

# UPDATE – Hopi Tutuveni Requests for Hopi Tribal Council Agenda Goes Unanswered



## Romalita Laban Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - Tuesday, May 19, 2020 Hopi Tutuveni is still not in receipt of any replies from the Hopi Tribal Secretary's Office regarding updated Hopi Tribal Council Meeting Agendas and meeting outcomes. As of Friday, April 17, 2020 Tutuveni staff contacted the Secretary's Office requesting updated information for the Hopi public readers' information. No response to the inquiry has been received as of publication of this article.

On Monday, April 20, 2020 follow up contact was made along with submission of the Secretary's Office Information Request Form for an updated Tribal Council Agenda. During the follow up contacts to the Vice Chairman's Office, Tutuveni staff was informed that Hopi Tribal Council was indeed in session on that day. Requests to Tribal Secretary's Office for updates on the latest procedures for allowing the public's attendance or opportunity to listen in on the open public meetings went unanswered. No response to that inquiry has been received as of publication of this article. On April 20 and April 21, 2020 Hopi Tutuveni made requests to the secretary's Office to get an updated agenda. During the follow up, the Hopi Council was in session.

On Tuesday, April 21, 2020, Tutuveni staff made follow up contact via email to all of the Secretary's Office staff. On the same morning, Tutuveni was informed by a member of the public that the teleconference line number and a passcode to the Hopi Tribal Council meeting was issued and the individual listened in during the Council meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2020.

Further reports from the individual included notification that the Hopi Tribal Council acted on two items, during the meeting, which included an Action Item concerning the Village of Orayvi and an increase to the Little Cont. On Page 3

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**Chevenne River Youth Project Hosts** "Cheyenne River Fights Covid-19" **Art Contest for Youth Ages 4-17** More on pg. 15



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Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - May 18, 2020, Vice Chairman Clark Tenakhongva recently submitted a letter to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) objecting to the planned construction of 74 miles of border barriers in southern Arizona. The proposed project includes 30-foot-tall steel barriers filled with concrete, the installation of a linear ground detection system, road construction, and the installation of lighting, which will be supported by grid power and embedded cameras.

"On behalf of the Hopi Tribe, I am writing again to demand an immediate halt to all planning and preparation activities regarding the construction of the proposed border wall in Arizona's Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties." wrote Tenakhongva.

The letter went on, "The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable indigenous groups in the American Southwest including the Hohokam cultural group of Southern Arizona. Since time immemorial, the Hopi Tribe has gained passage to Mexico and the rest of Central America through the Palatkwapi Trail and to this day, maintains its cultural and ceremonial connections to the indigenous groups in the south through this trail."

"If this project is allowed to proceed, it would create a permanent scar across the Palatkwapi and Arizona Trail which also serves as a footpath from the borderlands to northern Arizona, and passes by the traditional Hopi migration route from Casas Grandes, Mexico to the Hopi Mesas.

On May 15, 2019, the Secretary of Homeland Security issued a waiver relating to the construction of border infrastructure. Among other things, this waiver sets aside the application of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the National Park Service Organic Act. As stated in previous letters, the Hopi Tribe objects to the issuance of this waiver as well as the addition of 74 miles of border wall that would significantly damage the environment, including the habitats of various endangered species such as jaguars, ocelots and the Mexican spotted owl."

Tenakhongva's letter continued by stating, "Furthermore, this project would seal off critical habitat designated for the endangered jaguar population, and effectively end the jaguar recovery efforts in the United States. Finally, the project would cut through and destroy a wildlife refuge, a designated wilderness area, national forest lands, and a national memorial.

By waiving these laws, the Department of Homeland Security has essentially ensured that the true consequences and repercussions of this project will go unanalyzed. Casting these laws aside undermines any semblance of transparency, legitimacy, or concern for public and tribal trust that the Federal Government might have had and the irreversible damage caused by the proposed project to wildlife, border communities, human rights, ancestral Native American sites and the physical remains of our ancestors is unacceptable, especially in light of the fact that Congress has explicitly rejected funding for such a costly, ineffective and unnecessary project.

Therefore, in my estimation, the cultural and environmental damage that would come from this proposal is severe and unjustifiable. At a time of national emergency, this project would not only be misguided but illegal and a waste of resources." In the final paragraph of the letter, Vice Chairman Tenakhongva emphasized objection to the border wall by writing, "The Hopi Tribe hereby reiterates its objection to the construction of the proposed border wall and continues to offer its support to the Tohono O'odham Nation as they endeavor to combat the adverse effects prompted by the actions and intentions of competing federal agencies on ancestral tribal lands."

