

of Lake Superior Chippewa



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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.

Check out our website **HERE** and our Facebook page **HERE**.

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Click HERE to view this email as a webpage instead.

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 of updates and educational resources can be found on the Red Cliff Band website.

Tribal Council Passes Stay at Home Resolution

Order in effect until further notice

Last week the Red Cliff Tribal Council passed a Stay at Home Resolution directing all Red Cliff Reservation residents to stay at home, with some exceptions, including to travel for work and necessary supplies.

The Resolution comes after the Red Cliff Community Health Center confirmed an outbreak of positive COVID-19 cases on September 3.

Click <u>HERE</u> to view the signed Resolution, including exceptions to the Stay at Home directive.

Click <u>HERE</u> to view more COVID-19 updates and resources.

Red Cliff Receives Tribal Heritage Grant Award

Gete Anishinaabeg Izhichigewin Community
Archaeology Project funded through 2022

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior
Chippewa have received a \$50K Tribal
Heritage Grant award for its Gete
Anishinaabeg Izhichigewin Community
Archaeology Project, which will allow Red
Cliff to focus on protecting and promoting
its unique cultural heritage and traditions.

Funding for the Tribal Heritage Grant program is made available by the Historic Preservation Fund and is administered by the Department of Interior National Park Service.



"We are very excited to receive this grant as it will afford the Red Cliff Band the opportunity to research and document our recently purchased Pageant Grounds, and will allow us to identify and document old homestead sites within Reservation boundaries," said Marvin Defoe, Red Cliff Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. "We will also be able to prepare our Frog Bay ancient historic site for the National Register of Historic Places."

Red Cliff is one of only 13 award recipients nationwide that will be receiving tribal heritage grants.

"These grants provide critical support to help American Indian Tribes and Alaskan and Hawaiian Native communities connect people with their traditions and preserve their cultural heritage for future generations," said Margaret Everson, Counselor to the Secretary, exercising the delegated authority of the NPS Director.

The official National Park Service press release, along with a list of Tribal Heritage Grant Awards, can be found at https://bit.ly/3jBYyRE.

Fishing For Understanding and Connection

By Sam Rikkers
WEDC Deputy Secretary and
Chief Operating Officer

Throughout the current COVID-19 pandemic, many of Wisconsin's smallest businesses have seen severe income losses as demand for their goods and services has dropped.

The pandemic has been especially tough for Wisconsin's Red Cliff and Bad River commercial fishermen, who support their families by fishing the waters of Lake Superior, as generations before them have done. With restaurants hit hard by COVID-19, demand for Lake Superior's prized whitefish has plummeted, and the market for dozens of tribal fishermen has all but evaporated.



Federal efforts to cushion COVID-19's blow through programs like the Paycheck Protection Program were not designed for microbusinesses like these.

Like the other nine federally recognized sovereign tribes of Wisconsin, the Red Cliff and Bad River Bands of the Lake Superior Chippewa are no strangers to economic adversity and challenge. In early August I met Don Livingston, a member of the Red Cliff Band, at the tribe's commercial fishing docks. At 39 years old, Livingston is a fourth-generation fisherman. He began fishing Lake Superior's waters as a boy and has led his own operation for the last 14 years. "It's hard work and not for everyone," he told me. His days begin before dawn. "It's tough on your body, definitely a young man's job," he added.

These days, Red Cliff commercial fishing has all but ground to a halt. A father of six, Livingston has scrambled to make ends meet, as have many of his fellow Red Cliff commercial fishermen. To support his family, Don has been busy hustling between various carpentry, mechanics and plumbing side gigs.

Earlier this summer, it looked like WEDC's \$2,500 We're All In Small Business Grants would provide a much-needed boost to Livingston and other tribal members. But there was an unexpected hitch: although the grants were targeted to small businesses like Livingston's, the WEDC application required federal documents that Red Cliff and Bad River fishermen don't have because they are tribal businesses. Without the paperwork, Don and his fellow fishermen were ineligible for the grants.

Thanks to open communication between state and tribal leaders, WEDC learned of the complication and found a workaround so these microbusinesses could get essential funding. It arrived just in time, Livingston said, "for some of the markets to open, to hire needed help and to purchase fuel for the boats."

In administering the We're All In Grants to more than 27,500 businesses statewide, scores of WEDC staff spent days resolving issues like Livingston's so technical glitches didn't keep businesses from getting the help they needed to stay open.

