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

The American Rescue Plan delivers the single largest investment in Native programs in U.S. history, providing funding for several programs and relief initiatives. This guide can serve as a starting point to guide you in the right direction.

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

The American Rescue Plan provides over \$31 billion to assist and support tribes as they respond to the coronavirus, with \$20 billion in emergency funding going to Tribal governments to combat COVID-19 and stabilize Tribal community safety-net programs.

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?**

The American Rescue Plan provides \$6 billion in funding support to the Indian Health Service to address critical healthcare needs in Native communities during this crisis.

Information on the federal response in Indian Country can be found by visiting: <https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/faqs-federal-response-in-indian-country/>.

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

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) now has \$850 million to address the needs of Tribal K-12 and higher education schools, with an additional \$190 million going to Tribal education agencies, Native Hawaiian education programs, and Alaska Native education Programs.

Tribes should reach out to the BIE to receive guidance on how these funds will be distributed. Their website can be found at: <https://www.bie.edu/>. 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 \$750 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/).

Tribes can also qualify for funding from the Department of the Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which received \$21.5 billion. To learn more about how these funds will be distributed, please contact the Department of the Treasury and visit the program website at: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program>.

### **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/>.