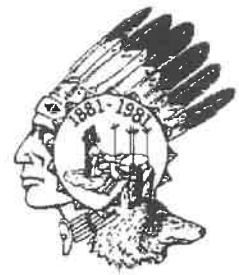


Spokane Tribe of Indians

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January 19, 2021

Dear Tribal Member,

The Spokane Tribe of Indians is extending the Elder General Welfare Assistance benefits for enrolled Spokane Tribal members age 55 and over for the second quarter (January, February, March 2021) of the Tribe's fiscal year. The tribe will be offering a **\$200.00 per month** General Welfare payment from the CARES, (Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act to provide relief assistance from the coronavirus to enrolled Spokane Tribal members **age 55 and over**.

For the enrolled Spokane Tribal members **age 65 and over, the \$200.00 per month assistance payment will replace the \$300.00 Quarterly payment for the first & second quarter of the fiscal year.** (January, February, March 2021)
Quarterly \$300.00 payments will resume in June 2021.

Per the Treasury Guidance for the CARES Act funding, we are required to show an assessment of economic need so we are requiring a quarterly application for the assistance. **Please renew your quarterly application for benefits in the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2021.**

In January 2021, checks will be mailed out on or about January 29, 2021 or when your application is received whichever is later. February and March will be mailed on or about the 10th of the month. Quarterly applications will **not** be accepted after April 16th, 2021.

The Spokane Tribe of Indians, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, exercises its rights of sovereignty to promote the general welfare of the Tribe, by providing general welfare assistance, including general welfare benefits within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 139E. The General Welfare benefits to Spokane Tribal Elders over age 55 are for health and wellness costs, increased costs for isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19, in-home care services, non-covered medical and prescription costs, increased food costs, transportation costs, utility and housing-related costs, other increased costs due to COVID-19. It is recommended that you save your expenditure receipts for your records. At this time under the General Welfare safe harbor rules the general welfare assistance payments are **NOT** considered taxable benefits. All assistance provided pursuant to this Program is subject to the availability of funds. The annual assistance limit is subject to change from time to time, at the discretion of the Tribal Council.

The tribe is also offering direct deposit for the Elder General Welfare payments, please fill out the enclosed direct deposit form if you would like to have your assistance payments sent to you by direct deposit. If you already signed up for direct deposit in

the first Quarter, it is still valid, so please check the box on the application (we do not need another direct deposit form).

The application is enclosed, please complete the application and return to the tribe by any of the following methods:

Email: caresact@spokanetribe.com

USPS mail: Spokane Tribe of Indians, Att: Anissa Jerred
PO Box 100
Wellpinit, WA 99040

Drop off box: at McCoy Administration Building, Wellpinit, WA 99040

You may also download the Elder COVID-19 Emergency General Welfare Assistance Quarterly Request Form on the Spokane Tribal website.
<https://spokanetribe.com/government/finance>

If you have any questions, please contact Anissa Jerred at (509) 458-6525.

Sincerely,



Jody Hill
CFO