Arizona Representatives Raul Grijalva and Ann Kirkpatrick sent a similar letter to Attorney General William Barr, Department of Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf last month with a similar message: "We urge you to stop wasting critical federal resources and putting the lives of the millions who call the border region home at grave risk during this unprecedented health crisis and immediately cease all construction efforts."

Their strongly worded letter went on to say, "We must address the health disparities tribal members are experiencing during this world pandemic. Especially when only three percent of tribes in this country have access to coronavirus testing kits. In a time when our communities face the prospect of rationing ventilators and other life-saving care, all of our government's resources should be spent on building hospitals and medical equipment, and ensuring that the public is safe and healthcare workers have all of the resources they need to face this unprecedented crisis. It is deeply upsetting that while we lead the world in the number of COVID-19 cases, we've yet to concentrate all of our powers on containing it."

Members of the Hopi Tribe who would like to comment on the project may contact Arizona Senators McSally and Sinema by phone, email or written letter with their concerns.

# UPDATE – Hopi Tutuveni Requests for Hopi Tribal Council Agenda Goes Unanswered, Cont.

Colorado River settlement budget to cover expert witness expenses.

Reference to the information was made in the April 21, 2020 email contact to the Hopi Tribal Secretary's Office, which also remains unanswered as of publication of this article:

As of Tuesday, April 21, 2020, Hopi Tutuveni staff has been requested to turn the front door Risk Management Building key, where the Hopi Tutuveni Office is located, back into the Facilities Department. Although inquiries have been submitted about the request, no other directions and/or written reasons or protocol for why the change has been implemented have been received. Hopi Tutuveni is unaware if all other Hopi Tribal employees are being required to turn in building keys. Hopi Tutuveni has been prepared to cover any Hopi Tribal Council meetings to provide updates to readers on actions being taken by Tribal Council. However, attempts by the Hopi Tribal Secretary's Office to hold Tribal Council meetings have failed and mostly due to the Hopi Tribal government phone system and technical issues with teleconference lines. The following is a list of dates on which Hopi Tribal Council attempted to meet and reasons for meetings not occurring:

Monday, April 27, 2020 – Hopi Tribe phone system down due to hardware issues.

Friday, May 8, 2020 9:00 a.m. – Hopi Tribe phone system technical difficulties apparently due to "getting a hit" during a recent rainstorm and

according to Chairman Nuvangyaoma. (Meeting rescheduled to Monday, May 11, 2020) Monday, May 11, 2020 9:00 a.m. - Phone system technical difficulties. (Meeting rescheduled to Thursday, May 21, 2020)

Hopi Tutuveni attended a meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 at the Hopi Jr./Sr. High School where some Hopi Tribal Council representatives, Hopi Tribal Secretary staff, Hopi Chairman Nuvangyaoma and Hopi Vice Chairman Tenakhongva all joined to do a test run of holding a Council meeting in the Hopi Bruins Den – Cafeteria while meeting social distancing requirements, as much as possible.

HJSHS technology staff, KUYI Hopi Radio staff and Hopi Tutuveni were also in attendance making sure all the technical aspects were covered and to cover the progress being made to ensure Hopi Tribal Council had internet and email access, the phone system was accessible and any Tribal Council representatives choosing to dial-in or log into a Zoom type meeting could do so, as well. The next Hopi Tribal Council meeting is tentatively scheduled to occur this Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and which the public will be allowed to listen in via KUYI Hopi Radio at 88.1FM. We will do our best to cover the meeting as well and hope before the meeting occurs, to have received an updated Hopi Tribal Council Agenda for the rescheduled meeting.

Although we would like to keep Hopi Tutuveni

readers up to date, informed and educated about issues affecting them, until we receive word from Hopi Tribe's Management Information Systems and Facilities Department about after hours/weekend access, we cannot promise any updates during any other times.

Until we receive communications about Internet, email and Risk Management Building access the Hopi Tutuveni is being seriously impacted in its ability to bring up to date information to Hopi Tutuveni readers and users of the webpage. While it is critically important that we do our part to prevent and control the spread of the highly contagious COVID-19 virus, the May 20, 2020 publication is scheduled for distribution only to local stores, post offices and areas accessible by the public for food and other essentials during the Stay-at-Home Order for all residents of the Hopi Reservation. In addition, a limited amount of printed copies will be provided to the Shungopavi Security check point staff, to hand out to residents upon entrance to the village and until the supply is depleted.

