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Boozhoo and welcome to the Miisaninawiind weekly newsletter!

The Miisaniinawind brings you important news, announcements and updates, designed specifically for the Red Cliff community. But that's not all. The weekly eNewsletter will also provide news about neighboring tribes, communities and broader issues across Indian Country that matter to you.

If you have photos, news or information you'd like to share, please email submissions to communications@redcliff-nsn.gov.

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# **Red Cliff News & Updates**

#### **COVID-19 Community Updates**

Various Tribal programs, services, and events have been canceled or temporarily suspended in our efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19.

An up-to-date list can be found on the <u>Red Cliff Band website</u>, and is updated continuously throughout each day.

You can also find a series of video updates from the Red Cliff Health Division on the Tribal Facebook page.

# **COVID-19 Health Pandemic General Welfare Assistance Available to Eligible Tribal Members**

Go to www.redcliff-nsn.gov/community/RC CARES.php



# Red Cliff COVID-19 Health Pandemic General Welfare Assistance Program

The Red Cliff Tribal Council established this program to provide relief to Red Cliff Tribal Members who are experiencing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) Health Pandemic. Through the CARES Act, Red Cliff will provide a one-time payment to each eligible applicant.

#### WHO'S ELIGIBLE

- 1. Must be an enrolled Red Cliff Tribal Member.
- 2. Must be 18 years of age on or before September 30, 2020.
- 3. Must be a full-time resident of Bayfield County and provide proof of residency.
- 4. Must demonstrate a need for assistance directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Must certify they have lost income or incurred additional expenses or reasonably expect to lose income or incur additional expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic between March 1-December 30, 2020.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

- Individuals must complete an application. Individuals can submit an application online, via email, or a
  paper copy in-person at the Tribal Administration Building.
   The online application can be found at <a href="https://www.redcliff-nsn.gov/community/RC\_CARES.php">www.redcliff-nsn.gov/community/RC\_CARES.php</a>
- 2. The application must include proof of residency in the form of a household bill, statement from a social service program, or a completed Proof of Residency statement. All forms are available online.
- 3. Must include a complete IRS W-9 form. This assistance is non-taxable—the form is for accounting purposes.
- 4. Completed applications and supporting documents can be returned to the Tribal Administration Building at 88455 Pike Road, e-mailed to <a href="RCCARES@reddiff-nsn.gov">RCCARES@reddiff-nsn.gov</a> or submitted via the online application.

# APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2020 AT 4:30PM

Applications will be reviewed by a panel established by the Tribal Council. Payments will be issued via paper check directly to the recipient and distributed the week of October 5th, 2020. Further details about distribution will be provided at a later date. Payment amounts have not been determined and will be based on the number of eligible applicants.

Please refer questions to RCCARES@redcliff-nsn.gov or call (715) 779-3700.

Red Cliff Annual Cultural Days postponed to 2021

At the Special Council Meeting that was held on Wednesday August 12, 2020 at Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom, the Red Cliff Tribal Council took action and approved to cancel all Tribal-sponsored gatherings and events indefinitely until further notice in an attempt to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the reservation.

The cancellations include Red Cliff's Annual Cultural Days that is usually held in September. The event is postponed until 2021.



Face coverings remain a requirement within the Red Cliff Reservation boundaries. Masks must be worn in all indoor spaces, and in outdoor public spaces, when within six (6) feet of someone who is not a member of the person's family or household.

There are some exceptions to the face coverings ordinance. Those who are not required to wear masks include:

- Children under the age of five.
- Persons who meet certain medical conditions.
- Persons who are consuming food, drinking or smoking cigarettes while doing so.
- While driving, including passengers (the driving exception does not extend to public transport).
- Persons in settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear face coverings, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services such as dental services or medical treatments.

In order to preserve the safety of the Red Cliff Community membership and guests, please continue to practice proper personal hygiene and safe social distancing guidelines.

Contact the Tribal Administration Building with questions or concerns at 715-779-3700.

