



PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS



From Puyallup Tribal Council

June 24, 2020

tx^wəl g^wəlapu, g^wəlapu siʔiʔab dʔiišəd, dsyayayəʔ. To all of you, our honorable people and relatives,

Thank you for your perseverance through the COVID-19 pandemic. This is our latest update on the crisis and actions we are taking to serve you.

Our Tribe has been very successful in our efforts to get federal CARES Act funding. Unfortunately this funding comes with a lot of strings attached. We cannot use it to simply backfill lost revenue or use it outright to pay salaries.

However, we can use it to compensate our membership for financial losses and expenses due to COVID-19, such as lost wages, increases in food costs, childcare expenses due to school closures, and the purchase of items such as masks and hand sanitizer.

Adult Tribal Members are eligible for up to \$4,000, and minor Tribal Members are eligible for up to \$750 payable to the parent or legal guardian for household expenses. Enclosed please find an application form and instructions. You will need to be able to document your claim.

This is one of several actions Council is taking to protect you financially. Throughout this pandemic, we have kept vital services open and available to our membership despite losing vast amounts of revenue after we closed the casinos. Council also is directing staff to ensure that assistance programs and departments such as Set Aside Housing, Higher Education and Emergency Housing Repair have the funding they need to continue providing services you may need.

Sincerely,

The Puyallup Tribal Council: Chairman David Z. Bean, Vice Chairman Bill Sterud,
Councilmembers Sylvia Miller, Tim Reynon, Annette Bryan, James Rideout and Anna Bean