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## **CARES ACT COMMITTEE of THE HOPI TRIBE**

### *Committee Progress for Hopi CARES Act Funding*

The CARES Act Committee (CAC) continues to make progress in the development of a comprehensive process for disbursements of CARES Act Funding of The Hopi Tribe. A subcommittee of the CAC is established with members from the Office of General Counsel, Walker & Armstrong, LLP Financial Advisor, and the Hopi Tribe's Office of Financial Management. The subcommittee's priority is to create application forms and requirements for financial accountability to submit proposals for consideration of CARES Act funding. To date, the CAC has reviewed, provided comments and directions for the proposed Coronavirus Relief Fund application and process for federal financial assistance.

On August 3, 2020, Action Item #064-2020 "To Amend the Procurement Policy to provide flexibility for the CARES Act Committee to utilize the Coronavirus Relief Fund," was approved by Hopi Tribal Council (HTC) that;

- will increase the limit and provide flexibility for purchases that require HTC approval from \$60,000.00 to \$2,000,001.00 for CARES Act funding expenditures and projects.
- will allow for sole source purchases or contracts, with the Office of Financial Management reviewing vendors and/or contractors including standards of suspension & debarment.

The Department of the Treasury (DOT) Office of Inspector General updated reporting requirements and guidance of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) on Friday, July 31, 2020. Members of the CAC met with village Community Service Administrators on August 4, 2020 for an opportunity to develop understanding of the CARES Act requirements. The DOT hosted a webinar, Understanding Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting Requirements, held on August 5, 2020. Members of the CARES Act Committee were in attendance.

Beginning August 10, 2020, the CAC weekly meetings will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 o'clock a.m. to allow for additional time to review applications for CARES Act funding.

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