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Red Cliff ARPA Funds Update

As of November 18, 2021

General Assistance Direct Relief Program Update

Applications Received: 4,537 (Totaling approximately 5,674 members because applications can include multiple people)

Payments Disbursed: 2,134 have been processed for payment.

Payments Yet To Be Disbursed: Approximately 60% of payments are yet to be distributed.

Process:

1. Applications must be entered into a spreadsheet database for documentation and verification. Applications were accepted via paper (hand delivered or emailed) and through the website. The applications on the website require staff to download and save them.
2. Enrollment and eligibility are verified. This is the fastest part of the process.
3. Payment process. The staff doing this have limited capacity and are processing as much as they can in addition to all regular Tribal business.

Primary challenges:

1. Time it takes to process. The process includes necessary steps to ensure the Tribe remains in compliance with all regulations.
2. Incorrect and missing information on applications. This requires staff to follow up with applicants who didn't properly complete the application, which becomes time that isn't spent on processing. Staff cannot make assumptions on missing or incorrect information. If information is needed, the application will not be processed until it is received.
3. Duplicate applications received.
4. Calls and emails take time away from staff who are processing.
 - a) Applicants contact and request a change in their information, such as their address or number.
 - b) Repeat contacts from individuals asking for status updates or asking questions about the program.

Other ARPA Funds Allocations To Date

Multi-Purpose Cultural Center Roundhouse (Currently planning architectural and engineering services)

Ojibwemowin Teaching & Training Program (In process of developing positions and program oversight)

Homeless Warming Shelter Opening November 19 – (Additional homelessness resources coming soon)

Housing Programs

The Red Cliff Tribal Council will continue to allocate ARPA funds based on community feedback, including Membership, Housing, Culture and Language Preservation, and Health Services. Tribal Leadership continues to assess community feedback to best allocate funds that will positively impact Miskwaabikaang now, and for the future generations. Please direct any questions to RCARP@redcliff-nsn.gov.

Visit www.redcliff-nsn.gov/ARPA for more updates and ARPA funding details.

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