Hopi Tutuveni office remains closed to the public and in accordance with the Tribal Government shutdown requirements through May 31, 2020. Hopi Tutuveni staff can be reached at 928-734-3281 or 928-401-6435 and e-mails can be sent to rlaban@hopi.nsn.us from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

# Higher Education & Workforce Development Programs Issues Notice

#### For Hopi Tutuveni

On March 23, 2020 Executive Order #2-2020 Declaration: Stay-at-Home was implemented in an effort to prevent and respond to the COVID 19 pandemic and effective until April 17, 2020. Hopi Executive Order #2.1-2020 issued April 14, 2020 extended the Executive Order #2-2020 and remains in effect until May 8, 2020. Therefore, non-essential programs, as identified by the Hopi Tribe, which includes the Hopi Grants & Scholarship program, have been affected as part of the "stay-at-home" order. As a result, contacts with you in regard to your application(s) and/or status with the program, may have been limited. As the Summer Session deadline of April 15, 2020, has come and gone, the HTGSP Board has approved the new deadline date of May 30, 2020, by 5:00 p.m. (MST). This will allow for both staff and students to submit and complete applications for this Summer Session.

The following staff may be contacted Rose Polivema, MIS/Intake Coordinator at RPolivema@hopi.nsn.us; Modonna Huma-Dawasevaya, Higher Education Advisor at MHuma-Dawasevaya@hopi.nsn.us or (928) 401-8106 or myself at KSumatzkuku@hopi.nsn.us.

Applications can also be found on the Hopi Tribe website at https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/hopi-grants-scholarships-program-applications/.

The staff and I are anxious to get back to work; in the meantime, take care of yourselves, wear your masks and gloves, and stay well protected.

Thank you, and I hope you will understand why measures have been taken to ensure our students, staff, and community members are well.

# Northern Arizona University Responds to Help Meet Hopi Needs during Pandemic



Photo credit (Romalita Laban/HT)

### Hopi Education Endowment Fund PRESS RELEASE

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 11, 2020, with Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) in high demand as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, many have stepped up to help health care providers around the world to secure the much needed equipment.

Recently, assistant professor Kyle N. Winfree of Northern Arizona University (NAU) utilized his lab within the School of Informatics, Computing and Cyber Systems (SICCS) to produce 3-D printed face shieldsto donate to frontline and health care workers of the Hopi Tribe as well as a number of health facilities in Northern Arizona.

Additionally, NAU's Information Technology Services (ITS) team also worked to expand the mobile parking lot hotspots on the Hopi reservation. With installation at the Peace Academic Learning Center in Kykotsmovi Village, Hopi and all students in the area could access online courses.

Dr. Chad Hamill, vice president of the Office of Native American Initiatives stated, "You can argue that NAU's institutional commitment to Native communities has never been more important. We stand with our Hopi relatives and will do whatever we can to help keep them technologically connected and safe during a time of unprecedented uncertainty."

Hopi Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma, LuAnn Leonard, Member of NAU's Presidential Advisory Board and representatives from Hopi Emergency Services were in attendance to accept the equipment. Chairman Nuvangyaoma expressed his deep appreciation on behalf of the Hopi people to NAU President Rita Cheng and the NAU community for their generous support during this critical time.

# 2020 HEEF Board Nominations Now Open

PRESS RELEASE - 5/13/2020

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 13, 2020, the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) is pleased to announce that they are now accepting nominations of individuals to serve on the HEEF Board. As a charitable, non-profit program of the Hopi Tribe, the HEEF was created and organized for the purpose of growing and safeguarding a perpetual source of funding to provide educational opportunities and support to Hopi students of all ages.

HEEF Board members play a vital role in providing guidance, support and direction to the HEEF staff to carry forward the mission of the organization "The Hopi Education Endowment Fund grows and protects financial resources to provide every Hopi the opportunity to pursue their educational dreams to assure the future of our sinom (people)."

Nominating Committee Chairperson, Dr. Carrie Joseph, shared that Individuals, both Hopi and non-Hopi, interested in sharing their expertise, talents, and resources to help further the HEEF mission are encouraged to consider becoming a member or nominating an individual to the board." She added that, "Each Board member serves a three-year term and are asked to serve on one of the Standing Committees of the organization."

Service as a Board Member means different things to each member. Outgoing 2 term HEEF Member Dr. Tsianina Lomawaima shared "Service on the HEEF Board has enabled me to share my skills and talents to help support Hopi students pursuing their educational dreams. If you value education and want to make a difference in helping to secure the future of the Hopi people, service on the HEEF Board will be rewarding and I encourage you to apply."

More information about the HEEF can be found on the website at or by calling LuAnn Leonard, Executive Director at 928-734-2275. To nominate an individual or self-nominate go to the following website at to fill out an on-line Nomination form. For those unable to go on-line, Nomination forms can also be requested by contacting the HEEF. Nominations close on June 30, 2020.



