

# THE NAVAJO NATION

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## CARES Fund Hardship Assistance Program Frequently Asked Questions

*Overview and Application Process updated October 19, 2020*

### 1. Who is eligible for this program?

This program is open to all enrolled members of the Navajo Nation who have experienced a financial hardship resulting from circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. A financial hardship is the inability to pay for essential needs for yourself or your family (ex. food, rent, utilities, medicine, child care, etc.) that can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic and would include a loss or reduction of income or increased expenses. Funding awarded under this program must be spent on essential needs such as the ones previously mentioned.

### 2. Do I have to submit an application to get funding from this program?

Yes, you must submit an application by the application deadline, which is currently set for November 30, 2020. Paper applications will be available for the elderly and disabled the week of October 26 and the online portal and paper application will be open for the general public the week of November 2.

### 3. How much money am I eligible for?

The Navajo Nation Council has established a maximum payment of up to \$1,500 per qualifying adult (18 years and older as of March 1, 2020) and \$500 per qualifying minor (under the age of 18 as of March 1, 2020), based on demonstrated need. The actual payment you will receive, if eligible, will be based on the total number of applicants, the amount of assistance requested, and budget allocated to the program by the Navajo Nation Council. **Submission of an application does not guarantee that a qualifying adult will receive \$1,500 nor that a qualifying minor will receive \$500.**

### 4. How is the application structured?

There is one application per household. You will need to know full name, Navajo Nation census numbers, dates of birth, and the last four (4) digits of social security numbers.

### 5. How do I apply?

You may (1) apply online through the portal **OR** (2) apply by filling out a paper application at local community center or Chapter house. Please only apply once as any duplicate applications may result in delays in processing.

Additional information on the application process will be provided in the near future, along with other important program information.

### 6. When and how will I get my money?

One check per qualifying person will be sent to the mailing address provided on your application or there is a will-call option. The date of check distribution is still being finalized by OOC and communication will be forthcoming.