For health-related questions and guidelines, contact the Community Health Center at 715-779-3707.

#### **Fourth Confirmed Case in Red Cliff**

On August 11 the Red Cliff Community Health Center confirmed the fourth positive COVID-19 case of a Red Cliff resident. This individual was symptomatic.

Out of respect for the privacy of the individual, we will not be disclosing any additional information.

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Red Cliff Community Health Center, Bayfield County Health

Department, along with Medical Staff are partnering together to keep track of this outbreak. We are in daily contact with this individual to monitor their symptoms and ensure they are receiving support to be able to isolate at home.

We have completed contact tracing for this individual and have notified all contacts of potential exposure.

The Red Cliff Community Health Center wants everyone to know that people should follow simple steps to avoid getting sick, including:

- · Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water
- · Cover coughs and sneezes
- · Avoid touching your face
- · Stay home when sick
- Practice social distancing
- · Avoid large public gatherings and crowds
- · Wear a facemask in public areas

# DRIVE UP FREE COVID-19 TESTING EVENT

The Wisconsin National Guard is assisting the Red Cliff Band to provide COVID-19 testing.

Testing is FREE, available to everyone.

Saturday, August 22nd, 2020 11 AM – 7 PM Red Cliff Community Health Center 36745 Aiken Rd Bayfield, WI

There are 450 tests available.

Anyone 5 years to 17 years must have a parent or legal guardian present.







Karl Morrin, a Red Cliff Tribal Member, has officially joined the WIAA Board of Control as the Ethnic Minority At-Large Representative.

Morrin currently serves as the Asst Superintendent / Director of Pupil Services for the Menominee Indian School District.

**Great job Karl!** 



# **Council Meeting Scheduled for August 18**

A Red Cliff Tribal Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 at Legendary Waters. The Regular Session is scheduled to begin at 4:30 PM.

Click **HERE** to view the meeting agenda.



RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

## BAWA'IGANAAKOONIKEDAA

LET'S MAKE RICING STICKS!

# VIRTUAL DEMO

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MAKING YOUR OWN BAWA'IGANAAK (RICING STICK) PLEASE JOIN US!

# THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020 @ 9AM

ALL MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED TO RED CLIFF RESIDENTS | LIMIT OF 15 REGISTRANTS

#### REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 19, 2020 FOR MORE DETAILS & TO REGISTER EMAIL:

EDWINA BUFFALO-REYES, ASST. THPO @ EDWINA.BUFFALO-REYES@REDCLIFF-NSN.GOV 715-779-3700 EXT 4243



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From The Tales of Laughing Fox Little Turtle Singers - Bear Heart



#### "Bear Heart On a Red Cliff

Little Turtle Singers are drumming and singing on the old dusty back roads of Red Cliff WI in a little place called Pointe Detour. Standing on a huge sandstone rock, sharing and talking about old songs, Jeremy recalls when Bear Heart was composed.

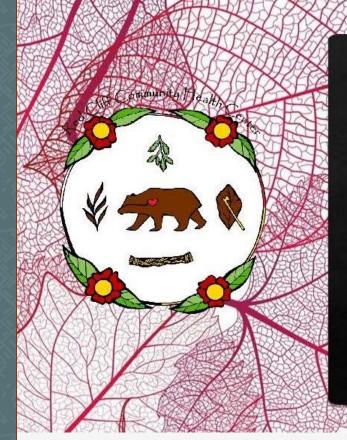
"It happened on the way to a powwow." At that time, he reminded them, they were drumming and going to a lot of powwows. So when they were invited to a special Contest Powwow in Wisconsin Dells, they were very excited because their drum leads had some new songs. "We showed up with a full drum of 9 and we all leaned in together around the drum and learned this song. We sang about 15 songs that weekend and this one helped us take 3rd place! We were proud that day."

As we sit and talk about our past experience with the crackling of the fire and the sound of the waves crashing to the shores, we recognize there's something sacred to this form of sharing.

