

NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE'S COVID-19 ECONOMIC RESPONSE OVERVIEW FOR THE MEMBERSHIP



Keeping Nooksack Members Safe

This document provides an overview of Nooksack's economic response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Council has worked hard to ensure the safety and well-being of our Members, employees, and businesses. We are #NooksackStrong, stronger together even when we are apart.

CONTINUED SERVICES AND EMPLOYEMENT

There have been no lay-offs for Nooksack Tribal employees, and Departments have been creative in efforts to continue providing essential services to the Membership, and expanding services such as Food Bank and COVID-Testing.

SUPPORTS FOR MEMBERS REGARDLESS OF RESIDENCY

Nooksack has worked to develop programs to assist the Membership both in our local Whatcom County area, as well as around the Country and in Canada.

Key Programs in the COVID-19 Economic Response

The \$15.4m in funding received from various granting agencies has been programmed to provide the following programs, and program enhancements:

Direct Cash Assistance to All Members \$5,269,150

- \$3,050 per Adult Member, \$1,800 per Minor Member
- Distributions staggered throughout 2020 for COVID impacts

Food Security \$203,977

- Increased frequency of food bank in Deming
- Increased food vouchers
- Distribution of smoked fish, spot prawns

Education Access \$373,243

- Chromebooks for enrolled student Members in need
- Contracted Teachers and Para-Educators to support remote learning in the home

Staff Safety and Distancing \$3,904,205

- SBA Payroll Protection Program paid all staff for 8 weeks
- Deep Cleaning of all Tribal Offices and HVAC mods
- Daily Staff screening & PPE
- New Justice Center planning in development

Business Interruption \$2,561,376

- Provider Relief funding for lost Health revenues
- Local Share of Unemployment for Business Closure
- Economic Support Grant to Casino for Pandemic closure

Pandemic Health Support \$1,020,268

- Telemedicine capacity building
- Testing clinics & access in the community—Mobile van
- Isolation Center, home care kits, Homeless support

Nooksack has \$1,983,444 (as of 9/28) of CARES Act and other COVID-19 related grants left in reserve to allocate to programs such as Housing, Contract Health, Child Care Development, BIA Programs, and other emerging needs as the Pandemic develops and progresses. Amounts allocated may be subject to change.

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