



**PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF  
FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL MEMBER  
GENERAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

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General Welfare Assistance

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As of July 29, 2020

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To provide a general welfare program that will provide financial support grants to enrolled individual tribal members over 18 years of age and families directly affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

In establishing this program, the Tribe recognizes that many of the COVID-19 mitigation efforts have a direct impact on individual members and families of the Tribe, including (without limitation): social distancing requirements; reduced employment opportunities; increased cost of food and supplies; increased household costs and utilities; additional education and child care costs; burdens due to business and government service closures; the additional reliance on technology, phone and internet services; and the need for additional cleaning supplies and activities to meet CDC and other recommended guidelines. The Tribe further recognizes the direct impact and hardship on tribal culture, traditions and ceremonial gatherings.

This program is intended to promote the general welfare of the Tribe and its members by alleviating hardships endured due to COVID-19 through providing (without limitation):

- (1) Financial stabilization for tribal members and tribal families who are impacted by COVID-19 and are experiencing a loss of income and/or additional household expenses due to COVID-19;
- (2) Ensuring food security and continued education during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (3) Assistance with childcare and medical and health services that are necessary due to COVID-19; and
- (4) Unreimbursed, reasonable and necessary personal, living, family and other unplanned expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 disaster and public health emergency situation.

**II. STANDARDS**

Enrolled Tribal Members seeking assistance under the Coronavirus Relief Fund General Welfare Grant Program entitled: PYT CARES shall apply on a form specified by the Treasurer's Office that is designed to demonstrate the unique COVID-19 related needs of each applicant.

**III. QUALIFICATIONS**

To be eligible for a general welfare grant, the person must:

- (1) Be an enrolled tribal member as of May 27, 2020;
- (2) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (3) Live in the State of Arizona; and
- (4) Apply for assistance based on need specifically related to COVID-19, with the burden of proof to establish need warranting participation in the Coronavirus Relief Fund General Welfare Grant Program resting on the applicant.

#### IV. **PROCEDURES**

##### (1) **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- (a) Each applicant shall provide the following information:
  1. Identifying information, including:
    2. Date of Application;
    3. Name of Applicant;
    4. Work Number;
    5. Cell Number;
    6. Mailing Address;
    7. Email Address;
    8. Tribal Enrollment Number;
    9. If medical and/or healthcare-related expenses, proof of health coverage denial of payment;
    10. If mortgage or rent expenses, proof of monthly expenses and/or payments; and
    11. Documented proof of economic impact due to COVID-19.

#### V. **COVID-19-RELATED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

- (1) **Tribal Families Support.** Provides assistance to tribal member families (defined as having at least one child in the home) to offset childcare, medical and health care costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - (a) **Amount of Grant** – each eligible family will receive \$200.00 per child (under eighteen years of age) or per court-ordered ward (regardless of age) and \$200.00 per adult.

- (2) **Household Security.** Provides assistance to any adult tribal member who has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for mortgage payment, rental payment, utility payments, food/groceries, and cleaning and disinfectant supplies.
- (a) **Amount of Grant** – each eligible head of household will receive \$500.00 for necessary household expenses as defined above that are incurred due to COVID-19.
  - (b) **Amount of Grant** – each eligible adult applicant that is not the head of household will receive \$150.00 for necessary household expenses as defined above that are incurred due to COVID-19.
- (3) **Disaster Stabilization.** Provides assistance to tribal members who have been laid off or furloughed, or have reduced work hours and reduced wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Disaster stabilization assistance shall not provide compensation for services and shall not be construed as payroll support. If a tribal member's loss of income has been fully reimbursed by unemployment compensation, disaster stabilization assistance will not be available.
- (a) **Amount of Grant** – each eligible tribal member will receive \$2,000.00 for disaster stabilization.
  - (b) **Mortgage/rental home payment-** up to \$2,000.00 in additional funding for an eligible tribal member head of household, based on documented housing expenses.
  - (c) Total amount of grant to a single household under this section (3) shall be capped at \$5,000.00.
- (4) **Education Support.** Provides technology-related assistance to students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and who need additional technological support or mechanisms in order to successfully complete their coursework during the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- (a) **Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten through High School, and GED** – Qualifying students currently enrolled in a program that will require some form of remote work due to COVID-19 shall receive a loaner laptop, wi-fi assistance, and associated tools needed to complete the remote coursework. Once the need has resolved, applicant shall return the laptop and associated tools, which shall remain the property of the Tribe.
  - (b) **Higher Education and Trade School** – Qualifying students currently enrolled in a program that will require some form of remote work due to COVID-19 may be eligible for a grant of up to \$2,000.00 for necessary expenditures. This grant may be made either on a reimbursement basis or the Education Department may procure the needed items upon approval of the application. Documentation of expenses will be required in advance of any grant approval.

VI. **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Applications must be submitted no later than October 30, 2020 or until funding as been exhausted.

VII. **REPORTING**

You will be required to provide an attestation verifying your application. In the event that an applicant's COVID-19 related needs are less than the assistance received, applicants must return any excess funds to the Tribe. Applicants must retain all receipts related to expenditures as the Tribe reserves the right to audit and review program compliance. If a particular grant is structured as a reimbursement program, applicants must provide documentation expenses prior to the receipt of any grant funds.