Whether it was addressing a legal complication like the lack of a federal tax return for tribal businesses or going the extra mile to retrieve a signature from a business owner, WEDC staff were "all in" to get these funds where they were needed most.

Every one of the small businesses that receive a We're All In Grant has a story behind it. While the numbers attest to the program's small but critical boost of assistance, it's rewarding to know that among those numbers, are eight Lake Superior Wisconsin tribal commercial fishermen—and many others like them—who are able to support their families, their communities and their nation as a result.

Proposed Constitution Changes



The Red Cliff Constitution Committee is proposing important changes to its Constitution and is seeking feedback from Red Cliff Tribal Members.

Please review the proposed changes and information below, then provide feedback by emailing constitutioncomments@redcliff-nsn.gov, or by bringing written comments to the Tribal Administration Building at 88455 Pike Rd. by October 15, 2020. Due to COVID-19, we are unable to listen to in-person comments.

Recommendations will be made by the Constitution Committee to the Red Cliff Tribal Council.

Click here to view the proposed changes and to learn why these changes are being proposed.

Community Members Needed To Serve on Government Committees

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Tribal Council is seeking individuals to serve on the following Committees, Boards, and Commissions

HOUSING BOARD (2) members

Housing Board meets the <u>3rd Wednesday</u> of each month, at 5:00 pm at RCHA/Elderly).

HEALTH BOARD (2) members

Health Board meets the <u>4th Wednesday</u> of each month at the Red Cliff Health Center at 5:00 p.m.

HUMAN/FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2) members

Committee meets the <u>2nd Wednesday</u> of each month at the Human/Family

Services Building at 4:45 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (5) members

Committee meets **the <u>2nd Wednesday</u>** of each month at the Administration Building at 2:00 p.m.

FISHING COMMITTEE (5) members (2) Alternates

Meetings are set when needed and posted.

If you are interested in serving on any of the Committees, please pick up and drop off an application at the front desk of the Tribal Administration Building.

Please keep in mind the times they meet,
so you are able to commit and serve on the Committees.
If you have any questions, please call 715-779-3700.

DEADLINE: September 30th, at 4:00 p.m.

Proposed Addition to Code of Laws

To all interested persons:

You are hereby notified that the following addition to the Red Cliff Code of Laws has been proposed to the Red Cliff Tribal Council by the Red Cliff Legal Department:

Add Chapter 40 - Exclusion and Removal of Non-Members.



Click **HERE** to view the proposed ordinance.

Public comment on this proposal is encouraged. Please drop your comments at the Tribal Administration building or forward them directly to the Tribal Council. This proposal will be voted upon on Tuesday September 22, 2020 at the Regular Meeting of the Red Cliff Tribal Council. If the Council enacts this code, the code shall become effective upon enactment.

Vote Absentee

All are encouraged to vote absentee for the upcoming November 3, 2020 U.S. General Election in order to avoid attending crowded polling places.

All of our votes count! Please make sure you are prepared to vote in the November 3 election, and vote using an absentee ballot.

Visit www.myvote.wi.gov to request an absentee ballot.



Health & Wellness

Click **HERE** to access the full Behavioral Health September Newsletter.



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Native Connections Noojimo'iwewin MWC

September 2020 NEWSLETTER

Featured Articles & Updates

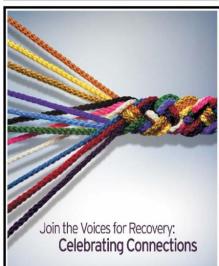
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Boozhoo from the Behavioral Health Team!

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 September, we want the community to become more aware of the RC TREE Program!



September is Recovery Month! Please join us as we celebrate the fact that Recovery is Possible!

Each September, Recovery Month works to promote and support new recovery treatments and practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members who make recovery in all its forms possible.

It has been said that the opposite of addiction is connection.

Experiencing the fellowship that happens during 12-Step
Recovery meetings, and receiving Peer Support, connects you with
others who understand where you are in your life, have been there
themselves and can share their recovery stories to help and inspire you

Red Cliff Behavioral Health Department is dedicated to helping you in your recovery and can connect you to AODA & Behavioral Health services, Recovery Groups and Peer Support.

Please call 715-779-3741 for more information.

on your recovery journey.

No More Stigma

Red Cliff Health Center staff supporting No More Stigma in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31.

Click **HERE** to learn about the Behavioral Health services offered to community members.



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.

