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**CARES ACT COMMITTEE of THE HOPI TRIBE**

*CARES Act Committee Develops Working Budget*

The Hopi Tribal Council established the CARES Act Committee (CAC) designating the responsibility to develop a budget and expenditure plan for funds received under the Aid to Tribal Governments totaling \$92.9 million dollars and the Aid to Tribal Government Welfare Assistance totaling \$2.4 million dollars.

**The CARES Act Committee's priorities with timelines are;**

- 1) Develop the CARES Act budget, *in progress*.
- 2) Review procedures to accept & approve proposals for CARES Act funding, July 28, 2020.
- 3) Target date to begin first review of proposals, TBA.
- 4) Target date to issue first funding for approved proposals, TBA.

**Preparing for Accountability**

On July 14, 2020, the CARES Act Committee approved a contract with Walker & Armstrong, LLP and welcomed Ken Mason, Advisory Services Manager for their services, including;

- to provide advisory services to the CARES Act Committee and Office of Financial Management in best practices to meet reporting requirements and documentation standards.
- to help the Hopi Tribe's financial management team prepare for a Single Audit.
- to support fiscal accountability, taking into consideration the eligible purposes and time restrictions of each funding source.
- to assist in program development as needed to ensure compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of the Treasury and other agencies.
- to provide technical support to villages to clarify and support regulatory accountability in receiving & expending CARES Act funding.
  - Initial meeting for Hopi village CSA's with Ken Mason, Sunday, July 19, 2020.
- Ken Mason's professional experience; <https://www.wa-cpas.com/professionals/mason.htm>

## Developing a Working Budget

Friday, July 17, 2020, the CAC established Broad Categories of Funding to guide budget development. The categories identify and frame priorities of the COVID-19 direct response to villages, first responder agencies, tribal government, schools, tribal corporations & tribal-member businesses, and nonprofits.

Tuesday, July 21, 2020, Ken Mason delivered a presentation titled, “Spending the CARES Act, THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND FOR TRIBES.” The presentation focused on fund allocations, allowable & disallowable costs of CARES Act funding, lasting benefits, and covered Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s). Time was allowed for Question & Answer with committee members, village CSAs and invited media representatives.

The Committee noted consideration of other sources of funding provided as COVID-19 direct response to other Hopi tribal programs and local organizations through their existing federal contracts including but not limited to; Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, Indian Health Services, Transportation, all Hopi Schools through the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), and donations made to The Hopi Tribe and The Hopi Foundation. The committee remains focused on the directive to create a budget and to expend funds specific to the Aid to Tribal Governments, emphasizing the greater intent of the committee to maximize funding to strengthen the community at large, while appropriately expending federal funds. The committee will review the budget and an expenditure report for the Aid to Tribal Government Welfare Assistance reflecting a \$2.4 million dollar allocation on July 28, 2020.

July 21, 2020, the CAC developed Broad Categories to provide a framework for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) process and to provide the structure of budgeting and accounting of COVID-19 related expenditures. The committee decided to remain flexible in the distribution to allow for reallocation based on the proposals to be received and a contingency to fund unforeseen proposals or conditions related to COVID-19. A Cost Accounting Structure (coding for budget expenditures) was supplied by Walker & Armstrong, LLP.

July 23, 2020, the CAC designated a subcommittee to develop the process to submit and review project proposals. The committee will finalize this process on July 28, 2020.

### **Broad Categories of Funding with Allocations;**

<u>Broad Category</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>% of \$92.9M</u>
a. COVID Family Direct Response	\$21M	23%
b. Community Infrastructure Capacity Building	\$21M	23%
c. Business Operations & Economic Recovery	\$21M	23%
d. Education & Child Care Services	\$9.5M	10%
e. Health & Medical Services Response Needs	\$9M	10%
f. Food Security & Food Access	\$5M	5%
g. Home Safety & Energy Efficiency	\$5M	5%
h. Contingency	\$1.4M	1%
	<u>\$92.9M</u>	<u>100%</u>

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