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Tribal Council Mandates Masks Indoors to Counter Delta Variant

Resolution No. M70-2021-P098

Amended and Supplemental COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and six Tenientes, is declared to be the legislative authority of the Zuni Tribe by Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council is authorized to approve, provide and to represent the tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe by Article VI, Section 1, paragraph d of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council is authorized to enact ordinances, to provide for the enforcement of tribal ordinances and to provide by ordinance the orderly management of tribal affairs by Article VI, Section 1, paragraphs k, l and m of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, under Resolution No. M70-2020-P037, the

Zuni Tribe declared that there was a public health emergency related to the pandemic spread of COVID-19. On April 3, 2020 Governor Val R. Panteah, Sr., issued an Executive Order, a curfew within the boundaries of the Zuni Reservation between 8:00 PM and 5:00 AM; and,

WHEREAS the following Zuni Tribal Council Resolutions were enacted for the health and safety of Zuni Tribal Members and Zuni Community Members:

- Resolution No. M70-2020-P050, dated August 6, 2020;
- Resolution No. M70-2020-P062, dated September 2, 2020;
- Resolution No. M70-2020-P078, dated November 16, 2020;
- Resolution No. M70-2020-P081, dated December 2, 2020;
- Resolution No. M70-2021-P044, dated April 12, 2021; and,

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Zuni Tribe Purchases Heap Ranch in Furtherance of LCR Settlement

Zuni continues to move forward implementing its 2003 water rights settlement for its Arizona Reservation, Kolthu:wala:wa. On July 27, 2021, the Tribe successfully closed on the purchase of the Heap Ranch, an important parcel of land along the Little Colorado River in Arizona.



View of Heap Ranch showing Little Colorado River to the left and losses to the diversion channel to the right

After negotiations spanning several years, the seller agreed to lower the

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**COVID numbers are low in Zuni –
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The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project's 2021 Summer Camp Concluded July 16 with Special Celebration

The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project's 2021 Summer Camp concluded on Friday, July 16 with an end-of-camp celebration. Sixty-five campers, 19 counselors, family members, and ZYEP staff came together for this special day, which included a dance performance and a Summer Camp project gallery.

Campers ages 7 to 12 performed corn, hunter, and butterfly dances, wearing back scarves and leggings they made themselves. Not only had the young people practiced these dances for the duration of the four-week Summer Camp, activity instructors Tiana Cachini, Kallen Quetawki, and Enric Tsalate taught them the importance of the Zuni people's Udena:we (traditional regalia) and how to craft garments they could keep for future use — and future generations.

The end-of-camp celebration also allowed campers to showcase their projects from the camp's STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), contemporary art, fetish carving, and nutrition/agriculture classes.

Norene Lonasee and Kristine Juarez led solar and lunar activities during the STEM classes. Campers learned about solar energy and the phases of the moon while connecting those concepts to the cultural significance they carry, related to the Zuni cultural calendar. They made lunar phase charts, model lunar landers, solar robots, and solar ovens.

In contemporary art, instructors Keith Edaakie and Leanne Lee led projects such as paint pouring, flip-book animation, tie dye, and more. Jeff Shetima and Daryl Shack Sr. taught fetish carving, sharing the cultural importance of the animals and the art form.

The ZYEP food sovereignty team, led by Food Sovereignty Coordinator Jessica Quinlan, taught nutrition and agriculture. Campers learned to make blue corn pancakes, black bean burgers, and fruit-infused water. During the gardening component, they were able to plant their own corn seed starts, and they learned the importance of water and seeds.

"Summer Camp also included a physical activity component, led by Josh Kudrna, who is our physical activity coordinator, and Michael Owaleon Sr.," said Tahlia Natachu, ZYEP's youth development

coordinator. "They played a variety of games, and they partnered with Wings of America for a running camp and Silver Stallion from Gallup, New Mexico, for a biking camp."

In addition, singers and drummers Edward Lewis, Brolan Niiha, and Zander Cellicion taught campers songs, dance moves, and the cultural education behind the moves.

