



TRIBAL MEMBER EMERGENCY COVID-19 ASSISTANCE #2

Addendum 1

General Welfare Benefit Plan

December 15, 2020

Background:

By Resolution 20-057 on July 23, 2020, the Tribal Council adopted the Tribal Member Emergency COVID-19 Assistance Program in response to the financial and health crisis resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. The COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Program (the "Assistance Program") provides emergency general welfare assistance to enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw (the "Tribe") for the period from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. Under this Assistance Program, an emergency assistance payment was issued to eligible enrolled members of the Tribe to cover COVID-19 related expenses incurred during the period from March 1 through July 31, 2020. The Addendum 1 to the Assistance Program provides for a second distribution to eligible enrolled members to cover COVID-19 related expenses incurred during the period from September 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, and is designed as a general welfare benefit program (the "Second Assistance Payment").

Additional Assistance Extended:

The Tribal Council recognizes the on-going and continuing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic that requires enrolled members to abide by stay-at-home orders and the ongoing limitations on economic activities by the Tribe, the region and the state of Oregon with a marked increase COVID-19 infections during the period covering the Second Assistance Payment period. The Tribal Council has determined that is necessary to the general welfare of the Tribe and its members to make the Second Assistance Payment to qualified enrolled members during the month of December, 2020 to cover COVID-19 related expenses and losses incurred during the Second Assistance Payment period, for the amounts set forth in the Benefit Assistance Section below. The Assistance Program approved by Council Resolution 20-057 on July 23, 2020, remains unchanged.

The Council also notes the following continued economic hardships for this applicable period:

- The COVID-19 public health emergency in the US has led to the largest and quickest increases in food costs in the last decade, particularly in some food staples, at the same time the country is seeing unprecedented levels of unemployment.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/08/04/grocery-prices-unemployed/>
- Tribal communities are experiencing disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic because of underfunded tribal health care systems, the concentration of tribal employment in service industries which are hardest hit by the pandemic and the shortage



of housing that allows for social distancing.

<https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2020/covid-19-and-indian-country-early-snapshot-reveals-disproportionate-economic-exposure-and-uncertainty>.

- Economic impacts of COVID-19 to Tribal Nations have incurred disproportionate impacts exacerbated by longstanding health disparities. <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/tribal-nations-more-vulnerable-to-covid-19-impacts-need-additional-fiscal-aid>.

Benefit Assistance:

The Tribe has determined the most administratively feasible method to distribute the Second Assistance Payment will be to distribute the Second Assistance Payment to members who have submitted an approved Application Form that covers the Second Assistance Payment period, and has determined it is necessary and imperative to provide Emergency Assistance to its enrolled members as follows:

- Adult Tribal member, ages 18 to age 64, \$3,000
- Minor Tribal Member, aged 17 and under, \$1,500

The enrolled Elders receive separate assistance under a separate program plan, therefore, they are eligible for this Program's second distribution emergency assistance in the amount of \$500.

Members who did *not* receive the first payment will be eligible for this assistance upon submission and approval of the Tribe's Application Form for this program, with a deadline of December 29, 2020. Questions about the Application Form or Enrollment may be directed to: Jeannie McNeil, 541/888-7506, jmcneil@ctclusi.org.

Approved:

The Tribal Council has adopted Resolution #20-109 that authorizes this COVID-19 Emergency Assistance - General Welfare Benefit Program, Addendum #1.

Adopted by CTCLUSI Tribal Council Resolution #20-109
Date: December 15 2020