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## Updated Guidance Documents

On Tuesday, the Treasury released updated Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) FAQ adding questions 49-52. These new FAQ relate to “lost wage assistance” under the Stafford Act, determining when a cost is “incurred,” and whether using CRF to establish grant and loan programs would trigger the Internal Revenue Code’s definition of “gross taxable income.” The updated FAQ can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/y65rd5wo>.

Regarding the “gross taxable income” questions, the Treasury FAQ links to the Internal Revenue Service’s FAQ and is located at: <https://tinyurl.com/y6mc3nug>. It is important to note that the IRS FAQ state the following in regards to the tribal general welfare exclusion, “However, a grant made by the government of a federally recognized Indian tribe to a member to expand an Indian-owned business on or near reservations is excluded from the member's gross income under the general welfare exclusion.”

On Tuesday, the Treasury also updated their “Allocations to Tribe Governments” document to correct a link in the footnote. There were no substantive edits and the document can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/y3om9wpt>.

### **Reminder: Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting for March 1 – June 30, 2020 due SEPTEMBER 1!**

If you need assistance, contact CILS!

### **CENSUS 2020 Update**

On August 3, the US Census Bureau stated it would conclude collection of Census field data by September 30, 2020 due to COVID-19. A number of tribes and tribal organizations submitted a letter to Congress urging Congress hold the US Census Bureau to the original date of October 31, 2020. The letter to Congress can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6muzwme>.

## **NCAI Stabilization Grants for Native-Owned Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus Pandemic**

NCAI is offering **business stabilization grants in the amount of \$5,000 each** to a total of **28 selected Native-owned small businesses** that have been severely impacted by the curtailing of commercial activity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Awarded applicants can use the funds to address their most urgent needs to remain in business and become more resilient, such as (but not limited to):

- Making monthly payments on small business loans that have lapsed due to declining business revenues;
- Keeping employees employed;
- Paying their vendors; and/or
- Purchasing equipment/software to transition or grow their businesses online.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Rolling application process; application window will remain open until all funds are exhausted.

For more information, visit NCAI’s website here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3kq6w7z>.

**REMINDER Tribal School Readiness Mini-Grant 2020 – Applications due August 28, 2020.** To apply: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F6KJLPH>.

## **TRIBAL COVID-19 RESOURCES**

For updates on COVID-19 and Resources for Tribal Communities see the following links:

### **State of California:**

A one-stop page collecting information related to COVID-19 can be located at:  
<https://covid19.ca.gov/>.

CDSS Tribal Affairs: COVID-19 resources for California tribal communities:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y3cjsopy>.

### **Federal Resources:**

A one-stop page for Federal COVID-19 information:  
<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>.

**Indian Health Service:**  
<https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/>.

**Health and Human Services:**  
<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/index.html>.

**Centers for Disease Control:** Providing information on how to protect yourself and what to do if you are sick. Also contains the most update-to-date information on the virus and medical news related to the virus: <https://tinyurl.com/rro9sx>.

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/yyos6b28>.

**Bureau of Indian Affairs:** Includes resources for tribal governments when responding to COVID-19:  
<https://www.bia.gov/coronavirus>.

**Treasury:** For more information on CARES Act funding and distributions.  
<https://tinyurl.com/qsnh97g>.

### **Tribal Specific Webpages with Daily Updates**

**National Congress of American Indians (NCAI):** <http://www.ncai.org/covid-19>.

**Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TPLI):**  
<https://www.home.tlpi.org/covid-19>.

**National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) :**  
<https://tinyurl.com/yyfdhxw2>.

**National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA):** <https://www.nicwa.org/coronavirus/>

**National Indian Health Board (NIHB):**  
<https://www.nihb.org/covid-19/>

**Turtletalk:** <https://turtletalk.blog/covid-19-tribal-documents/> and <https://turtletalk.blog/tag/covid-19/>.

**Native American Financial Officers' Association (NAFOA):** <https://tinyurl.com/yyavoevy>.