"We are deeply grateful for these partners, and the opportunity to be part of the campers' summer break," Natachu said. "We are honored to serve these wonderful kids, and their families. It's our privilege to be able to learn, have fun, and make memories together."

"We're also grateful to the families, who trusted us with their children," she continued. "One family member told us they were happy with the variety of activities, and that their camper had something good to say each day and looked forward to getting up early for camp. That means everything to us."

Summer Camp proved to be a valuable experience for the counselors as well. These 15- to 24-year-olds completed two days of in-house training and a four-day outdoor retreat in a culturally significant area prior to the start of camp. During their time together, they took part in mental health promotion training, daily group sessions, and professional development workshops that enhance communication, leadership, team-building, and mentoring skills.

Counselor Tamika Lee said her Summer Camp experience was an extremely

positive one, especially in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

"It was really important for our kids to be able to come together after a really challenging time with Covid," Lee said. "It was great to see them enjoy themselves doing the activities, especially dance, and hanging out with each other."

"Tamika was amazing," Natachu noted. "She provided her campers with love and kindness. I am super proud of the amount of growth I saw in her."

Founded in 2009, Summer Camp was ZYEP's first program — and it remains its flagship initiative, serving approximately 1,300 Zuni youth since its inception. The camp has become so popular, registrations for this year's camp filled in a matter of hours.

Impact assessments reveal that campers experience increased enjoyment of physical activity, increased consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables, improved peer and mentor relationships, and deeper connections to Zuni culture. Executive Director Joe Claunch said supporters are still welcome to donate to the Summer Camp Fund:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/zyepsummercamp>.

"Not only is the Summer Camp Fund intended to meet the needs of the current year's campers, it's also designed to sustain the program into the future," he explained. "Our goal is to raise \$20,000 by July 31, and these funds will help support our 2022 Summer Camp."



ZYEP Summer Camp photos continue next page

Federal CARES and ARPA Funds Support Zuni Tribe's Pandemic Response

Although our community experienced an unprecedented period of suffering and loss of life with the COVID-19 pandemic, we're blessed in receiving funds to assist us in our recovery efforts. The first allocation of funds was from the US Government was through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES).

The most recent funding allocation for our community is part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) which is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package designed to facilitate the United States recovery from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to the ARPA, the US Treasury has launched this much-needed relief to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic
- The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest hit by the crisis. These funds can also be used to make necessary investments in water,

sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

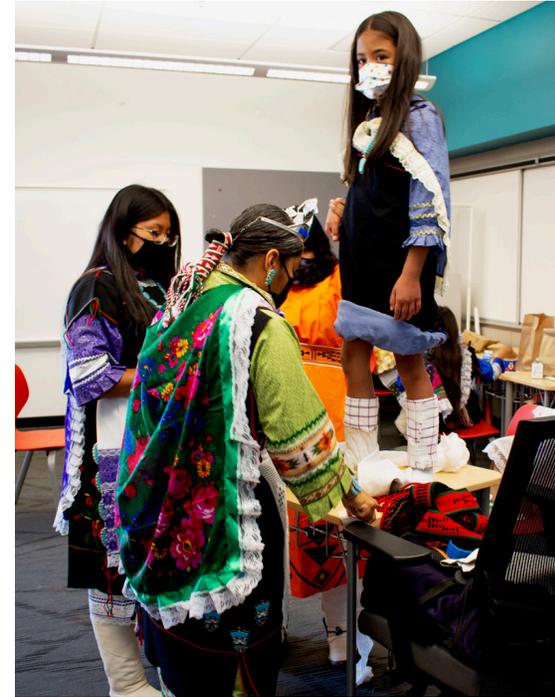
Our tribe received a total amount of \$60,264,198.72 after submitting our enrollment data to the US Treasury. After the we submitted our employment data to Treasury, the tribe was allocated an additional \$9,337,723.09. The total amount of funds received, **\$69,601,921.81.**

After receiving these funds, the tribe immediately begin to provided financial assistance to its enrolled members and used the funds provided for assistance to families that experienced damages due to recent heavy rains and flooding. An additional priority of the tribe is our access to broadband internet for our educational and economic needs, and the Zuni Tribal Council is actively committed to working to effectuate this need. The Pueblo of Zuni (POZ) is working on a strategic plan on the use of funds to address our community needs. The Pueblo of Zuni welcomes any positive suggestions and recommendations that can be used in the proposed strategic plan.

