



## **TRIBAL RESOURCES**

### **OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR MARTIN HEINRICH**

#### **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)**

Based on the nationwide emergency declaration for the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on March 13, 2020, tribal governments have the option to request Public Assistance from FEMA as either a Recipient or Sub recipient. For more information, see [HERE](#).

#### **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)**

The CDC has released several funding opportunities to expedite the release of COVID-19 response resources to support tribal communities. For more information and instructions for applying, see [HERE](#).

#### **INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS)**

For updated information, funding announcements, and frequently asked questions about the Indian Health Service's response to the pandemic, see their COVID-19 website [HERE](#).

#### **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (BIA EM)**

The BIA EM is responsible for policy development and program management of Bureau activities concerning disaster preparedness, planning, response and recovery, and continuity of operations; and represents the bureau in coordinating interagency emergency management activities related to tribal affairs. For more information, see [HERE](#).

#### **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

The CARES Act authorizes \$522 million in additional direct appropriations resources for COVID-19 response activities through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). For a detailed Dear Tribal Leader letter, describing the funding allocations, see [HERE](#). For assistance from the BIA, see [HERE](#).

## **NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DHSEM)**

Responsible for coordinating requests for Personal Protective Equipment and other resources. If you have questions, please contact the State Emergency Operations Center Tribal Liaison at: (505) 476-9624 or at [DHSEM.TribalLiaison@state.nm.us](mailto:DHSEM.TribalLiaison@state.nm.us). All resource requests are to be submitted with a 213RR form. For more information, visit the [DHSEM website](#).

## **NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ISOLATION SITE**

NM DOH has organized an isolation and quarantine site at Buffalo Thunder Resort. For more information, contact Captain Nathan Barton with the State Emergency Operations Center at (505) 819-2190.

## **IHS NATIONAL SUPPLY SERVICE CENTER (NSSC)**

For supply support to federal, tribal, and urban Indian Health care facilities. The NSCC coordinates and manages the purchase and distribution of pharmaceuticals, medical, and other health care related supply items. Visit [HERE](#) for local contacts.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSISTANCE**

The CARES Act provided the EDA with \$1.5 billion for economic development assistance to help communities respond to the coronavirus pandemic. The EDA opened [applications](#) on May 7, 2020 for projects to address economic dislocations, preparing or updating resiliency plans to respond to future pandemics, implementing entrepreneurial support programs, and constructing public works and facilities that will support economic recovery, including the deployment of broadband for purposes including supporting telehealth and remote learning for job skills. For more information, visit EDA's coronavirus page [HERE](#). EDA's regulations provide discretion to establish a maximum EDA investment rate of up to 100 percent for projects of Indian Tribes.

## **PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act makes Tribes eligible for the Small Business Act Section 7(a) Paycheck Protection Program, which will provide 100% federal loan guarantees up to \$10 million to cover costs like employee salaries, paid sick leave/medical leave, mortgages/rents, and employee health insurance premiums. This applies to any Tribal Business Concern. See [HERE](#) for more information.

## **SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS (SDPI) EXTENTION**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act extends the SDPI mandatory authorization at FY2020 levels (\$150 million) through November 2020. For more information on the SDPI, see [HERE](#).

### **INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (IHBG)**

The CARES Act provides a \$200 million increase to the IHBG, to be distributed through formula funding. For more information on the IHBG and tribal allocations, see [HERE](#). HUD's implementation notice can be found [HERE](#) with instructions for application. HUD has also released a [guide](#) on Reprogramming and Utilizing FY 2020 IHBG funding to Prevent, Prepare for, and Respond to COVID19.

*\*\* IHBG can be used for broadband and connectivity purposes. For more information, see [HERE](#).*

### **INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)**

The CARES Act provides a \$100 million increase to the ICDBG to respond to COVID-19, through Imminent Threat Grants. The funds will be allocated on a first come-first served basis in noncompetitive grants. For more information, see [HERE](#). For updated information on the application, see [HERE](#).

*\*\*ICDBG can be used for broadband and connectivity purposes. For more information, see [HERE](#).*

### **FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR INDIAN RESERVATIONS**

The CARES Act provides an additional \$100 million to this program, which provides USDA commodity foods to low-income households, including the elderly, living on Indian reservations. For a program fact sheet, see [HERE](#).

### **USDA MEALS-TO-YOU PROGRAM**

Meals-to-You is a collaboration between the United States Department of Agriculture and Baylor University. The program is now being adapted as capacity allows, to serve students affected by recent school closures. USDA can provide shelf stable commodities for children under 18 via USPS. These can be delivered directly to the individuals' door or to a centralized location if a tribe's borders are closed. See the eligibility guidelines [HERE](#).

### **OLDER AMERICANS ACT TRIBAL NUTRITION**

The CARES Act provides an additional \$20 million for delivery of nutrition services to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian elders. Learn more about the program increases [HERE](#). To see awards by tribal organization, visit [HERE](#).

### **INDIAN CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

The increase to the Child Care Development Block Grant program includes \$70-96 million for Indian child care programs that serve low-income families to help defray the costs of COVID-19 response, including for continued payments to child care providers during center closure and to provide emergency child care for health care workers, emergency responders, and other COVID-19 “front line” workers. This program is administered through formula. For more information, see [HERE](#). For New Mexico state resources and FAQs, see New Mexico Kid’s website [HERE](#).

### **TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS**

The CARES Act provides a \$4.5 million set aside for tribal domestic violence shelters through the Family Violence and Prevention Services Act. All federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply for FVPSA Tribal Formula grants. For a program fact sheet, see [HERE](#). Guidance is coming soon about how the funding will be released.

### **TRIBAL LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP)**

The CARES Act provides an additional \$900 million for LIHEAP, including Tribal LIHEAP. This program assists eligible low-income households with their heating and cooling energy costs, bill payment assistance, energy crisis assistance, weatherization and energy-related home repairs. For Tribal contacts and to check eligibility, visit [HERE](#).

### **RECONNECT PILOT PROGRAM**

The USDA ReConnect program has received a \$100 million increase to help aid coronavirus response through broadband access for telehealth, telework, and distance learning. Ninety percent of the households to be served by a project must be in a rural area without sufficient access to broadband. For FAQs and application instructions, visit [HERE](#).

### **DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE (DLT) GRANT**

An additional filing window is open that makes available up to \$25 million received from the CARES Act. While the CARES Act requires these funds be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, the agency believes that all DLT projects already serve that purpose. The DLT Program provides financial assistance to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. For more information, and to apply, see [HERE](#).

### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND – TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

Section 18004(a)(2) of the CARES Act provides grants for Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs). The Certification and Agreement forms must be submitted on or before **August 1, 2020** via Grants.Gov for a qualifying institution to receive their allocated funds. For more information, please see [HERE](#).

#### **GRANTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN/NATIVE HAWAIIAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) received money from the CARES Act for grants to museums, libraries, and federally recognized tribes and organizations that serve Native Hawaiians. The purpose of this funding is to provide direct support to these institutions, equipping them to respond to community needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. \$1.2 million is set aside for Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum and Library Services. For more information, see [HERE](#).