



SNOQUALMIE INDIAN TRIBE

STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY CASH ASSISTANCE POLICY

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OVERVIEW

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program ("SLFRF"). The SLFRF provided funding to the Tribe to support its response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") administers the SLFRF, and issued its final rule for the implementation of the SLFRF effective April 1, 2022 ("Final Rule").

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe ("Tribe") acknowledges the COVID-19 public health emergency caused severe economic damage to Tribal members and their households, and while the economy is on track to a strong recovery, much work remains to continue building a robust, resilient, and equitable economy in the wake of the crisis and to ensure that the benefits of this recovery reach all Tribal members. Treasury presumes that households that receive services provided by Tribal governments are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The Tribe likewise recognizes that Tribal households that currently receive services from the Tribe were disproportionately impacted by the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Tribal Council of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe therefore establishes the Snoqualmie State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Cash Assistance Program ("SLFRF Cash Assistance Program") to support the Tribe's response to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency experienced by Tribal members.

The SLFRF Cash Assistance Program provides a one-time cash transfer in the amount of \$1,400.00 to each adult Tribal member in order to meet the economic needs of Tribal members adversely impacted by the negative economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. In determining the monetary amount of the one-time cash transfer, the Tribal Council considered and took guidance from per person amounts previously provided by the Federal Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The cash assistance transfers made to Tribal members under this Program are reasonably proportional and are not grossly in excess of the amount Tribal members need to address to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

PURPOSE

This SLFRF Program Policy is intended to facilitate the Tribe's response to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Tribal members and their households. This Policy will provide guidelines and procedures for the administration of the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program consistent with applicable federal law and the rules and regulations promulgated by Treasury.



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DEFINITIONS

1. "Cash Assistance" means the cash transfers distributed to eligible adult Tribal members through the Snoqualmie SLFRF Cash Assistance Program.
2. "Tribal Member" means an adult enrolled member of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe who currently receives services provided by the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, and that has experienced the Negative Economic Impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
3. "Tribe" means the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe.
4. "Tribal Council" means the Snoqualmie Tribal Council.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The SLFRF Cash Assistance Program will be administered by the General Resources Department in accordance with the requirements, rules and regulations of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program, using the funding provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, as well as applicable Tribal law. The SLFRF Cash Assistance Program is established pursuant to the SLFRF, and is separate and distinct from the general welfare programs administered by the Tribe. The SLFRF Cash Assistance Program shall be administered in a manner consistent with the SLFRF and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by Treasury.

The policies and procedures established herein are intended to give a clear understanding of SLFRF Cash Assistance Program eligibility, limitations, and forfeiture of SLFRF Cash Assistance Program funds. The Tribal Council possesses sole authority to direct the administration of the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program, including, but not limited to, the policies and procedures applicable to the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program. The Tribal Council has delegated the administration of the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program to the General Resources Department, but retains the authority to approve SLFRF Cash Assistance Program policies and procedures.

The following policies shall govern the administration of the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program, and the distribution of Cash Assistance to Tribal Members:

1. A Tribal member must currently receive services provided by the Tribe in order to be eligible for the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program.
2. The maximum amount of Cash Assistance a Tribal Member may receive under the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program is a one-time payment of \$1,400.00.
3. Upon approval of an SLFRF Program application, SLFRF Program Assistance will be distributed to the SLFRF Recipient. The Department will process applications in monthly batches, with a distribution for approved applications going out on or around the 1st of the month. The department will internally issue an upload to the Finance Department no later than 7 business days before distribution date listing the approved SLFRF Recipients for upcoming month. Recipients are only eligible to receive one payment.



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4. Cash Assistance is available to eligible Tribal Members on a first come, first serve basis.
5. Once all Cash Assistance has been distributed consistent with this Policy, the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program will terminate automatically. Tribal Council may elect to terminate the Policy at any time.
6. A Tribal Member cannot use a Cash Assistance transfer to satisfy any obligation arising under or pursuant to a settlement agreement, judgement, consent decree, or judicially confirmed debt restructuring in a judicial, administrative, or regulatory proceeding. A Tribal Member cannot use a Cash Assistance transfer for an expenditure that conflicts with or contravenes the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act.
7. The Tribal Council may authorize other Cash Assistance transfers in the future upon determining that SLFRF funds are available and additional Cash Assistance is needed to adequately respond to the negative impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on Tribal Members and their households.
8. The Tribe may terminate, revoke, recoup, or forfeit Cash Assistance transferred to any Tribal member who violates the terms of this Policy, or who is found to have made any misrepresentations during the application process. Cash Assistance used in violation of this Policy are subject to remediation and recoupment.
9. The General Resources Department shall provide Tribal Members who participate in the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program an opportunity to address forfeiture, termination, or recoupment issues or concerns associated with the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program Assistance.
10. A Tribal Member's ability to apply for the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program under this Policy is not subject to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, levy, attachment or garnishment by creditors.
11. The Tribe or its designee shall keep books or records deemed appropriate to demonstrate compliance with the Policy. In the event that Cash Assistance is used or pledged for a purpose inconsistent with the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program policies or procedures, the Tribal Council or its designee may require the repayment of the Cash Assistance transfer. The Tribal Council or its designee is authorized to offset any other payments due to a Tribal Member if such an offset is necessary to secure repayment of a Cash Assistance transfer distribution in accordance with this Policy.
12. The Tribe will maintain all records associated with SLFRF Cash Assistance Program, including but not limited to, SLFRF Cash Assistance Program applications, SLFRF Cash Assistance Program transfers, and documentation provided by Tribal Members. The Tribe will keep these records confidential from third party disclosures to the fully extent permitted by law. If information is requested by Treasury or other government agencies or third parties during a compliance review or examination, disclosures will be limited to the extent necessary and required by law pending an effort to address such requests through consultation and other rights under Executive Order 13175 on a government-to-government basis. Confidential information shall not be shared in a manner that would generate additional disclosure.



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13. Tribal employees and other Tribal officials administering or otherwise involved with the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program are expected to minimize conflicts of interest and remove themselves from decision-making as needed. Tribal employees and other Tribal officials administering or otherwise involved with the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program, in connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, must disclose the existence of the interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts. After disclosure, the remaining Tribal employees and other Tribal officials administering or otherwise involved with the SLFRF Cash Assistance Program shall decide if a conflict of interest exists, and, of so, shall excuse the conflicted person from any decision involving the actual or possible conflict of interest.