



## Pascua Yaqui Tribe CARES Program

The Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council created the PYT CARES Program as a temporary, one-time assistance program to provide grants to tribal members that have been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The PYT CARES Program is intended to provide a “helping hand” during these difficult times. This is not the same as stimulus check or a per capita payment.

### Who is eligible?

- The guidelines for the receipt of this funding were determined by the U.S. Treasury. They establish the requirements of what the funding can be used for and who is eligible to receive funding assistance.
- Enrolled tribal members **who live in Arizona** that meet the eligibility requirements may apply for the PYT Cares Program assistance. Tribal membership will be verified through the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Enrollment Department. Eligibility requirements and the application are available on the website at: <https://covid19.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov/pyt-cares/>.
- Enrolled tribal members who have lost their job as a direct result of COVID-19. Such as a letter from employer or pay stubs to demonstrate loss of wages will be required.

### What costs/expenses are eligible under the PYT CARES Program?

- Personal, living, and family expenses that could not be paid **due to impact of COVID-19**. These losses cannot have been covered by unemployment insurance or by other general assistance programs.
- Unplanned costs due to COVID-19, such as education (items necessary to facilitate a productive remote learning environment), childcare or medical/healthcare costs that you have not been compensated for.
- Lost wages due to COVID-19 that have not been replaced by unemployment insurance.
- Applicants may qualify under multiple categories for assistance and all adult members of the household that have been impacted by COVID-19 may apply.

### Why are only enrolled tribal members living in Arizona eligible to apply?

- The U.S. Treasury’s formula for funding was based on the tribe’s census numbers in Arizona.

**What are the time frames I must provide that prove I have been impacted by COVID-19?**

- Enrolled tribal members must have been impacted by COVID-19 between March 1, 2020 and the date you are applying for funding.

**When is the deadline to submit my applications and documents?**

- The Tribal Council has extended the deadline for applications to October 30, 2020 or until the funding has been fully distributed, whichever comes first. Submitting the application starts the process. Completed applications must be submitted no later than October 30, 2020. The CARES Act funding is limited and will be available on a first-come first served basis.

**Who do I contact for help?**

- Representatives from PYT Adult Social Services are available to assist you. Please email [PYTCARES@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov](mailto:PYTCARES@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov) or leave a message at 520-879-5640. Thank you in advance for your patience, we are helping many people with this process.

**Where can I find out more information regarding the Coronavirus Relief Funds?**

- For information on the CARES Act, the U.S Treasury's website is: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments>

**PLEASE BE AWARE:**

- This is not the same as a stimulus check.
- Not everyone may be eligible for funds.
- Funding is subject to availability.
- If approved, this is a one-time assistance payment.
- Applicants may qualify under multiple categories for assistance and all adult members of the household that have been impacted by COVID-19 may apply. You may be contacted by Social Services to provide additional and/or updated information.
- Individuals applying for assistance must prove that they have been impacted by COVID-19 and will be required to provide documentation. Your information will be kept confidential and will be reviewed by PYT Adult Social Services. Examples of acceptable documentation are listed on the website at <https://covid19.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov/pyt-cares/>.

**DUE TO COVID-19, WE ARE PRACTICING PHYSICAL DISTANCING. PLEASE DO NOT COME IN-PERSON UNLESS YOU HAVE A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT. Intakes are completed by phone at this time.**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PATIENCE, WE ARE HELPING MANY PEOPLE WITH THIS PROCESS.**

For more information and additional assistance, please contact PYT Adult Social Services at [PYTCARES@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov](mailto:PYTCARES@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov) or call 520-879-5640.