Some of the Pueblo of Zuni programs received separate ARPA funding to address needs of the program and community through their respective programs. Below is a listing of the funds allocated to the Pueblo of Zuni.

Account Name	Award/Funds Amount
Zuni Tribe	\$69,601,921.81
Corp Public Broadcasting	\$ 218,454.00
ZECDC - Child Care Development	\$ 1,613,925.00
ZECDC – Child Care Stabilization	\$ 2,562,287.00
Elderly – Title VI	\$ 96,480.00
Senior Citizens Caregiver Program	\$ 55,340.00
Head Start	\$ 46,048.00
WIC	\$ 47,454.00
LIHEAP	\$ 92,757.00
BIA Law Enforcement	\$ 362,804.00
TOTAL ARPA FUNDS	\$74,697,470.81

Any questions and recommendations can be submitted to the Governor's office at 505-782-7022 or email to Wayne Lahi at wayne.lahi@ashiwi.org



The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project Surveys Reveal Positive Impact of Annual Summer Camp Program

The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project announced today that it has received the results of its pre- and post-Summer Camp surveys. Those results reveal that the annual Summer Camp program has a positive, lasting impact on youth, counselors, and families in Zuni Pueblo.

Sixty-five campers ages 7-12 enjoyed ZYEP's 13th annual Summer Camp on June 21 to July 16. When the youth project's staff reviewed the data from the campers' pre- and post-camp surveys, they noticed several significant increases, particularly in the areas of enrichment, culture, physical activity, and mentorship.

"Our camp is dedicated to providing new, enriching opportunities and strengthening our young people's connection with their culture, so we were excited to see an increase in the number of kids reporting, 'I like to try new things,' and 'I feel a strong connection to Zuni culture,'" said Tahlia Natachu, ZYEP's youth development coordinator. "We also saw a jump in the number of campers reporting that they enjoy physical activity. Moving from 71.9 percent to 92.9 percent is a huge shift."

"Most campers reported an increase in overall happiness and in 'I have positive people in my life that I look up to,'" she continued. "We are very proud of that one."

Indeed, a key component of the nonprofit youth organization's Summer Camp is its counselor development program. Prior to the start of the beloved day camp, 19 counselors ages 15-24 joined ZYEP staff for two days of in-house training, followed by a four-day outdoor retreat in a culturally significant area.

During their time together, these young people take part in mental health promotion training, daily group sessions, and professional development workshops that enhance communication, leadership, team-building, and mentoring skills. As a result, Summer Camp proves to be transformative for counselors and campers alike.

The counselors' pre- and post-camp surveys revealed increases in connection to Zuni culture and feeling

healthy. Their open responses in the survey document also share their perspectives on the impact the camp had on the campers, the community, and themselves.

"Personally, I've struggled with understanding who I am and what strengths and weaknesses I have," said one counselor. "[Now] I feel like I have really learned a lot about myself, how I work in a group setting, and how I interact with people."

"Summer Camp had an incredibly positive impact on me personally," observed a fellow counselor. "It [taught me] how to talk to younger ones, as well as peers my age. It lit up my life. I was able to focus on something that gave me a sense of purpose. I met so many lovely people, made incredible friendships, and got to know the type of person I am and want to be."

ZYEP also asked local families for their feedback. According to their surveys, 100 percent of families agreed that their

children had fun at camp, camp improved their children's self-confidence and overall health, and camp taught their children how to live healthy lives.

One parent also recorded an additional benefit, noting, "The children had something to do rather than staying inside and being on electronics. Thank you ZYEP for having this camp."

Founded in 2009, Summer Camp was ZYEP's first program — and it remains its flagship initiative, serving approximately 1,300 Zuni youth since its inception. The camp has become so popular, registrations for this year's camp filled in a matter of hours. Summer Camp is popular with ZYEP's supporters across the country as well. The youth project's Summer Camp fundraiser met its \$20,000 goal prior to the July 31 deadline.