Anali Luz's poster credit to original sender

# NAU begins disbursing CARES Act grants to students

#### **Kimberly Ott**

Flagstaff, Ariz. - May 13, 2020, Northern Arizona University is distributing the majority of the federal funding received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act directly to eligible students. The university emailed students and parents on Tuesday, sharing the process through which students can apply for CARES grants, and by the end of the day more than a third of eligible students had submitted funding requests. This \$11.7 million in funding, which the U.S. Department of Education has designated to help students defray costs incurred while pursuing their education during the COVID-19 pandemic, will be disbursed in two waves. The first wave representing an estimated 75 percent of funding will be given out now through July 6. There will be a separate application process in the late summer or early fall to access the remaining 25

percent. More information will be shared on this process later in the summer."The last few months have presented our students with many challenges, and I am proud that they all, with the guidance, efforts and support of our faculty and staff, completed this semester," President Rita Cheng said. "Our commitment to the education and well-being of our students is at the center of all we do. and we are pleased to have secured this funding through the U.S. Department of Education and to be able to offer some financial assistance during this time."Once eligible students complete a simple form, NAU will either mail a check or deposit the grant in students' bank accounts. Students who are Pell-eligible will receive \$500, while students who are not Pell-eligible will receive \$400. This grant is not connected to the university's financial aid and does not need to be repaid.For more information and links to the necessary form, visit NAU's.

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ted, in part, by funds available through the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Ider Title 1B of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

# Colorful Prayers Creation Shared by Local Hopi woman – Kelly Tungovia



Kelly Tungovia's creation for all to see and for all to feel secure in the Hopi world. Photo credit to Kelly Tungovia for Hopi Tutuvni

## Romalita Laban, Managing Editor, Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 13, 2020, Hopi Tutuveni staff came across an uplifting share on social media by one of our Hopi community members – Kelly Tungovia. We asked if we could share the colorful creation in an upcoming publication, to which she obliged by emailing a picture of the creation and a description, noting the title of the painting - "Colorful prayers."

Further details provided by Tungovia included that, "As Hopi's we are taught that our prayers should be for all beings around the world, not just for ourselves. If we continue to pray, learn/speak our language and follow traditions we will remain humble. Itam itaa tuuwaqatsi aw tunatyawtotini."

We also asked her to share a little bit about herself and what inspired the beautiful creation to which she responded, as follows:

"My name is Kelly Tungovia, I am Piqöswungwa/Kookangwungwa and come from the village of Soongopavi. I am currently in my third year of schooling with a goal of obtaining a bachelors degree in fine arts at the Institute of American Indian Arts located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The inspiration for my painting comes from observing and listening to how COVID-19 is affecting the world. From the beginning to the end of my finished painting all my thoughts were of prayers. Prayers for strength, safety and well being of all people in hopes that this pandemic would all end soon."

During these challenging times our goal at Hopi Tutuveni has been to continue providing essential services of educating, informing and being a community service for the people. Sharing this creation and work from our very own Hopi community members is part of that effort.



# DES Announces Pandemic Unemployment Assistance System to Launch May 12 New Partnership With Outside Vendor To Expedite Program Launch

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PHOENIX – (April 24, 2020) The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) announced today it has acquired the services of Geographic Solutions Inc. to implement a PandemicUnemployment Assistance program system and get assistance to Arizonans faster. Since receiving guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor, DES has been working to engage a private vendor to develop the system. Applications will be processed beginning the week of May 12 and payments will begin for eligible claimants that same week.

"We recognize the critical importance of these benefits for Arizonans who are out of work due to COVID-19," said Tom Betlach, from the Office of the Director. "This solution will help get benefits to people faster, with payments being made retroactively for those eligible. We will continue to put forward all available resources, including working nights and weekends, to stand up this brandnew program to get individuals the help they need."

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, which enacts a number of changes to unemployment compensation. These changes include the creation of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), which provides benefits for certain individuals who are not otherwise eligible for Unemployment Insurance.

This includes individuals who:

• have exhausted all rights to such benefits,

- are self-employed,
- are seeking part-time employment,
  - lack sufficient work history, or

• otherwise do not qualify for regular unemployment compensation or

extended benefits under state or Federal law or Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

In general, PUA provides up to 39 weeks of benefits to qualifying individuals. Payments will be retroactive to the date of eligibility back to the week of February 2, 2020. Individuals who are eligible under PUA will receive a weekly benefit amount, ranging from \$117 to \$240 per week and will also be eligible for the additional \$600 per week included in the CARES Act. Individualswill be eligible to receive these retroactive payments based on their eligibility status in those prior weeks.

PUA is a brand-new program that is being built from the ground up, in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Labor. The requirements for this program are different from the existing Unemployment Insurance program and cannot be seamlessly

integrated into the existing system.