This place we sit is where our people have gathered for countless generations.

On this very rock our ancestors voice is echoed from here to forever. We play for them our song."

## **Health & Wellness**



Relapse Prevention Virtual Group

6 week Virtual Group

Beginning

August 18, 2020 - 11 a.m.

If interested in participating

Contact:

Jim Peacock at 715 779 3741 ext. 2401 or Linda Dunbar at 715 685 8401

You will receive a virtual access code to participate in the group.

# **Behavioral Health August Newsletter**

Click <u>HERE</u> to access the Behavioral Health newsletter. You'll also find other departmental newsletters.



# **Behavioral Health Department**

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#### ~Boozhoo from the Behavioral Health team~

We are excited to bring you news that you may find helpful. We hope to be able to provide information that you can use or share with others if you feel you are currently experiencing hard times, feeling down, or may not feel like you have anywhere to go.

Please use this newsletter as a resource for you to know you are NOT alone, and there are services that are here to help right in our own community!

During the month of August we wanted the community to become more aware of the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Tribal Victims of Crime (VOC) Program!

#### Stop Stigma. Start Connecting. Save Lives

August 31st 2020 is International Overdose Awareness Day. The aim of the event is to spread the message that overdose death is preventable. Our traditional teachings as Anishinaabe people are grounded in the belief that we are all connected. They encourage us to think of one another as relatives and to work together to keep our circle strong. Stigma and shame push people out of the circle. Stigma and shame prevent our relatives from getting the help they need. During the month of August, we encourage you to stop stigma, start connecting and save lives. Stigma is a negative belief, attitude or discriminating act against someone or a group of people because of a characteristic or trait. People who experience stigma often feel shame. Shame is not helpful, is unmotivating, drives disconnection and is very different than guilt. Guilt is feeling bad about something you did, shame is feeling bad about who you are. If you see stigma, call it out for what it is, and if you find yourself engaging in stigmatizing acts, stop. Connection and empathy are the opposite of shame and stigma. Connection is the opposite of addiction. Connection fuels hope, strength and recovery. Connection keeps our relatives safe and our Anishinaabe circle strong. Connection can be as simple as acknowledging one another's presence with a heartfelt "aaniin" or letting someone know you care.

We have the tools available at the Red Cliff Community Health Center to prevent overdose. Stigma and shame keep these tools from getting to the hands and homes they are needed to prevent overdose deaths. By stopping stigma we allow people to connect to the help that can save lives. Stop stigma. Start connecting. Save lives. To learn more visit <a href="https://www.overdoseday.com/">https://www.overdoseday.com/</a> or call 715-779-3707 and ask for more information.

# Help Keep Red Cliff Safe - Wear a mask!

As of August 3, masks and face coverings must be worn within the reservation in all indoor spaces, and in outdoor public spaces, when within six feet of someone who is not a member of the person's family or household.

Here are some tips on how to properly wear and handle masks.

# Wearing a Mask Properly

The wire on top should be pressed around your nose

Masks are an effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19

Wearing one incorrectly can lead to you or others spreading COVID-19



The outside is blue

Notice the pleats on the outside of the mask

Here are a few reminders and tips on how to wear a mask

- Many masks are color coded with the white side being the one touching your face
- . If both sides are white, then the outer side is the one that has pleats that fold down
- The softer side is the one that should be closer to your face
- The top of the mask has a wire in it that should be pressed to fit around your nose
- · Cloth masks sometimes have small creases to show where the nose should fit
- The CDC advises washing your hands before putting on your mask if possible
- · Masks with vents or exhalation valves are not recommended
- . In a pinch, tying cloth or bandanas as a mask is better than nothing
- Please cover your nose! Masks should be large enough to fit over your nose and around your chin





For other Health Center information or general questions call: 715-779-3707 or Email RCHealthCenter@redcliffhealth.org

Click **HERE** to visit the Red Cliff Community Health Center website

# Family & Human Services

### **Alzheimer's Foundation Virtual Conference**

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is offering a free virtual conference on August 20 to help participants learn about topics such as caregiving strategies and support, communication and safety tips, research and public policy during the COVID-19.

