

TRIBAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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COVID-19 Tribal Food Sovereignty Fund

On April 14, 2020, the Tribal Council requested CARES ACT funding from the U.S. Treasury due to crippling effects of the novel coronavirus on Klukwan. The Tribal Emergency Operations Center has been working diligently on a budget for CARES ACT funding to assist the tribal members or residents of Klukwan. On July 22, 2020, the Tribal Council went on record to approve the use of CARES ACT funds to create the tribal Food Sovereignty Fund. On July 29, 2020 the Tribal Council went on record to approve **\$500.00** for food sovereignty assistance for each household. On January 13, 2021, the Tribal Council went on record to approve to **\$2,000.00** for food sovereignty assistance for organizations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Food sovereignty is defined as the right of peoples to healthy and culturally-appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agricultural systems. Communities that exhibit tribal food sovereignty are those that:

- a) have access to health food;
- b) have foods that are culturally appropriate;
- c) grow, gather, hunt, and fish in ways that is maintainable over the long-term;
- d) distribute foods in ways so people get what they need to stay healthy; and
- e) adequately compensate the people who provide the food.

COVID-19 causes adverse effects in high-risk populations. With over 60% of its residents identified as high-risk, one way to mitigate adverse outcomes, and prepare for food shortages, is to increase food sovereignty among the community of Klukwan.

Food security means that all people, at all times, have physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their food preferences and dietary needs for an active and healthy life. The United Nations World Food Programme has warned that an estimated 265 million people could face acute food insecurity by the end of 2020 because of loss of income and remittance losses. With current economic instability caused by the novel coronavirus, the community of Klukwan is at-risk of becoming food insecure. Rising prices in meat, dairy, and produce limits access to healthy food.

The Tribal Council recognizes the immediate need to provide access to food by offering assistance to community members through the Food Sovereignty Fund for activities that support food security, food sovereignty, and help prepare the community of Klukwan for possible food shortages due to the novel coronavirus.

Possible activities include: procuring canning and freezer storing supplies (jars, vacuum sealer, pressure cooker, etc.), procuring supplies to start a garden (such as a rototiller), procuring refrigerators or freezers for those who do not have a working one at home or enough food storage space, etc.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Physical Address:** _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Enrollment #:** _____

Contact Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

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