DES continues to communicate with all individuals who have been denied for being monetarily ineligible for regular Unemployment Insurance back to the effective date of the PUA as outlined in the CARES Act. The Department will contact these individuals when further action is needed.

Individuals should keep a record of their earnings each week as this information will be required to determine ongoing eligibility for PUA.

Last week, unemployed Arizonans received a record-high \$150.9 million in Unemployment compensation, which included the \$600 in additional weekly compensation provided by the

CARES Act. Retroactive \$600 per week payments were also issued to eligible claimants who filed weekly certifications back to March 29, 2020.

Visit https://des.az.gov/pua for updates and additional information

# Hopi Tribe is notified of CARES Act Relief Aid The Hopi Tribe Receives Notice about the \$85.5 Million allocated Relief Aid

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 14, 2020, on Friday, March 27, 2020, following a voice vote in the U.S. House of Representatives, President Trump signed into law H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The 2 trillion dollar relief package, which includes billions of dollars for Indian Country, was passed by the Senate on March 25, 2020.

More than a month later, the U.S Department of the Treasury notified the Hopi Tribe that it would be receiving an allocation in the amount

of 85.5 million dollars as part of the CARES Act Emergency Response. Yet the process to receiving these funds has been far from easy with tribes encountering numerous obstacles and having to overcome various challenges on the federal level. Hopi Tribal Chairman, Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, commented on the process saying, "We wanted to make sure we were at the table from the very start when it was announced that Hopi might be receiving some help. Because of our due diligence to understand COVID-19 and to respond swiftly, I believe our eagerness

to join the conversation around the CARES Act assistance helped us navigate the process to secure the funding and take care of our people." Tribal governments were also previously slated to receive a share of the \$8 billion in direct emergency relief from the CARES Act-COVID-19 stimulus bill, however, the Department of the Interior faced concerns from several tribes as well as a lawsuit over whether Alaskan tribal corporations were eligible for funding, which has resulted in delays. Representative Deb Haaland (D-N.M.), a member of the Laguna

Pueblo and the vice chairperson of the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, said in a statement, "No community should be left behind during this pandemic, but it was an all-out fight with the Administration and Republicans in the Senate to ensure Tribes, urban Indian organizations, and tribal organizations have the resources they need to keep Native American communities healthy and supported economically. We fought for it every step of the way, especially the \$8 billion for tribes in the relief package to ensure Native Americans Cont. On Page 8

# Hopi Tribe is notified of CARES Act Relief Aid, cont.

have the same access to health care resources and economic support as other governments."

"As you are aware, the detrimental impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have had a disproportionate health care and economic impact on federally recognized tribes due to a chronic lack of essential resources," reads a letter signed by Democratic lawmakers including Deb Haaland of New Mexico, co-chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, Ruben Gallego of Arizona, chair of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the U.S., Raul Grijalva of Arizona, chair of the House Natural Resources Committee and Assistant House Speaker Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico.1} Each of these congressional leaders, along with several other representatives, were instrumental in pushing for assistance to the tribal communities including Hopi.

Since receiving notice of the 85.5 Million dollar allocation to the Hopi Tribe, the Department of the Treasury has released guidelines detailing how the funds will be distributed to the tribes:

Distribute 60 percent of the \$8 billion to Tribes based on population data used in the distribution of the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), subject to a floor of \$100,000. This data is based on U.S. Census figures and is already familiar to Tribal governments.

Distribute the remaining 40 percent of the \$8 billion based on the total number of persons employed by the Indian tribe and any tribally-owned entity, and further data to be collected related to the amount of higher expenses faced by the tribe in the fight against COVID-19. Payment to Tribes will begin today based on the population allocation and will take place over several banking days. Amounts calculated for Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regional and village corporations will be held back until pending litigation relating to their eligibility is resolved.

Payments to tribes based on employment and expenditure data will be made at a later date. Treasury will work with Tribes to confirm employment numbers and seek additional information regarding higher expenses due to the public health emergency.

While the Department of the Treasury notes that the pending litigation with the Alaskan Corporations has introduced additional uncertainty into the process of allocation to the Tribes, the Treasury is endeavoring to make payments of the remaining amounts as promptly as possible consistent with the Department's obligation to ensure that the allocations are made in a fair and appropriate manner. Hopi Vice Chairman Clark W. Tenakhongva, added his thoughts on the funding process stating, "Until a resolution has been drafted and presented to the Hopi Tribal Council to accept the CARES Act funding for Coronavirus Relief this money is not officially part of the Tribal coffers, however once these funds are accepted it is my hope that we can prioritize efforts to improve community infrastructure which in turn will improve our ability to respond and prepare for future emergencies such as this."