Click **HERE** to register for the free conference.



# AFA's Educating America Wisconsin Virtual Conference

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM CT

# Register by visiting www.alzfdn.org/tour

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is holding a free virtual educational conference as part of its Educating America Tour to connect Wisconsin residents with information about Alzheimer's disease, brain health, caregiving and advance planning.

> View the agenda and register by visiting www.alzfdn.org/tour

## Registration is free and open to all!

Please call AFA at 866-232-8484 with any questions.

2020 EDUCATING AMERICA TOUR SPONSORS













Various Family and Human Services offerings have unique guidelines and hours in response to COVID-19.

See the Notices section toward the top of this newsletter for more information. You can also call the Family Human Services Division at 715-779-3706.

#### **Education**

# **Northern Wisconsin Outdoor Experiential Education Scholarship**

The Northern Wisconsin Outdoor Experiential Education Fund provides up to \$1000 to Chequamegon Bay area residents to participate in high-quality programs providing transformative experiences in outdoor settings. Particularly, the scholarship wants to support individuals for whom it would otherwise be financially difficult to participate and individuals who are typically underrepresented in such programs.

#### INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

Individuals who fulfill all the characteristics below can apply for this scholarship:

- have lived in the Chequamegon Bay communities of Red Cliff, Bayfield, Madeline Island, Washburn, Ashland or Bad River for at least four years;
- will enroll in an outdoor program listed below, or another qualifying program;
- are at least 16 years of age and have financial need;

Applicants of all ability levels are encouraged to apply.

#### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Programs emphasizing backcountry non-motorized travel, engage in environmentally sustainable practices, promote participation by people who are typically underrepresented in outdoor education programs, and promote social responsibility are eligible. Example organizations which would currently be eligible include:

- Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center Northland College outdoor related programs
- National Outdoor Leadership School
- No Barriers USA
- Environmental Traveling Companions
- Outward Bound

Wilderness Inquiry

Other programs of non-profit organizations that provide opportunity for transformative experiences in an outdoor natural setting may also be eligible.

#### APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications are available at www.dsacommunityfoundation.com/NoWlOutdoor. Annual deadlines are April 1st for summer based programs and October 1st for winter based programs.

Contact the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation (218-726-0232 or scholarships@dsacommunityfoundation.com) with questions.

APPLY TODAY!!



# Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council is to encourage young people to engage with state government and increase their awareness of DATCP's interactions with Wisconsin's agriculture industry.

#### Goals

The four goals of the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council are:

- Highlight the agricultural-related career opportunities available in state government.
- Share the state tools available to support Wisconsin farmers
- · Provide insight on how to effectively engage in state agricultural policy development
- Increase networking opportunities for participants across the agricultural industry

#### Structure

The Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council will be comprised of 15 Wisconsin high school seniors. Students will serve a one-year term and receive a certificate at the completion of their year.

#### Recruitment

Students will nominate themselves for the Council during the designated recruitment period and utilize the application available on DATCP's website. Council members will be selected based on their submitted materials and plan to meet the determined goals. Members will be representative of the state's geographic and agricultural diversity.

#### Expectations

Council members are expected to attend eight monthly 90-minute virtual sessions and one final all-day event involving the DATCP Board. Members must prepare at least one question prior to each session, and complete a survey after each session. All Council members will also complete a final written reflection about their experience.

#### Meeting assignments

For each session, members will rotate serving in three leadership roles. The schedule for the rotation will be determined at the first meeting. They are:

- Chair: Introduce and thank the speakers
- Vice Chair: Initiate the question and answer period and encourage others to ask questions
- Secretary: Take notes and provide a summary to DATCP for distribution to the membership.

