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## **COVID-19 Resources For Native Americans**

There are several programs and relief initiatives in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This guide can serve as a starting point to guide you in the right direction.

### **Is there any relief for Native Americans?**

Under the CARES Act, the Department of Treasury approved an \$8 billion relief fund to assist tribes as they respond to the coronavirus.

For additional guidance on how to apply and learn about next steps as this critical relief becomes available, please visit: <https://home.treasury.gov/coronavirus/>.

### **Is there any funding for healthcare facilities?**

The CARES Act provides more than \$1 billion to help health facilities. Information on the federal response in Indian Country can be found by visiting:

<https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/?CFID=174687780&CFTOKEN=21623710/>.

### **Is there any funding for education?**

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) now has \$69 million to address the needs of Tribal K-12 and higher education schools. Tribes should reach out to the BIE to receive guidance on how these funds will be distributed. Their website can be found at:

<https://bie.edu/index.htm>.

BIE-funded schools, Tribal Colleges, and Universities can qualify for funding from the recently established Education Stabilization Fund, which received \$30.75 billion. Tribes should contact the Department of Education for guidance on how and when these funds will be distributed.

For resources and information on school closures or guidance for school leaders, please visit the BIA website at: <https://www.bia.gov/covid-19/>.

### **Is there any funding for affordable housing?**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Native American Programs now has \$300 million to help Tribal governments and Tribally Designated Housing Entities provide safe and affordable housing, and related services. Visit their website at:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih/codetalk/aboutonap/](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/aboutonap/).

## **Additional Assistance**

Senator Warner's office stands ready to assist with any coronavirus and non-coronavirus federal issues. **If you or a loved one is currently experiencing an issue with a federal agency**, please contact Senator Warner's office by calling: (202) 224-2023 or visiting: <https://www.warner.senate.gov/>.