Similar sentiments were echoed by Hopi Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma who stated that "The goal is to recognize and acknowledge all recent expenditures and future expenses incurred by the Hopi Tribe, the Hopi Emergency Response Team and the Hopi villages in their direct response to the pandemic. We want to make sure we are considering our short term and long-term objectives for the Hopi community in regards to infrastructure, healthcare, social programs, education and child care development to name a few. We want to be better prepared for any future emergency response." For questions of more information,

please call the Hopi Tribe Office of the Chairman at (928) 734-3102 OR Office of the Vice Chairman at (928) 734-3113

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# Hopi Tribe – Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Emergency Response – May 18, 2020 Report

COVID-19 Emergency Response – May 18, 2020 Report

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 18th, 2020 — As COVID-19 continues to bulldoze its way through our surrounding communities, here on Hopi we all have to be mindful of how to protect ourselves each opportunity we leave our homes. Testing for the virus is still limited in most instances. There are two kinds of tests for COVID-19:

A viral test tells you if you have a current infection.

An antibody test tells you if you had a previous infection.

An antibody test may not be able to show if you have a current infection, because it can take 1-3 weeks after infection to make antibodies. We do not know yet if having antibodies to the virus can protect someone from getting infected with the virus again, or how long that protection might last. Please take extra precautions.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:

As of this date – May 18, 2020

The United Sates now has over 1.4 million confirmed positive cases with 13,284 new cases and over 89,407 deaths with 698 new cases.

Over 14,170 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. This is an increase from over the weekend by 1,001. Of those, close to 1,285 are in Navajo County alone this is an increase by 108.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 368 patients to this date. Over 77 of those tests at Hopi Healthcare Center came back positive. 33 of those patients are from the Hopi Tribe.

Of those positive tests, a handful is right here on Hopi – in our villages. The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages.

\*This information by villages presented above is released by Hopi Department of Health & Human Services and does not included state-wide data on Hopi tribal members. Therefore, the data shown does not reflect patients receiving care at other facilities such as Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation, Flagstaff Medical Center, or any others.

33\*\* of the 77 patients total are members of the Hopi Tribe or approximately 43%.

Prevention: Watch for symptoms. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Or at least two of these symptoms:

Fever

Chills

Repeated shaking with chills

Muscle pain

Headache

Sore throat

New loss of taste or smell

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness. This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other

symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Education:

May 17-23, 2020, is Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. This year's theme for EMS Week, "Ready Today, Preparing For Tomorrow" is appropriate given our current statewide response to the COVID-19 pandemic. EMS providers (including EMTs, paramedics, emergency nurses and physicians, 9-1-1 dispatchers, and EMS educators) have been on the front lines of all across Arizona's COVID-19 response since day one.

Thank You to Hopi EMS for Helping the Hopi Reservation Respond to the COVID-19 Outbreak!

For questions of more information, please call the Hopi Tribe, Office of the Chairman at (928) 734-3102, OR Office of the Vice Chairman at (928) 734-3113.

	Hopi COVID-19 Cases* May 18, 2020					
Т	umber Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested	
-	10	77**	286	5	368	

Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020.

Number of Cases per Village	As of 5/15/2020	As of 5/18/2020	
Kiqötsmovi	4	4	
Orayvi	4	4	
Polacca			
(Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-	4	6	
Tewa)			
Musangnuvi			
Supawlavi	2	2	
Söngoopavi	10	10	
Yuwelu-paki	4	4	
Paaqavi			
Hotvela	3	3	
Upper Munqapi Lower Munqapa			

# Coronavirus Emergency Response: First Nations Support for the Hopi Tribe

## First Nations Development Institute

Longmont, Colo. – May 18, 2020, In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating effects on Native communities, First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) has directed \$933,000 in immediate and swift emergency funds to 60 select Native nations and Native-led organizations to support response, relief, human services, organizational sustainability, and economic development efforts. Due to the circumstances of the pandemic, no reporting requirements are associated with these grants.

Specifically, for the Hopi Tribe, grants have been awarded to: Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona, \$15,000 Hopi Foundation, Kykotsmovi Village, Arizona, \$15,000 Hopi School, Kykotsmovi, Arizona, \$20,000 First Nations has awarded its **COVID-19** Emergency Response Fund Grants with the understanding that these funds will be used by recipient tribes and organizations for general operating support at their discretion as they prioritize and address the myriad needs facing their constituents and community members that have arisen as a result of the pandemic, including but not limited to: organizational sustainability, medical supplies, food and water, personal hygiene supplies, economic development purposes, etc. Use of these grants is not restricted to food, water, and other related purchases. Due to the current circumstances, no reporting requirements are associated with these grants.