Click <u>HERE</u> for COVID-19 Updates and Resources.

Family & Human Services



Red Cliff Elderly Menu

2	All Meals Subject to Change without notice			All Meals Served with 1% milk	
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	I Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato Corn Apple Sauce	2 Pepperoni/ Sausage Pizza Cucumber, Tomato, On- ion Chickpea Salad Mandarin Oranges	3 Tomato Basil Soup Grilled Cheese Carrot Sticks Peaches	4 * No Service * Employee Appreciation Day	5 Sack Lunch Grilled Chicken Sandwich Tossed Salad Chips Cookie
7 *No Service * Tribal Holiday Labor Day LABOR DAY	8 Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Cottage Cheese/ Peaches	9 Beef Chop Suey W/ Mixed Vegetable Rice Bread Stick Fortune Cookie	10 Beef Stew W/ Vegetables Corn Bread Peaches	II French Toast Sausage Patty Scrambled Egg Fruit Cocktail	12 Sack Lunch Tuna Salad Sandwich Carrot Sticks Fruit Cup Cookie
14 Cream of Chicken W/ Mixed Vegetables Rice Bun Pears	15 Chicken Fajitas Black Beans & Rice Apricots	16 Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodle Broccoli Ambrosia Salad	17 Boiled Dinner W/ Ham & Vegetables Dinner Roll Blueberry Crisp	18 Teriyaki Chicken W/Rice & Vegetables Bread Sticks Fortune Cookie	19 Sack Lunch Ham & Cheddar Pasta Salad Celery Sticks/ P. Butter Fruit Cup
21 Baked Fish French Fries Cole Slaw Pudding	22 Polish Sausage W/ Bun Tater Tots Corn	23 Tater Tot Hot Dish W/Mixed Vegetable Bun Fruit Cocktail	24 Cheesy Broccoli Soup/ Ground Bologna Sandwich/ Cherry Cobbler	25 Scrambled Egg Sausage Links Hash browns Biscuit/ Blueberry Buckle	26 Sack Lunch BBQ rib Sandwich Carrot Sticks Chips/ Fruit Cup
28 Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potato Corn Bun Apple Sauce	29 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Wedges Baked Beans Cole Slaw	30 *No Service* Treaty Day			

Red Cliff Food Shelf is open by appointment

The Red Cliff Food Shelf provides an assortment of food items to families in need.

Families may visit the Red Cliff Food Shelf once a month, receiving two to three days' worth of groceries.

This is meant to be emergency and supplemental food.

If you are interested in the Red Cliff Food Shelf, call the Red Cliff Family & Human Services office at 715-779-3706 and set up a time with one of our staff members (usually within 24 hours of call). Any of our staff here at the Family & Human Services office are willing to assist you and/or your family in this time of need.

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

Free Meals for Children Notice From Bayfield School District

Starting September 8th, the Bayfield School District is changing food distribution to PICK UP, not delivery, due to a change from the USDA.

The USDA has issued the District a waiver to feed all children from 0 to age 18 breakfast and lunches through December 22nd.

The District will return to using the food distribution sites that were used at the end of last school year.

Please see the below flyer for more information.



FREE BREAKFAST, & LUNCHES FOR ALL CHILDREN AGES 0 THROUGH 18

Starting 9/8/2020 food distribution will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Please see the schedule below for days of the week meals will be provided.

- Breakfasts Starting Tuesday, 9/8 and Mondays starting 9/14/20 will include 5 meals
- Lunches Thursdays starting 9/10 will include 5 meals.

Questions? Call the School District of Bayfield Food Service Manager, Karen Boutin, at 715-779-3201 ext. 211.

If any student/family needs transportation to a food distribution site, please call the Miskwaabekong Transit at 715-682-9664. There will be no charge to you for this ride.

Red Cliff Food
Distribution Sites

Food Distribution Building

Hillside Playground

New Housing's Parking Lot

Birch Bark Trail Park

All Other Sites

Bayfield School Main Entrance

La Pointe School

Thank you to our community partners:

Farmhouse on Madeline Island

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

RED CLIFF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

VIRTUAL LEARNING WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 14

Teachers will be contacting families.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, will be providing only virtual services to all enrolled children beginning September 14, 2020 through December 18, 2020. We understand that this may cause hardship for some families and we apologize for any inconvenience it will cause. We are trying to make the best decision possible to help ensure the health and safety of all children, staff and families. More details about what virtual services will look like will be provided in the very near future.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact 715.779.5030

Jamie Goodlet-King ext 2527 Jennifer Leask ext 2561





Miigwech for your patience

New Child Care Center Needs a Name!

