



MEMO

To: Lummi Nation Enrolled Tribal Members

From: Kathy Pierre, Treasurer of Lummi Indian Business Council, KAP initials

CC: Lummi Indian Business Council & Stephanie Lambert, Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 4, 2020

RE: Second COVID-19 Emergency Distribution

Our nation is experiencing unfavorable effects due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lummi Indian Business Council has taken necessary and appropriate action to combat COVID-19, including closing the Silver Reef Casino, Lummi Nation School, and Early Learning Programs, reducing LIBC administration to vital employees, and mandating shelter in place. Local and state jurisdictions have also implemented similar stay at home mandates resulting in significant loss of jobs to our community members. These actions have financially overwhelmed our tribal members and we acknowledge that the needs of our community due to the COVID-19 pandemic far exceeds what our current governmental programs can offer at this time.

On October 30, 2020 LIBC passed resolution #2020-136 for a second one-time Covid-19 Emergency Distribution to all tribal members who received *the 1st* COVID-19 Emergency Distribution and are the age of 18 as of October 30, 2020, and shall be used for such expenses as rent, mortgage payments, utilities, essential food and supplies, health care, funeral support and cultural activities.

Lummi Indian Business Council approved this distribution consistent with the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 under general welfare benefits program. As such, the COVID-19 Emergency Distribution shall be treated as nontaxable under the General Welfare Exclusion.

Intake Forms and Distribution:

For safety reasons, all intake forms will be completed on Survey Monkey and checks will be mailed to the address listed on the Survey Monkey form. All forms must be **complete** before a check is mailed out. The Survey Monkey online intake form will be available starting Monday November 9, 2020 and checks will be mailed out 1-2 business days after you complete your form.

To access the intake form online:

1. Type the Survey Monkey address in your web browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNC19PHERP>

A direct link will also be available on the Lummi Nation Website.

2. The Lummi Nation COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Relief Program Form should automatically show up on your screen.
3. Please read and fill out **all** sections of the form and be sure to check your entries before submitting your form. Any missing or incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your check. If information is not available, please write "Not Available"
4. Once you have entered all the required information, please click the **Done** button and your application will be submitted.

Deadline:

November 30, 2020 is the last day you can apply for your COVID-19 Emergency Relief Distribution. No exceptions will be allowed past this deadline.

Technical Assistance and Contact Information:

If you need Technical Assistance with filing out or accessing the form, please contact us by email or phone and we will gladly assist you. Please do not pay any outside vendors for assistance. Our Distribution Team will also be set up in the Lummi Administration in the CBC Conference Room beginning November 5, 2020 at 10am, to assist with the intake forms and will also have laptops available.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like assistance, please contact:

Stephanie Solomon – COVID Distribution Coordinator

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