June 30, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader,

The U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) would like to thank Tribal leaders for working so closely with our team in requesting your first Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payment and for your patience as we assisted Tribes who had difficulty accessing the Treasury Submission Portal due to natural disasters and connectivity issues. The deadline for the first payment has closed and we are excited to announce that more than $13.1 billion has been distributed to Tribes to assist in mitigating the effects of the pandemic and to jumpstart economic recovery.

The second phase of distributions is funded from the remaining 35% (or $6.65 billion) of the $19 billion reserved for Tribal governments that will be distributed based on Tribal employment (Employment Allocation). Treasury has determined that the Employment Allocation will include a $1,000,000 minimum employment payment. The minimum allocation will provide a meaningful portion of the Employment Allocation to every Tribe regardless of its primary employment structure to allow each Tribe to address the pandemic’s effect in its Tribal community. Treasury believes stabilizing and expanding Tribal employment opportunities is critical to an equitable and strong economic recovery for Tribal communities. The Tribal Government Allocation Methodology has been updated to reflect the $1,000,000 minimum employment payment.

To open up the second phase of distributions to Tribal governments, Treasury will notify all points of contact in the Treasury Submission Portal today to re-enter the portal to confirm or amend 2019 employment numbers as described in the Tribal Government Allocations Methodology. Treasury has transferred 2019 employment numbers submitted under the Coronavirus Relief Fund into individual Tribal government profiles in the Treasury Submission Portal to ease in the employment confirmation process. To receive an Employment Allocation, including the minimum employment payment, Tribal governments must confirm or amend their 2019 employment numbers by the deadline which has been extended from July 9, 2021 to July 16, 2021 11:59 PST.

Treasury will host a 30 min. briefing for Tribal leaders on the opening of the second stage of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund program today, June 30th, from 4:00pm-4:30pm EDT. You may attend this briefing via this Zoom link, or you may dial in at 669-254-5252, meeting ID: 1619571434#.

Treasury will be hosting an information session on July 2, 2021 at 12:00 pm ET to demonstrate the process for confirming 2019 employment numbers in the Treasury Submissions Portal and to answer Tribal leader questions. Please register for the information session here.

For additional information regarding the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program for Tribal governments, please visit the Tribal government-specific webpage at www.treasury.gov/SLFRP Tribal.

If you have questions about Treasury Submission Portal or for technical support, please email covidreliefsupport@treasury.gov. If you have general questions about the Coronavirus State and Local
Fiscal Recovery Funds please email SLFRP@treasury.gov or call 844-529-9527. Please reach out to Treasury Tribal Affairs at Tribal.Consult@treasury.gov should you have any other questions.

We look forward to continuing to support Tribal governments with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program. Thank you for making this program a success in Indian Country.

Sincerely,

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