

May 10, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader,

Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") announced the launch of the [Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) program authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act ("Act"). The initiative provides \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Treasury also released the [Interim Final Rule](#) ("IFR") for the program that describes eligible uses of funding. These include responding to acute pandemic-response needs, filling revenue shortfalls, and supporting the communities and populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 crisis. With the launch of the program, eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments will be able to request funding from Treasury to address these needs.

This email describes how your Tribal government may obtain funding through this program.

The Act allocates \$20 billion to Tribal governments, directing that (i) \$1 billion is to be allocated equally among eligible Tribal governments and (ii) \$19 billion is to be allocated to Tribal governments in a manner determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury has developed the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds [Tribal Government Allocation Methodology](#), which incorporates important feedback that Tribal leaders shared during five Treasury-hosted [Tribal consultations](#) in late March and early April of 2021. In these consultations, Treasury requested and received input from Tribal leaders regarding the program's allocation methodology, use of funds, and administrative activities such as reporting and compliance.

Of the \$19 billion that the Act directs Treasury to allocate, Treasury's allocation methodology provides that 65% of these funds, or \$12.35 billion, will be distributed based on pro rata, self-certified Tribal enrollment ("Enrollment Allocation"). Treasury will distribute the remaining 35% of these funds, or \$6.65 billion, based on pro rata, self-certified Tribal employment data ("Employment Allocation").

Treasury will use self-certified enrollment numbers submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in April 2021 for the Enrollment Allocations. For the Employment Allocation, Treasury will use the 2019 employment numbers submitted to Treasury in May 2020 in connection with the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund and will require that Tribal governments confirm these numbers.

Tribal Payment Structure

Treasury will make two payments to eligible Tribal governments.

First Payment:

Each Tribal government's first payment will include (i) an amount in respect of the \$1 billion allocation that is to be divided equally among eligible Tribal governments and (ii) each Tribal government's pro rata share of the Enrollment Allocation.

To receive the first payment, Tribal governments must submit their information online through the Treasury Submission Portal, which can be accessed [here](#). After a Tribal government's submission is received, it will take approximately 4-5 business days to review and process. The point of contact that a Tribal government designates in its online submission will receive status updates. Once the information and documentation submitted is determined to be complete and accurate, this point of contact will receive information regarding the timing and amount of the first payment. Tribal governments must sign the award terms but may disregard the assurances of compliance with civil rights requirements included in the submission materials.

The deadline to complete the first submission is June 7, 2021 11:59 PM PST. ¹

Second Payment:

Treasury will make a second payment to Tribal governments in respect of the Employment Allocation after Tribal governments confirm their 2019 employment numbers. In mid-May, Tribal governments will receive a notification requesting that they log into to the Treasury Submission Portal to confirm or amend their 2019 employment numbers previously submitted to Treasury in May 2020 in connection with the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund.

The deadline to confirm or amend a Tribal government's 2019 employment numbers is June 21, 2021 11:59 PM PST. If a Tribal government does not confirm or amend employment numbers by that deadline, the Tribal government will not be eligible to receive a share of the Employment Allocation.

Following the June 21, 2021 deadline, Treasury will calculate each Tribal government's pro rata share of the Employment Allocation for those Tribal governments that confirmed or submitted amended employment numbers. In mid-June, Treasury will communicate to Tribal governments the amount of their portion of the Employment Allocation and the anticipated date for the second payment.

Resources and Contact Information

Treasury will host a 30 min. briefing for Tribal leaders on the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program today, May 10, from 3:30pm-4:00pm EDT. You may attend this briefing via this [Zoom link](#), or you may dial in at 669-254-5252, meeting ID: 1614690386#.

As noted above, Treasury also published the IFR today, which describes eligible uses and other guidelines for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Please become familiar with the IFR and know there is an opportunity to provide comments on the rule over the next 60 days.

Treasury prepared a Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds [Tribal Government Checklist](#) to assist Tribes in completing the necessary steps to receive payments under the program. In addition, on **May 13, 2021 from 3:30pm—5pm ET**, Treasury will host a Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds information session for Tribal governments to provide an overview of the program, review all relevant materials, demonstrate the Treasury Submission Portal, and answer your questions. Register [here](#) for the information session.

¹ This letter was updated on May 24, 2021 to reflect the extension of the two portal submission deadlines.

For additional information about Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Tribal Governments, please visit [here](#). Please [subscribe](#) to Treasury's COVID-19 Economic Relief Programs e-mail distribution list for future updates about the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program.

If you have questions about Treasury's Submission Portal or for technical support, please email covidreliefitsupport@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 engage with Tribal governments to implement this landmark program, which we believe will help advance a more equitable and sustainable economic recovery for all.

Sincerely,

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