



CONFIDENTIAL – FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY
**UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT DISASTER RELIEF FUND**

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The Business Committee established the American Rescue Plan Act Disaster Relief Program (“Program”) to provide emergency assistance grants to Tribal members to meet reasonable and necessary expenses that have been incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Business Committee has determined that as a result of the COVID-19 Delta variant, the global pandemic has and will continue to strain the resources of Tribal membership, necessitating the need for additional Program distributions to Tribal members. The health and safety of the Tribe and its members is the utmost priority of the Business Committee.

This Notice contains information regarding additional Program distributions and how to access its benefits.

ELIGIBILITY: Every adult enrolled member of Tribe, or member who is age seventeen (17) or younger, who has suffered negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19 is eligible to apply for and receive assistance grants. **NOTE: Tribal members are required to submit one (1) new application for this round of funding.**

AMOUNT: Tribal members age eighteen (18) and over are eligible for assistance grants in the amount of \$2,000 total. Eligible Tribal members age eighteen (18) and over will receive two separate \$1,000 installments, with the first installment scheduled for distribution on October 6, 2021, and the second installment scheduled for distribution on November 3, 2021. Only one application is required to receive both distributions.

Tribal members age seventeen (17) and younger are eligible for assistance grants in the amount of \$1,000 total. Eligible Tribal members age seventeen (17) and younger will receive two separate \$500 installments, with the first installment scheduled for distribution on October 6, 2021, and the second installment scheduled for distribution on November 3, 2021. Only one application is required to receive both distributions.

ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- Members 17 and younger: Assistance grants for Tribal members age seventeen (17) and younger shall be paid to member heads of household. For non-member heads of household, distributions will be processed and held by the Tribe’s comptroller for the benefit of the minor.

- Members 18 and over: Tribal members who are age 18 and older may initiate a request for an assistance grant by:
- 1) Completing and submitting the ARPA Disaster Relief Program Verification Form to the Tribe's Accounting Department in person, by mail, email or fax; or
- 2) Providing the required information to the Tribe's Accounting Department via telephone. Contact information is listed above.

RECEIVING ASSISTANCE GRANTS: To maintain best practices to avoid the spread of COVID-19, assistance grants shall be delivered through direct deposit whenever possible. For those members who do not have direct deposit, grants shall be issued through a check delivered by USPS mail as soon as reasonably possible after a request has been made. Please note that processing of these grants may take approximately one week from the time a completed Form has been received by the Tribe's Accounting Department. The Tribe will verify all data and payments may be delayed if the Tribe is unable to verify data. Tribal members are not required to submit the application immediately.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES: Assistance grants made under the Program are to be exclusively used to address the negative economic impacts which are incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible expenses shall include but are not limited to medical, housing, health related goods or services, food, transportation for medical appointments, funeral costs, and similar expenses.

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Assistance Grant Request Application****PERSONAL AND GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FB NO.: _____ PHONE: _____ DOB: _____

1. Are you a Ute Tribal Member requesting assistance for yourself? YES _____ NO _____
2. Are you a Ute Tribal Member and have at least greater than 50% physical custody of a Tribal Member minor age seventeen or younger? YES _____ NO _____

a. If yes, please list the following for each Tribal minor being claimed:

Name	FB NO.	DOB	SSN
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Non-Tribal Member head of households are not eligible to receive a distribution for Tribal Member minors. Minor payments will be processed the same way tribal dividends are processed (direct deposit or check) unless you indicate otherwise here: _____

3. Do you have direct deposit set up with the Tribal Accounting Department for the payment of dividend distributions and if so, do you authorize the assistance grant to be issued via direct deposit?
YES _____ NO _____
4. If you answered no, do you authorize the assistance grant to be mailed via check mailed to the address provided above? YES _____ NO _____
5. Have you suffered a negative economic impact as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency?
YES _____ NO _____
6. Do you acknowledge and agree that assistance grants made under the ARPA Disaster Relief Fund are to be exclusively used to meet reasonable or necessary expenses to respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID-19, including but not limited to medical, housing, health related property, food, transportation for medical services or appointments and funeral expenses and that use of assistance grants for ineligible expenses may result in tax and/or legal consequences?
YES _____ NO _____

By signing below, I submit that all the information that I have given is true and I authorize the Ute Indian Tribe or its appointed representative to verify any information. I acknowledge the Tribe will verify all data and payments may be delayed if the Tribe is unable to verify data.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____