We would love to get your vote on a name for our new building!

Click **HERE** to vote!

Voting ends 9/21/2020

ECC Hires 4K Teacher - Donna Miller

Educational Experience

Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Western Michigan University; Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Work Experience

20 Years of Early Childhood Experience including teaching experience, management experience and Head Start training and technical support of tribal programs in Wisconsin and Michigan.

Areas of Professional Interest

Committed to providing early literacy, mathematics, science and cultural experiences for young children in a fun, engaging, nurturing environment.



Areas of Personal Interest

Mom of two grown daughters and Grandmother of three Hiking, kayaking, music, dancing

I'm excited to be working again in the Red Cliff Tribal Community. Looking forward to meeting parents, children and community members and to a great school year!

Boys and Girls Club of Gitchigami

Virtual Lessons

Boys and Girls Club staff have created Virtual Daily Lessons for youth to follow while the Club is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lessons incorporate fitness and fun, fine arts, virtual field trips, mental workouts, and lessons on character, leadership, and service!

Click **HERE** to access!

Join us for the



November 2-4, 2020

Spots open for 10 Lucky Teens!

Register with:

Paige Moilanen at paige.moilanen@redcliff-nsn.gov or call 715-209-6222

For a chance to get some

BE THERE SWAG!

Connect with peers, Dynamic Speakers, Team Activities,



prizes, fun, and a Virtual Dance Party!

#NativeClubsTeenSummit2020



Calling all Club Members ages 10-17

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



Sign up for MyFuture.net!



Young people are drawn to spaces where they can engage with their peers, learn new things, express themselves and earn recognition. Nobody does this better than the Boys & Girls Clubs. With MyFuture, Clubs can reach young people online to provide rich opportunities for fun, learning and positive youth development.

Here's How It Works for Youth:

 MyFuture is a platform designed to engage youth across BGCA's program areas. Youth ages 10 and older take part in 21st century learning activities including STEM, leadership, career exploration and much more.

To create a MyFuture account:

Have Club members click the "sign up" button on the top right-hand corner of the screen.

Club Members Self-Registration:

Select "I am currently a member of a Club"

Fill in your First Name, Last Name, Month and Year of Birth, and Gender.

Select the "State" the Club is in and the "City" the Club is located in to find their Club. Staff must approve these accounts for members.

Fill in a password. Remember to write the username and password down. If you forget it, your Club staff will be able to retrieve it for you.

You will not be able to log in until your Club staff has approved your account.

Complete the fields below with your personal info:





Make sure your "Find My Club" section has the Boys & Girls Club of Gitchigami selected, so staff can approve youth.

Any questions please email Paige at paige.moilanen@redcliff-nsn.gov

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



Gitchigami

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

RECYCLING SERVICES AT THE RED CLIFF TRANSFER STATION WILL BE SUSPENDED ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.

WE ASK THE COMMUNITY AND PROGRAMS TO HOLD ONTO RECYCLABLE ITEMS ON SEPTEMBER 8. ANY RECYCLABLES BROUGHT TO THE TRANSFER STATION ON SEPTEMBER 8 WILL BE CHARGED AS HOUSEHOLD WASTE.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE DISPOSAL WILL BE OPERATING AS NORMAL.

FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT AT 715-779-3650 OR 715-779-0171.



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

Housing Authority

RED CLIFF CHIPPEWA HOUSING AUTHORITY

37645 New Housing Road Bayfield, WI 54814 (715) 779-3744

(715) 779-5044 Fax

Public Notice

Housing Authority Operations – Week of 9/8/2020.

The Housing Authority Office will be closed for business. There will be no garbage pick-up on Tuesday, 9/8/2020.

Only Emergency Work Orders will be responded to at this time.

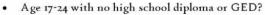
- 1. Water pipes breaking.
- 2. No electricity in the unit.
- 3. Serious leaks in roof, walls, windows, etc.
- 4. Toilets or sinks overflowing (plumbing backup)
- 5. No heat in the winter.
- 6. Fires, Accidents, Natural Disaster, Vandalism, Break-ins

Call 715-209-4560 - Saturday & Sunday (9/5 & 9/6) Call 715-209-1959 or 715-779-5902 – Monday thru Thursday (9/7-10)

- Other Maintenance Matters: Call 715-209-5236 or email MGurnoe@redcliffhousing.org
- > Tenant Matters: Call 715-920-489-5582 or email CHyde@redcliffhousing.org
- ➤ Homebuyer-Homeowner Matters: Call 715-209-1507 or email cbutterfield@redcliffhousing.org
- All other matters: Call 715-292-1933 or email CCloud@redcliffhousing.org

We apologize for any inconvenience. Public notice will be updated weekly until we resume normal operations.





