Spokane Tribe of Indians

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April 26, 2021,

Dear Tribal Member,

The monthly elder payments that were budgeted from the CARES (Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act funds have been paid out to tribal members age 55 and over.

Therefore, the Spokane Tribe of Indians is going back to quarterly elder payments to Spokane Tribal members age 65 and over for the third and fourth quarter (June, September 2021) of the Tribe's fiscal year. The tribe will be issuing a **\$300.00** payment to help with unmet needs after receipt of the quarterly application. The funding source for these payments is Tribal funds.

We are requesting quarterly applications for the June and September 2021 payments. The June 2021 checks will be mailed out on or about June 10, 2021 or when your application is received whichever is later. The September 2021 checks will be mailed out on or about September 10, 2021 or when your application is received whichever is later. Quarterly applications will **not** be accepted after September 23, 2021.

The Spokane Tribe of Indians, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, exercises it rights of sovereignty to promote the general welfare of the Tribe, by providing general welfare assistance, including general welfare benefits within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 139E. The General Welfare benefits to Spokane Tribal Elders over the age 65 may be used for the basic needs of the Tribal Elders which may include but not be limited to services related to Housing, Medical, Educational, Cultural, Religious, Transportation and Utilities. It is recommended that you save your expenditure receipts for your records. At this time under the General Welfare safe harbor rules the general welfare assistance payments are **NOT** considered taxable benefits. All assistance provided pursuant to this Program is subject to the availability of funds. The annual assistance limit is subject to change from time to time, at the discretion of the Tribal Council.

The tribe is also offering direct deposit for the Elder General Welfare payments, please fill out the enclosed direct deposit form if you would like to have your assistance payments sent to you by direct deposit. If you already signed up for direct deposit in the first Quarter, it is still valid, so please check the box on the application (we do not need another direct deposit form).

The application is enclosed, please complete the application and return to the tribe by any of the following methods:

Email: caresact@spokanetribe.com

USPS mail: Spokane Tribe of Indians, Att: Anissa Jerred

PO Box 100

Wellpinit, WA 99040

Drop off box: at McCoy Administration Building, Wellpinit, WA 99040

You may also download the Elder General Welfare Assistance Quarterly Request Form on the Spokane Tribal website.

https://spokanetribe.com/government/finance

If you have any questions, please contact Anissa Jerred at (509) 458-6525.

Sincerely,

Jody Hill
CFO