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## COVID-19 Pandemic Response

By now you have been impacted and continue to be impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Undoubtedly, as a result of COVID-19, you are incurring costs. Our staff has a wide variety of skillsets including policy expertise, program management, estimating, compliance, training, and reporting. Our staff are experts in FEMA Policy as it relates to the COVID-19 disaster declaration for Public Assistance Emergency Work. We are also well versed in the CARES Act Funding and the differences in the two funding streams. While the CARES Act has no cost share, the FEMA PA Program has at minimum a 25% cost-share by the Applicant (FEMA pays 75%, Applicant pays 25% (this can change)). We would be happy to provide guidance on the differences and how funding will be maximized for the recovery of your Nation from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The identification of potential funding streams is an important step to confirm that funds are maximized and not duplicated. CW will assist with performing a side by side evaluation of potential funding options based upon the available funding streams. We will then develop a funding plan for potential projects and compliance with the individual funding program will be tracked. We are experts in law, regulations, policies, and COVID-19 specific guidance and will review all grant-related work for compliance. We will ensure that all mandatory deadlines are identified and tracked so all deliverables are submitted on time and extensions are requested as needed to prevent jeopardizing funding. CW will also oversee the documentation collection and maintenance for all grant-funded projects to support closeout and any future audits.

CARES Act funding is available from a variety of sources outside of the \$8 billion for tribal nations from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for expenditures related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Funding is available for eligible businesses through the Federal Reserve and Small Business administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development Native American Programs, Indian Housing Block Grants formula, Indian Community Development Block Grants, Indian Health Services, operation of Indian Education Programs, Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, programs operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education, and many others.

FEMA Public Assistance has created a specialized streamlined process for the application for funding for the COVID-19 Pandemic. FEMA has anticipated potentially eligible scope of work tasks that would be undertaken during the pandemic and the application has been set up with a checklist including these tasks along with the ability to include other scopes of work tasks. The new online application process puts the completion of the grant application squarely in the hands of the Applicant. Our staff has the expertise to walk you through this process.



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CW will assist in the identification and gathering of costs and expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19. These costs and expenses range from direct costs ó items like medicine and immunizations, to protective masks, gloves and other forms of personal protective equipment, to indirect costs for food and shelters ó temporary or permanent ó set up to care for the sick and to prevent further spread. Costs for overtime, premium costs due to scarcity, or changes in operations (remote learning for example) all are available for consideration. This is not an all-inclusive list.

Once the costs and expenses have been gathered, CW will shepherd the reimbursement process, ensuring that the reimbursement request is completed in a fashion that FEMA will accept, and includes the necessary documentation to permit timely reimbursement. More importantly, CW will prevent or mitigate delays in reimbursement by promptly responding to FEMA regarding any questions FEMA may have and preventing the request from sitting idly in a reviewer queue.

We look forward to assisting you in whatever manner you feel best suits your needs during this pandemic. We are available to answer your questions.

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