The youth project continues to raise funds for Summer Camp 2022 and its many other dynamic initiatives. Supporters can make a secure contribution through the website at zyep.org/donate.



WHEREAS, on June 29, 2021, the Zuni Tribal Council enacted Resolution No. M70-2021-P078, declaring COVID-19 Recovery efforts for the Zuni Tribe and Community. Effective July 1, 2021, the Zuni Tribal Council:

- terminated the curfew;
- deactivated the Incident Command System
- allowed Pueblo of Zuni programs, local organizations, and local businesses to adopt or require precautions for their employees and population served, at their discretion, to follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance regarding COVID-19
- allowed for inside and outside gatherings
- stated vaccinations and testing would continue with guidance and direction from Zuni IHS; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has continued to report numerous confirmed cases of COVID-19, deaths as a result of COVID-19 and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has declared a statewide public health emergency and invoked her authority under New Mexico's All Hazard Emergency Management Act; and,

WHEREAS, McKinley County and the State of New Mexico have recently reported a significant increase in "test positive rate" and the number of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 and its Delta Variant; and,

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2021, a New Mexico Department of Health Order requiring "individuals age 2 years and older wear a mask or multi-layer cloth face covering in all indoor public settings except when eating or drinking"; and,

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council has considered the rise of new and breakthrough cases as well the State's Order and determined that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose an imminent threat to the health, safety and well-being of the Zuni Tribal Members and Zuni Community Members; and,

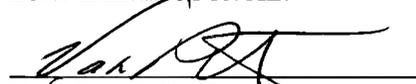
WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council desires that face coverings be worn in indoor public settings for the health and safety of Zuni Tribal Members and Zuni Community Members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Zuni Tribal Council hereby orders, effective September 10, 2021, that all Individuals on the Zuni Reservation wear face masks in all indoor public settings

except when eating or drinking; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Zuni Tribal Council also encourages all Zuni Community members get vaccinated and if they have any virus symptoms as identified by the CDC, that they be tested for COVID-19; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the Zuni Tribe are put on

ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL:


Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor

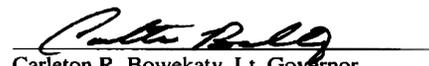

Virginia R. Chavez, Head Teniente


Arlen P. Quetawki, Sr., Teniente

Absent - Excused
Ricky R. Penketewa, Sr., Teniente

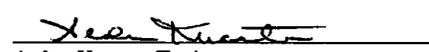
notice that violations of the above directions may cause members to be charged with Public Nuisance (4-4-120) and other charges as the facts may merit; and,

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Zuni Tribal Council may review and change the directives as reasonably appropriate to deal with this pandemic.


Carleton R. Bowekaty, Lt. Governor

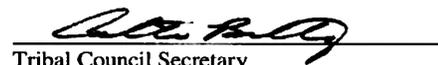
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Eric Bobelu, Teniente


Arden Kucate, Teniente

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Zuni, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent on September 1, 2021.


Tribal Council Secretary

APPROVED / DISAPPROVED

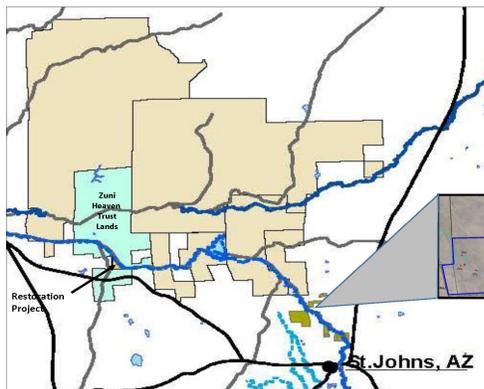
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Pueblo of Zuni

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price for the ranch from \$645,000 to \$475,000. Using a portion of the settlement trust funds intended for this purpose, Zuni acquired approximately 360 acres of land, together with 284 shares of water rights stock in the St. Johns Irrigation and Ditch Company. The water shares will provide the Tribe approximately 204 acre-feet of water, on average, for its wetland restoration project at Kolthu:wala:wa. To date, Zuni

has acquired approximately 2,200 acre-feet of water to fulfill the purposes of the settlement. A portion of the Heap Ranch abuts the Little Colorado River, and this land acquisition will allow the Tribe important access to the river to improve an area that often experiences water losses as the Tribe delivers its water down the river to the wetland restoration project at Kolthu:wala:wa.