#### Contact

DATCPAgYouthCouncil@wisconsin.gov

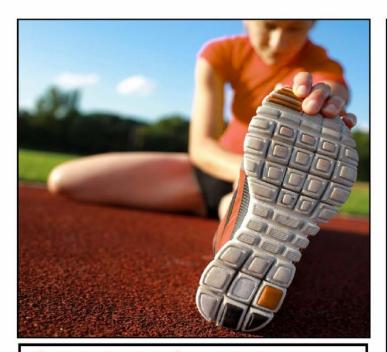
2811 Agriculture Drive P.O. Box 8911 Madison, WI 53708-8911

datcp.wisconsin.gov

Interested in the being on the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council? Self-nominations will be accepted through August 21, 2020. Students need to submit the completed on-page application and four required attachments: a resume, 300-word essay, one-minute video, and letter of recommendation.

Click **HERE** to access the application and for more information.

**Boys and Girls Club of Gitchigami** 



# CALLING ALL YOUTH AGE 6-17

# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES CHALLENGE

Register by August 28!







KIDS COMPETE FOR MILEAGE VIA: WALKING, BIKING, HIKING, SWIMMING, DANCING, ETC.

FIRST 20
PARTICIPANTS TO
REGISTER WILL
RECEIVE A
PARTICIPATION
INCENTIVE

GRAND PRIZES FOR MOST PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TRACKED

3 TOP PRIZES FOR AGES 6-12 & 3 TOP PRIZES FOR AGES 13-17

Call Patsy Gordon to register: 715-779-3741

You will be provided a kit once you register to help keep track of physical activity, educational material, and guidelines for the challenge.

Limited Space! Call by August 28 to register!

#### **GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**



Gitchigami

# **Treaty Natural Resources**

# Mino Bimaadiziiwin Farm Stand Thursdays and Fridays 10am—4pm

Fresh vegetables and herbs available! Self-serve, pay what you can.









Please social distance, wear a mask, and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Questions? Call (715) 779—3782

# **ATTENTION PATRONS:**



To ensure the public health and safety at the Red Cliff Transfer Station, please review the following:

• ALL BAGS MUST BE TAGGED. Tags can be purchased at the Tribal Administration, Peterson's Store, and Buffalo Bay Gas Station.

- If you are able,
   please dispose of
   tagged bags directly
   into the compactor.
   See red arrow in
   photo.
- If you are unable to throw <u>tagged bags</u>, please leave your <u>tagged bags</u> by the compactor. See red box outlining drop off area in photo.



Please contact 715-779-3650 or 715-779-0171, if there are any questions.

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**Red Cliff Environmental Department** 

**Legendary Waters Resort & Casino** 



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
August 17	<b>August 18</b>	<b>August 19</b>	<b>August 20</b>	August 21
Grilled Chicken Breast Over Rice Pilaf Gravy Veggies & Roll	2 Soft Shell Tacos Potato Rounds & Refried Beans	Crispy Chicken Bacon Melt & Fries	Meatloaf Sandwich & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	FRIDAY FISH FRY Whitefish w/French Fries Cole Slaw Tartar Sauce
\$7.95 <sub>+Tax</sub>	\$7.95 <sub>+Tax</sub>	\$7.95 <sub>+Tax</sub>	\$7.95 <sub>+Tax</sub>	\$11.99 <sub>+Tax</sub>

Subject to change or cancellation. While supplies last. Management decisions final. 2020

# **News Across Indian Country**

### Federal Gov. Announces National Tribal **Broadband Grant Recipients**

By Kyle Edwards From Native News Online

WASHINGTON – The Trump administration announced Thursday the approval of grants under the National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG) program to 23 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and two Navajo Nation communities to study the feasibility of developing or extending broadband services in their areas.



The grants were approved by the Interior Department's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED).

The NTBG program is designed to spur economic development and commercial activity, create opportunities for self-employment, enhance educational resources and remote learning opportunities, and meet emergency and law enforcement needs by bringing broadband services to Native American communities that lack them.