In addition to providing resources

for Native communities. First Nations has helped coordinate water, food and personal protective equipment donations to Native communities, including 29,000 gallons of water and 14,000 pounds of USDA-certified meat. With the generous support of individual donors. First Nations has been able to ship roughly 5,000 gallons of drinking water, 2,000 pounds of USDA-certified frozen beef, and 1,300 pounds of blue corn meal, unbleached flour and whole wheat flour to the Hopi Tribe. First Nations worked with , , Trilogy Beef Community, , and to procure and deliver these donations.

First Nations has issued three rounds of grants at this point, and additional rounds will be made as funds allow. 100% of funding is being directly passed through to organizations without administrative or overhead costs.

First Nations President and CEO Michael Roberts said, "For 40 years, First Nations has recognized and responded to the people and institutions who are creating solutions and doing the heavy lifting for their Indian communities. The Covid-19 pandemic and the response that it demands are no different. As such. First Nations is honored to be able to leverage our relationships with philanthropy and community partners like the Hopi Tribe, the Hopi Foundation and Hopitutugaki (the Hopi School) to provide support for critical needs around COVID-19 as well as for organizational sustainability during the pandemic."

For more information about First Nations' COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund, please visit or to learn more about Coronavirus resources for Native communities, visit



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**The Hopi Tutuveni** Ok first off, this sickness is getting a little out of hand. I mean, it's getting to the point where I either don't care for the sickness or I don't care in general about what this sickness is. It's been about 3 months since anyone of us had a real "normal" life, and I mean that in a way, as life had been in the past years.

See, right about now you would see ceremonial dances happening in the different villages, but with this scare and this "shut down" no one seems to care about the ceremonies or our special "friends" visiting the Hopi mesas anymore. It's like we've forgotten them or something like that. I know that we want to keep everyone safe in the villages but the ceremonies are a time we honor the sacred...in a way, I think.

It's funny to think that last year, and prior years we had "chair wars" where women would proclaim their dominance in the village plaza to put their chair in a certain spot, so they can watch the dances two times, one in the morning and one in the evening. But now, we don't hear anyone fighting over spaces in the village plaza anymore. Maybe we should just let the women of the villages put up their chairs and let them remember the old days of fighting over "spots" in the village plaza, just so they don't forget their anger with each other.

But now that we have chosen to postpone our cultural events, I guess it gives us time to accomplish many other things like: fixing our house that needed repairs, making more time for children, or actually getting to know our children, and finally saving money and not spending it on food for the masses for a village dance.

I say that this should be the time to reflect on what are real priorities are, and to see what we really need versus what we just want.

I mean do I really need to get my hair redyed? Or do I need to keep safe and not get sick. Do I need to have a drink with the guys at the pub or do I need to save money for necessary items? I know white people love their movie theaters, shopping malls, and \$20 cups of coffee. But think about it, what could we do when forget about the luxury items or maybe some of it? We could save the world. We could go back to nature, 'cause we're always saying we need to "find ourselves" or whatever white people say. But I say, we need to have less of the luxury items and more of what we need in life, like a better living situation for all of us.

I know there are some people that have a good job and have a wonderful life, but you can't take that with you when you die. But the more important subject is about what you leave behind for others, to complete their lives with your success.

In the Hopi tradition, we speak of respecting all living creatures, and how we should protect them, how we should honor them, and how we should never take them for granted. But we as Hopis slowly lost sight of that over the decades. We became monsters of our own culture. We started to sell, started to kill our own culture, then we tried to blame others about it. But in actuality we have to blame ourselves for making it happen. Could this sickness be an awakening for the Hopi culture? Could this sickness be a reminder that we don't need to live like a white man? Could this sickness come as a warning for something bigger to come, and is it a test to the Hopi religion about what our true priorities are? Or maybe it's just a hoax and that it was to scare people to stay home so the government could reset the earth...but conspiracies aside...I say that we need to look at this sickness as a total reminder of what's to come.

I say that we need to sit back down with our elders and to listen to them, *AGAIN* and really *LISTEN* to them so they can tell us about the past Hopi way, and to be reminded again what our purpose here on this earth is. Like asking them, "What are our clan responsibilities to the Hopi reservation and to the villages?" Or ask them, "How can we be more Hopi?" And not what's written in a book, or told in YouTube documentary videos.

See, now should be the time to be asking these questions, rather than waiting for the mall to re-open, so we can buy the latest fashionable shoes or eat mall-quality Chinese food. I know these are things that make our lives happy, but we can find happiness without the food court egg rolls. But if you must do that, just make sure you find luxury in small amounts.

So, my advice to you is that, never forget why this virus has set us back, but make sure that we learn our "new normal" as a way to contemplate or to revitalize our lives. But I can sure go for the food court pizza right about now. Stay safe, stay healthy and wash your hands.

