



# LUMMI INDIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

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DEPARTMENT Office of the Treasurer DIRECT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

May 27, 2020

To the Lummi Community Members,

We know that our Lummi Nation Tribal Community Members are experiencing detrimental impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC) 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 of 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 May 14, 2020, LIBC passed a motion to approve a COVID-19 Emergency Distribution of \$1,800.00 for enrolled tribal members 18 and older as of May 14, 2020. This Emergency Distribution is intended to assist our community members in paying for rent, utilities, mortgage payments, essential food and supplies, health care, funeral support, and cultural activities.

## **Intake Form Pick Up Location:**

Prior to check distribution, intake forms will be available at the Stommish Hall at a drive thru location on Friday, May 29, 2020 and Monday, June 1, 2020 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Intake forms will **not be accepted** until the distribution days indicated below. Intake and authorization to release forms will also be **available online** at [www.lummi-nsn.gov](http://www.lummi-nsn.gov)

## **Distribution Days**

**June 3 – June 6, 2020**

**From 9am to 8pm**

Following safety precautions, we will be dispersing checks via drive thru distribution sites. We will ask everyone to wear a mask and stay in your vehicle. We will be following the social distancing practices as advised by the Lummi Public Health Team. We will have traffic control flaggers to direct traffic.

## **Sites will be by last name as followed:**

***Community Building: A-I (Traffic flow up Blackhawk road loop around parking lot)***

***Stommish Hall: J-N (Traffic flow from Lummi View drive to the waterfront to Hall)***

***Tribal School Gravel Parking lot: O-Z (Traffic flow looping around tribal school from LYA to gravel parking lot)***

Leave the area as soon as you receive your check. There will be no loitering or congregating in the parking lot to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Tribal Community.

**Distribution by Mail:**

For community members that cannot pick up their check during the Distribution Days, an **Authorization to Release** form and **Intake Form** will be sent to your address on file with the Lummi Nation Enrollment Office. In order to receive your check by mail, this form will need to be notarized and received back via email or at address listed below. No exceptions will be allowed:

[Treasurersoffice@lummi-nsn.gov](mailto:Treasurersoffice@lummi-nsn.gov) or

Attention: Finance Office  
2665 Kwina Road  
Bellingham WA, 98226

**Picking Up for Another Tribal Member:**

Authorization to Release form will need to be notarized for authorized delegated person. No exceptions will be allowed.

The COVID-19 Emergency Distribution is being provided to address the financial impacts to Tribal members caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. LIBC approved this distribution consistent with the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 under a general welfare benefits program. **As such, the COVID-19 Emergency Distribution shall be treated as nontaxable under the General Welfare Exclusion.**

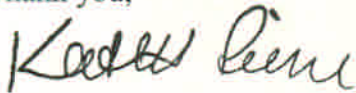
The preceding paragraphs and the information it contains shall not be considered as either legal advice or tax preparation advice. Further, should you require legal assistance or advice; you are advised to obtain your own independent legal representation.

**Deadline:**

September 30, 2020 is the last day you can retrieve your COVID-19 Emergency Assistances. No exceptions will be allowed pass this deadline.

If you have any questions please contact Treasurers Office at (360) 312-2143 or via email at [Treasurersoffice@lummi-nsn.gov](mailto:Treasurersoffice@lummi-nsn.gov)

• Thank you,



Kathy A. Pierre  
Treasurer of the Lummi Indian Business Council