The Heap property is nestled within other properties with water rights previously purchased by the Tribe in furtherance of the objectives of the 2003 settlement. The settlement resolved the Tribe's water rights claims for its Arizona Reservation and provided funding for land and water rights acquisitions, wetland and riparian restoration, and ongoing protection of Zuni's sacred lands in Arizona.



Delta Variant: What to Know

- **The Delta variant is more contagious:**

The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants.

- **Some data suggest the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous strains in unvaccinated persons.**

In two different studies from Canada and Scotland, patients infected with the Delta variant were more likely to be hospitalized than patients infected with Alpha or the original virus strains.

- **Unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern:**

Although breakthrough infections happen much less often than infections in unvaccinated people, individuals infected with the Delta variant, including fully vaccinated people with symptomatic breakthrough infections, can transmit it to others. CDC is continuing to assess data on whether fully vaccinated people with asymptomatic breakthrough infections can transmit. However, the greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to contract, and therefore transmit the virus.

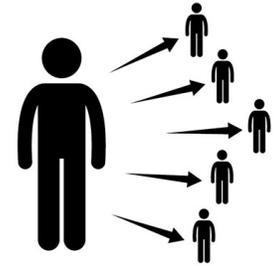
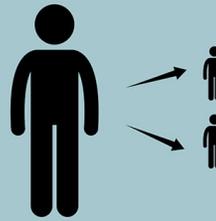
- **Fully vaccinated people with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. However, vaccinated people appear to be infectious for a shorter period:**

Previous variants typically produced less virus in the body of infected fully vaccinated people (breakthrough infections) than in unvaccinated people. In contrast, the Delta variant seems to produce the same high amount of virus in both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people. However, like other variants, the amount of virus produced by Delta breakthrough infections in fully vaccinated people also goes down faster than infections in unvaccinated people. This means fully vaccinated people are likely infectious for less time than unvaccinated people.

The Delta variant is more contagious than previous strains—it may cause more than **2x** as many infections

ORIGINAL COVID-19 STRAIN

DELTA VARIANT



Vaccines protect you from hospitalization, severe infections, and death



cdc.gov/coronavirus

CS 32041-AA (08/02/2021)

Pueblo of Zuni Website Enables Online Payments

The Pueblo of Zuni website, ashiwi.org, now has a menu for “ONLINE PAYMENTS.”

Customers will now be able to pay online for water, optical, rental, fish/wildlife and other services. It is important to include the customer’s name, account number and amount when making a payment so that the payment is applied to the appropriate account. A confirmation of your payment will be sent to both the listed email and to the finance cashier. Please do not combine payments (for example: water and rental), as the system is not set up to separate a single payment for multiple fees and departments.

We sincerely hope this online payment option is helpful for all of our customers. Special thanks to Vinton Hooee and the finance staff for their meticulous work in getting this system launched for customers. Please let us know if you have any questions or need assistance by contacting our office at (505) 782-7146.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE ZUNI COMMUNITY

As of September 16, 2021, the following information is being released by the Emergency Management and the Pueblo of Zuni. Updates are received through the Zuni/Ramah Service Unit (IHS); test results reflect **All Community Members**, tribal and non-tribal.

Total Tests Performed by ZHS Lab as of 09/14//21: 13,958

Total Negative to date:	11,206
Total Positives to date:	1,566
Total Positives for Zuni Community as of 09/14/21:	1,263
New Positives for Zuni Community for 09/10-14/21:	1
Breakthrough Cases:	1 / 1
Under 12 Years Old:	0 / 1
Total Recoveries as of 09/10/14/21:	1,026

*Total number of recoveries include family members exposed to COVID-19 who did not take a COVID-19 test.

