



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

Zuni tribal members who received the 2020 financial assistance are REQUIRED to complete/sign/submit application. This will assist in ensuring all information is updated, as applicable.

Eligibility:

- Zuni Enrolled Tribal Members (residing on or off the reservation), must be age of 18 years by December 1, 2021 (Once an individual turns 18 years old, they can submit an application);
- Applicant must be enrolled with the Zuni Tribe as of **December 1, 2021**; and
- Has experienced a financial hardship due COVID-19 pandemic.
- All Zuni Enrolled Tribal Members MUST submit a completed application by December 1, 2021 deadline.

NOTE: An applicant who is incarcerated CANNOT apply for assistance until individual is released and must meet application deadline of December 1, 2021.

Application Options – PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY ONE FORM OF APPLICATION – WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY ONLINE!

Option 1: **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** -Complete and submit the on-line application at the following link: [POZ COVID-19 Direct Financial Assistance](#) via cell phone, tablet, laptop or desktop (must have a valid email address to receive confirmation that application was submitted); online link will also be available at www.ashiwi.org or;

Option 2: Complete PDF Fillable application and email with supporting documents (as applicable for NEW APPLICANTS) to: Covid.Assistance@ashiwi.org

- Download application at www.ashiwi.org or;
- Email Covid.Assistance@ashiwi.org to request for an application

Option 3: Paper applications will be available at local stores and ZECDC office. Completed paper applications will be accepted at the ZECDC office located at 01 Twin Buttes Rd during regular business hours: Monday - Friday between 930 am- 4 pm; closed for lunch from 12pm - 1pm.

**Masks are required when dropping off application.

For NEW APPLICANTS - ZECDC staff will contact you to verify your information. Please ensure you provide a valid phone number and/or message number.

Direct Financial Assistance will be sent via check within three (3) weeks or sooner to the mailing address provided on application. We appreciate your patience. If you should have any questions, please refer to FAQs or if needed send your inquiry to Covid.Assistance@ashiwi.org or contact the POZ COVID-19 Information Center at (505) 782-7114.

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Administration of Program: The Zuni Education & Career Development Center (ZECDC) shall be authorized to administer the Program.

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