



Spokane Tribe of Indians

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Fellow Spokane Tribal Citizens,

On behalf of Spokane Tribal Business Council, I would like to provide you with an update on how we intend to utilize federal COVID-19 related stimulus money the Tribe has received in recent weeks. Since the pandemic set in, Tribal Business Council and staff have worked hard to maintain and even increase services we provide to membership. Thankfully, we managed to avoid layoffs and furloughs during this difficult time and Tribal Business Council continues to pursue opportunities that will benefit all Tribal citizens.

In the spirit of transparency, I want to share with you our list of COVID-19 related funding priorities that Tribal Business Council approved this week. Although there is a degree of flexibility with COVID-19 related funding, there are also many restrictions. I feel that Tribal Business Council and staff have done an excellent job at being creative with how to apply the funding but also protecting the Tribe from auditing risks once the money is spent. For instance, we intend to provide food security payments to Tribal Elders, construct infrastructure that provides broadband internet service, and enhance drug abuse treatment services to Tribal members.

Finally, Tribal Business Council intends for our priority list to grow as staff conducts diligence around numerous items that are currently not reflected on the list. We look forward to updating you as the priority list evolves with our changing needs.

Tribal Council's door is always open. We welcome your thoughts and feedback as we manage our way through these unprecedented times. We are a resilient Tribe and we survived many difficult times by banding together and protecting each other. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and consideration.

Priority	Administrator
Quarantine Facilities	Administrative Director
PPE for Tribal Employees and Clients	Administrative Director
Quarantine Facilities Operations	Administrative Director
Casino and Enterprises Payroll, PPE, and Health Safety Upgrades	Casinos / Enterprises
Game Processing Facility	Department of Natural Resources
Fisheries Upgrades for Food Security	Department of Natural Resources
20 Person Firefighting Crew	Department of Natural Resources
Payroll: Emergency Leave, COVID, and Pandemic Pay	Executive Director
COVID Testing, Including Antibodies	Executive Director
PPE and Payroll Contingency	Finance
Convert Chewelah Car Museum for Food Storage	Finance
Refrigeration Upgrades for Commodities Program	Health and Human Services

Contract Psychiatrist	Health and Human Services
Elders' Food Assistance	Health and Human Services
Residential Internet Services	Housing / STTX / Tribe
Telex Software, Hardware, Email, Server, and Cloud Upgrades for all Government Departments, Court, TERO, and Gaming Commission	Information Technology
PowWow Grounds Restrooms, Showers, and Kitchen	Housing Authority / Tribe
Legal Expenses	Office of Spokane Tribal Attorney
Hire a Full Time Emergency Manager	Planning
Emergency Management Radios	Planning
Emergency Management Vehicle	Planning
Emergency Management Training	Planning / Emergency Manager
Contact Tracing Training	Tribal Employee Rights Office
Elder Care Assistance	Tribal Employee Rights Office
Emergency Housing	Tribal Employment Rights Office /
Four Telecom Towers	Housing Authority
	Tribe / STTX

Sincerely,

Carol Evans,
Chairwoman
Spokane Tribal Business Council