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# Tribes and Tribal Organizations Eligible for Water Management Technical Assistance Funding from Reclamation

# Peter Soeth, United States Bureau of Reclamation

Washington, D.C. – May 15, 2020, the Bureau of Reclamation is making up to \$1 million available for tribes and tribal organizations in the western United States to develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. Each selected tribal project is eligible to receive up to \$200,000. Funding will be provided by a grant or cooperative agreement, depending on the project.

The funding opportunity is available on www.grants.gov by searching for funding opportunity number BOR-DO-20-F013. Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m. (MDT), October 28, 2020.

This funding opportunity is exclusively limited to federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations located in the 17 western states identified in the Reclamation Act of 1902 as amended and supplemented. Federal, state, and local governments, as well as individuals, are not eligible to apply.

This funding opportunity is available through Reclamation's Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program. They provide technical assistance through cooperative working relationships and partnerships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations. To learn more, please visit the program at: https://www.usbr.gov/native/programs/techasst activities tap.html The Bureau of Reclamation is a federal agency under the U.S. Department of the Interior and is the nation's largest wholesale water supplier and second largest producer of hydroelectric power. Its facilities also provide substantial flood control, recreation opportunities and environmental benefits. Visit our website at and follow us on Twitter.



Cheyenne River Youth Project Hosts "Cheyenne River Fights Covid-19" Art Contest for Youth Ages 4-17



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EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. — The Cheyenne River Youth Project is using the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on children as a learning experience where they can express their feelings through art.

This week, the youth organization announced it is hosting an art contest for Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation youth ages 4-17. The theme of the contest is "Cheyenne River Fights Covid-19," and the deadline for dropping off finished artwork at CRYP is 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29.

The organization will select three winners to receive cash awards for their work. First place will receive \$300, second place will receive \$200, and third place will receive 100. All artwork will be judged on the following criteria: creativity/originality, connection to the theme, and skills.

"We want our young people to have an opportunity to share how they, their families, and their community are fighting Covid-19 — physically, spiritually, and otherwise," said Julie Garreau, CRYP's executive director. "We encourage them to dig deep, search their imaginations, and share their stories, because their voices matter. What does it look like to fight an invisible enemy? How do you keep your body and spirit safe and well? How can you lean on your culture and your ancestors to help you in this fight? Let's show the world how we do it on the Cheyenne River!"

Participants can create artwork in any medium, and CRYP is making art supplies available for those in need. Crayons, pencils, and paper may be taken home; advanced supplies such as acrylic paints, watercolor paints, oil pastels, brushes, and canvases are available to use on premises at CRYP's Cokata Wiconi (Center of Life) teen center.

"We just ask that you call ahead to schedule a time and day, if you're planning to work on site," Garreau said. "That way, we can ensure proper social distancing and other safety protocols."

Those who wish to support CRYP's Covid-19 programs and services can make online contributions by visiting lakotayouth.org/donate, and clicking "Covid-19 Relief Fund," "Winyan Toka Win Garden," or "Keya Cafe Gift Cards." Call the offices at (605) 963-8200 or visit lakotayouth.org for more information.

# The Unprecedented Promotion of Indians at First Mesa Elementary School

## Carl Onsae, Hopi Tutuveni

First Mesa, Ariz. – On May 15, 2020, around 18 students from First Mesa Elementary School were present with their own unique and unprecedented displays representing their successful accomplishment of completing 6th grade requirements for the 2019-2020 School year.

The students were aligned, at least 6 feet apart and in accordance with Center for Disease Control's guidelines, in front of the entrance to FMES which has a generous sidewalk area allowing for a safe distance for the students, guiding staff and family.

A "new normal" and unique way to be promoted from the 6th to 7th grade occurred on the nice Friday evening. Parents and guardians made signs and designed the student's display areas with balloons and tassels to support and enhance the happy day of accomplishment for the children, despite the challenging times during the health pandemic going on all over the world.

The parents of the students organized the entire "parade graduation" for the students and with the support of the FMES staff and Board. Around 5:30 p.m. in the evening FMES Board members issued the promotion certificates with the parade beginning directly after.

Parents, family and community members all were in their decorated cars and followed in a parade line so they could safely drive by to honk their vehicle horns, while waving and congratulating the students on their promotion from a safe distance. Around 30-40 cars all honked and flashed their lights to the students in excitement and as they drove by, waved to the promoting students.

The event was a new and unique way to promote from First Mesa Elementary. This unique event will surely go down in FMES' history where the Class of 2020 6th grade students will not soon forget they might be the pioneers of this "new normal" in life's history.













Students at their parade graduation"All photo credit Carl Onsae/HT and Romalita Laban/ HT