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Program Description

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) 2021 COVID-19 DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Purpose of Program:

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID-19 Direct Financial Assistance Program is available to all Zuni enrolled tribal members over the age of 18 years. The purpose of the program is to provide direct financial payments to support tribal members that have been negatively impacted and affected by COVID-19. The direct financial assistance payments are designed to provide **non-taxable** economic relief to Zuni Tribal enrolled members with additional resources to maintain adequate housing, transportation, food, water, medication, medical care, utilities, and basic life necessities to help alleviate the financial hardships endured from loss of income and/or increased costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic recovery efforts. Funding for the program is supported by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) received by the Zuni Tribe. This Direct Financial Assistance Program is designed to comply with the ARPA requirements and guidance issued by the US Department of Treasury.

Each eligible enrolled Zuni tribal member will receive a maximum amount of \$1,200 per person under the 2021 COVID-19 Direct Financial Assistance Program.

APPLICATIONS: On-line, PDF and/or paper applications **will be available beginning August 1, 2021**; application closing date is December 1, 2021. Tribal enrolled members who have or will reach the age of 18 by December 1, 2021 are eligible to apply. Enrolled members who received 2020 financial assistance will be REQUIRED to submit an application.

If you **DID NOT APPLY IN 2020**, you are considered a **NEW APPLICANT** and must upload/submit the following with your application to substantiate its validity:

- Zuni Tribal Census Card or Tribal Enrollment Letter;
- State Issued Driver's License or ID (Tribal Census Picture ID is acceptable)

New applicants **WILL ONLY** be eligible to receive the 2021 COVID-19 Direct Financial Assistance



Pueblo of Zuni 2021 COVID-19 Direct Financial Assistance Program

Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs

❖ What is 2021 COVID-19 Direct Financial Assistance?

The 2021 COVID-19 Direct Financial Support Assistance Program is designed to provide **non-taxable** economic relief to Zuni Tribal enrolled members with additional resources to maintain adequate housing, transportation, food, water, medication, medical care, utilities, and basic life necessities to help alleviate the financial hardships endured from loss of income and/or increased costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding for the program is supported by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) received by the Zuni Tribe. This Direct Financial Assistance Program is designed to comply with the ARPA requirements and guidance issued by the US Department of Treasury.

❖ Do I have to re-apply if I received the 2020 COVID-19 CARES Emergency Financial Assistance?

Yes, all Zuni enrolled tribal members who received assistance in 2020 **are required** to submit an application. This will help in updating information (such as mailing address) and to meet ARPA funding guidelines.

❖ I received the 2020 COVID-19 CARES Emergency Financial Assistance, do I need to resubmit my census enrollment information and state-issued ID/DL?

No, unless you legally changed your name; otherwise you will only need to complete, sign and submit the application.

❖ I did not apply last year because I missed the deadline, can I apply?

Yes, you are considered a NEW APPLICANT and must complete/sign and submit application with required documents (Zuni Tribal Census Card or Zuni Enrollment letter **and** state issued ID/DL).

❖ I just turned 18 years old and I am an enrolled member of Zuni, can I apply?

Yes, you are considered a NEW APPLICANT and must complete/sign and submit application with required documents (Zuni Tribal Census Card or Zuni Enrollment letter **and** state issued ID/DL). Note: An enrolled tribal member can apply as long as they turn 18 by Dec 1, 2021.

❖ If I did not apply last year and apply for 2021 Direct Financial Assistance, will I also get the first and second stimulus issued in 2020 under the COVID-19 CARES Financial Assistance?

No, you will only be eligible for the 2021 COVID-19 Direct Financial Assistance. These funds are different from CARES funding allocated to the tribe in 2020.

Employment Opportunities

The following position(s) have been posted on www.ashiwi.org. Applicants must apply online.

To view the announcement click on the job tile below. For any questions please contact Human Resources Department at (505) 782-7086 or email at hr@ashiwi.org or Farrah.cheama@ashiwi.org. Please share with those who do not have access to outlook. Thank you.

