



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

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The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021 and provides tribal governments with funds to support the efforts of tribal governments to respond to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on tribal members, communities, and businesses. In order to ensure that adequate resources are made available to address and respond to negative economic impacts of COVID-19, the Business Committee has established the Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 ARPA Disaster Relief Fund (“Fund” or “Program”) to provide assistance grants to Tribal households to address the negative economic impacts incurred as a result of the pandemic. The health and safety of the Tribe and its members is the utmost priority of Ute Indian Tribal Business Committee.

This Notice contains information regarding the details of the Program 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.

AMOUNT: Tribal members age eighteen (18) and over are eligible for assistance grants in the amount of \$2,000. Tribal members age seventeen (17) and younger are eligible for assistance grants in the amount of \$1,000.

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: In order 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.