The grants, worth a total of \$1.2 million, will allow tribes to hire third-party consultants to research the potential deployment or expansion of high-speed internet transmitted through digital subscriber line (DSL), cable modem, fiber, wireless, satellite and broadband-over-power lines (BPL).

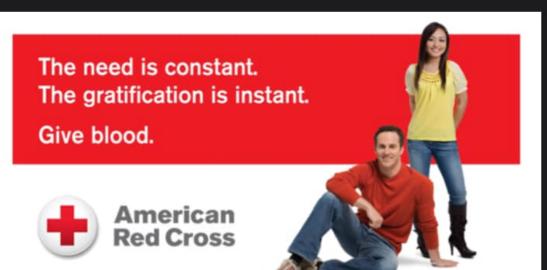
"Broadband can dramatically improve the quality of life in American Indian and Alaska Native communities," said BIA Assistant Secretary Tara Katuk Sweeney in a statement. "Quick, convenient and reliable access to the internet is a modern necessity. Yet, tribes frequently find themselves on the wrong side of the digital divide. These grants are an important first step in bringing broadband to communities that sorely need them."

The NTBG program received 55 proposals from tribal applicants totaling \$2,658,638. Applications for the program opened in February and closed in June, and grants were awarded based on the "potential positive impacts broadband could bring to an applicant's community," according to a press release.

Among the approved NTBG grants, 23 of them involve studies of broadband projects located in opportunity zones, which were introduced in 2017 as part of President Donald Trump's signature legislative achievement, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Opportunity zones are designed to help economically distressed areas by incentivizing investors to direct their capital to poor communities, and in exchange they receive a break on capital gains taxes. Broadband systems would be an eligible investment under the opportunity zone program.

According to a press release, feasibility studies conducted for each tribe and funded by the NTBG grants will "assess the current broadband services, if any, that are available to each grantee's community; engineering evaluations of new or expanded broadband services; estimates of the cost of building or expanding broadband networks; determination of the transmission medium(s) to be employed; identification of potential funding and/or financing for networks; and consideration of financial and practical risks associated with developing broadband systems."

Click **HERE** to read the full article and for a list of grantees and funding amounts.



# **Bayfield High Blood Drive**

Gymnasium

August 18th 10:45 – 3:45

To make an appointment:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Bayfield%20High%20School
To pre-register using Rapid Pass:
https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass.html

Temperatures will be taken at the door and face coverings are required.

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

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#### **Native Small Business Grant Opportunity**

Native-owned small businesses serve as the lifeblood of many tribal communities across the country, providing critical jobs and income to tribal citizens and their families while at the same time enriching the quality of community life by providing goods and services to local residents and the public at-large.

With generous support from Google.org, NCAI is issuing business stabilization grants in the amount of \$5,000 each to a total of 28 selected Native-owned small businesses that have been severely impacted by the curtailing of commercial activity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Awarded applicants can use the funds to address their most urgent needs to stabilize and strengthen their businesses, such as (but not limited to):

making monthly payments on small business loans that have lapsed due to declining

business revenues;

- keeping employees employed;
- paying their vendors; and/or
- purchasing equipment/software to transition or grow their businesses online.

Click **HERE** to learn more and for application instructions.

#### **COVID-19 Relief Grants Available to Artists**

CERF+ is launching the COVID-19 Relief Grant program to provide financial assistance to professional artists working in craft disciplines who are facing dire circumstances from the COVID-19 crisis.

As part of CERF+'s broader COVID-19 crisis response strategies, this special program will provide one-time \$1,000 grants to meet urgent food, housing and/or health insecurities. The grants will be awarded in two cycles. The next round will open August 19th and the deadline will be September 9th.

The program will focus on those facing the most severe financial pressures. Priority will be given to eligible artists who have traditionally been underserved by the grantmaking community including people of color and folk and traditional artists.

Click **HERE** to learn more.



#### **Community Updates**

Interested in upcoming events?

**View our Events Calendar**.

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