- [COMPUTER USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST I](#)

CLOSING: OCTOBER 4, 2021

- [MAINTENANCE WORKER II – FACILITIES](#)

CLOSING: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

- [SHELTER ASSISTANT – NEW BEGINNINGS - TEMPORARY](#)

CLOSING: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

- [TEACHER ASSISTANT – CORRECTIONS - TEMPORARY](#)

CLOSING: SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

- [FACILITY MAINTENANCE WORKER – HLP/WIC](#)

CLOSING: OCTOBER 4, 2021

ZPSD is looking for bus drivers and substitute teachers. Please apply online at <https://www.applitrack.com/zpsd/onlineapp/#>. For more information call the HR dept. at 505-782-5511. Elahkwa!



Public Notice

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) 2021 COVID-19 DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If you applied for Pueblo of Zuni COVID-19 Direct Financial Assistance between **August 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021** and **HAVE NOT YET** received your financial assistance check, please contact the ZECDC program at (505) 782-5998. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm (closed from 12 pm – 1 pm).

Address updates were requested in the initial 2021 application process and we have encountered issues with applicants requesting to change their mailing address **after** paperwork and/or check has been processed. This has caused delayed delivery of check to those individuals.

ZECDC and Pueblo of Zuni Finance staff have been working diligently in processing financial assistance payments. We continue to ask for your patience and understanding. Thank you to both programs for their dedication and hard work.

Please continue to stay safe, get vaccinated.
Protect You. Protect Others.

Youth Sport Initiative Eases Pandemic Stress While Providing Connection and Community Spirit

Since its founding, the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project has been dedicated to honoring Zuni culture and traditional life ways in all its youth programs and spaces. One of those vital Zuni traditions is physical activity.

Through its Youth Sport initiative, the nonprofit youth organization connects with more than 500 youth annually. Not only are young people able to take advantage of seasonal leagues in basketball, soccer, flag football, and cross country, they also have access to mentorship through ZYEP's staff and coaches, camaraderie with teammates throughout the leagues, and powerful community spirit.

Through mid-October, Youth Sport participants are busy with soccer season. According to Josh Kudrna, ZYEP's physical activity coordinator, this season is a particularly joyful one.

"My favorite part of coordinating this soccer season is how happy the kids are to be spending time with friends, and coming back together to play a sport," he explained. "Our kids were always excited to play, but there is a unique specialness to the joy and positivity that has been constant throughout this season. Getting to see their friends, interact with their coaches, and challenge themselves is having a huge impact on managing the stress and apathy we were seeing last year during virtual school."

Kudrna observed that families are enjoying this healthy and safe social opportunity as well.

"It's been great to see families excitedly greeting each other after being apart for so long, and seeing how many members of our community are coming to the games to celebrate and cheer on the younger players," he said. "There is such a strong spirit of community here. I see it at every practice and at every game."

Eleven-year-old Kaleb Bowannie is one of 12 players in this year's ZYEP soccer league. He participates in all the Youth Sport programs, so he'll shift to flag football once soccer ends.

"I love getting to run around and play the game, instead of just running around the house," he said. "It makes me happy to see my friends again, and I made friends on the other teams too."



"I love the free food, too," he added with a grin. When asked how other communities might benefit from Youth Sport programs like this one, he was thoughtful.

"It would give them physical activity, so they can be healthy," he said after a moment's pause. "It would be so good for them."

"As a parent, I think this program is very positive," said Kaleb's father, Daniel Bowannie. "Without ZYEP, many of our athletes would never have an opportunity to be part of a team, or to play soccer. It also brings players, coaches, and community together. It makes them one."

Desiree Harjo, lead coach for ZYEP's soccer league, agreed. "I was born and raised in Zuni, and growing up, I didn't have these opportunities," she said.

"ZYEP offers such a variety. I'm so appreciative for this on our reservation."

Harjo has worked with local youth for years. She and her twin sister teach kindergarten for the Zuni Public School District, and they both coached volleyball at the high school. In addition to her coaching with ZYEP, Harjo also coaches softball for the Gallup league.

"I coached here with (now executive director) Joe Claunch a couple of years ago, and I came back this year because ZYEP was in need," she said. "I love the teamwork and camaraderie, and how excited the kids are to get out and socialize, while also being safe; they've been great about wearing masks and maintaining physical distance. And, the games really do bring the community together to support our kids."

