Land Base
 - iii. Employees
 - iv. Expenditures
4. Click “NEXT”
 - a. Under Financial Institution Information you will have to provide:
 - i. Routing Transit Number (Wire or ACH)
 - ii. Recipient’s Account Number
 - iii. Financial Institution Name
 - iv. Financial Institution Address
 - v. Financial Institution Telephone Number
5. Click “NEXT”
 - a. Under Certification, you will upload the completed Certification Cares Act Form. **The information on the form must match the information entered on the site.**
6. Click “FINISH”

Self-Governance and other staff in Tribal Development and Natural Cultural Resources are working on compiling the following information for each tribe. Please reach out to your coordinator if you have any questions. Guidance provided on the requested information:

Population: Total number of Indian Tribe Citizens/Members/Shareholders, as of January 1, 2020;

Land Base: Total number of land acres held by the Indian Tribe and any tribally-owned entity (to include entities in which the Indian Tribe maintains at least 51% ownership) as of January 1, 2020 (to include lands held in trust by the United States, owned in restricted fee status, owned in fee, or selected pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act).

Employees: Total number of persons employed by the Indian Tribe and any tribally-owned entity (to include entities in which the Indian Tribe maintains at least 51% ownership) on January 1, 2020.

Expenditures: Total expenditures for the most recently completed fiscal year.

The current statute requires these funds must be expended by December 30, 2020.¹ The funding has Inspector General oversight and if misappropriated the state/local/tribal government will have a debt to the federal government.

¹ TITLE VI—CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND
SEC. 601. CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, Tribal government, and unit of local government shall use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover only those costs of the State, Tribal government, or unit of local government that— “(1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); “(2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and “(3) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.