



Quarantine Update:

*File Submission For Cares Act Relief Funds
Plus Critical "To Do's" Tribes Should Have Completed By Now*

We are in process of drafting our thoughts around why tribal gaming will be relatively better positioned to bounce back in a post-quarantine world... however, we did want to get out this brief update to highlight what many tribes have been focused on since mid-March when most tribal gaming enterprises were forced to close their doors because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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In the past few weeks some critical analysis should have taken place including:

- **Cash flow "burn" forecast** for tribal government and enterprise level activity, including a hard look at each tribal entity's cost structure.
- **Frank discussion with banks:** Irrespective of whether or not your tribe has debt, those with strong banking relationships will be best positioned to weather the storm. This includes your tribe's access to funding supported under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") including the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP").
- **Assess any and all funding options afforded under the CARES Act.** Almost every professional service firm can provide you an overview (TFA has created one if you need it). It's not that complicated but be diligent in pursuing every area of funding available, including:
 - **PPP:** Even though at the time of this writing most banks will not honor PPP requests made by tribal casinos – file an application with your bank.
 - **EIDLs:** Non-gaming businesses can also consider Economic Injury Disaster Loans.
 - **IHS Support:** \$1.0 billion has been allocated to support Indian Health Services.
 - **BIA Support:** There is an additional \$453 million for BIA programs.
 - **Housing:** HUD has been allocated \$300 million for Native American housing programs.
 - **Minority Serving Institutions:** \$1.0 billion includes but are not limited to Tribal, Native Alaskan and Hawaiian institutions.
 - **Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations:** \$100 million.

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Based on numerous calls with input from tribal leaders and leading tribal organizations as well as the anticipated distributions of the Relief fund to states and local governments, we are currently anticipating the U.S. Treasury to employ a formula that includes:

- Pro Rata Distribution to Each Tribe Submitting Certification – States are receiving a minimum of \$1.25 billion in aid. On a relative basis, this implies tribes will receive anywhere from \$3.5 million to \$6.5 million. That estimate is simply based on a 25% to 45% pro rata distribution and assumes all federally recognized tribes apply for relief funds (the BIA shows 573 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages). Although we anticipate there will be some pro rata distribution, there is no visibility on how much of the relief fund will be allocated on a pro rata basis. This leaves open the possibility for the pro rata share to be far less than the estimate above.
- Tribal Population – Total number of citizens as of January 1, 2020.
- Employees – This includes both tribal and non-tribal employees employed by an Indian Tribe or majority owned tribal business.
- Expenditures – Total expenditures for the most recently completed fiscal year.
- Land Base – Total number of land acres held by the Indian Tribe and any tribally-owned entity.

TFA is fully available to assist Tribes during these uncertain times. Please contact us anytime.

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