- Interested in getting paid while you earn your high school diploma or GED?
- · Looking to strengthen your employability skills?
- Willing to help the community while helping yourself better your own life?
- Wanting to earn an education award to go towards post-secondary schooling?

Chippewa Fresh Start YouthBuild might be for you!

The Program

Participants work together for 28 hours each week (Monday - Thursday) and over the course of one year, they will be involved in every phase of new home construction. In addition to this hands-on learning experience, part of each day is devoted to education. Participants will complete classes leading to a high school diploma, GED, or HSED. Fresh Start also provides the resources and support needed to stay on the road to success including leadership development, substance abuse education, motivation, health and nutrition training, independent living skills, career planning and job search assistance.

For more information:



Contact Hayley VanTil at (715) 682-9141 ext. 104 or hvantil@nwcep.org Or Tom Kovach at tkovach@nwcep.org





NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 17-24 YEAR OLDS INTERESTED IN:

- Earning \$60/day to earn a GED/HSED and a Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate (PACT)
- o Gaining employment skills & connections while

building a house in Red Cliff

Receiving one-on-one guidance finding a job, help

applying for and enrolling in college, and a \$2900 education award

RCCHA Job Opening

ROSS Services Coordinator

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: ROSS* Services Coordinator

Status: non-exempt

Salary: \$24 - 28/hr. -DOQ/DOE; plus benefits**

Hours: Full-time; permanent

Schedule: 8-hr shifts – Monday-Friday (typically)

Supervisor: Executive Director

Location: Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority

Supervises: None

Dept.: Housing Services

SUMMARY

The ROSS Coordinator is responsible for planning, developing and implementing programs and coordinating supportive services for tenants with substance abuse or economic self-sufficiency barriers to attempt to prevent homelessness, stabilize housing, & improve individual economic prosperity & well-being. Incumbent works with tenants to coordinate supportive services; connecting tenants with needed resources. Extensive client outreach, individual case management and resource leveraging; working with multiple agencies/partners. Responsibilities also include preparing program/grant reports, development/use of tracking tools and public relations materials; and grant writing assistance to sustain the position long-term.

Applications due September 21, 2020.

Click **HERE** to access the full job posting with a list of duties and responsibilities.

Click **HERE** to access a Housing Authority job application.

Legendary Waters Resort & Casino

Temporary Closure

Legendary Waters Resort & Casino is temporarily closed in compliance with the Red Cliff Tribal Council Stay at Home Order.

Any persons with campground reservations, hotel reservations, or access to the marina will be contacted by Legendary Waters staff.

Continue to check for status updates on Legendary Water's Facebook page.

Stay safe!

News Across Indian Country

Deadline Approaching for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Application Deadline is September 11

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers that the deadline to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) is Sept. 11, 2020. This program provides direct relief to producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19.

"FSA offers several options for farmers and ranchers to apply for CFAP, including a call center where employees can answer your questions and help you get started on your application,"

^{*}Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency

^{**} Position is grant funded: This position is funded by a three-year grant from HUD which is eligible to renew every three years based on success, funding is secured until 2/2022.

said Richard Fordyce, Farm Service Agency administrator. "With only two weeks before the deadline, now is the time to check out the resources on our website and contact the call center or your local office for your last-minute questions."

Over 160 commodities are eligible for CFAP, including certain non-specialty crops, livestock, dairy, wool, specialty crops, eggs, aquaculture, and nursery crops and cut flowers. All eligible commodities, payment rates, and calculations can be found on farmers.gov/cfap.

Producers have several options for applying to the CFAP program by the Sept. 11 deadline:

- · Using an online portal, accessible at <u>farmers.gov/cfap</u>. This allows producers with secure USDA login credentials, known as eAuthentication, to certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications, and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center.
- Completing the application form using our CFAP Application Generator and Payment
 Calculator found at farmers.gov/cfap. This Excel workbook allows customers to input
 information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the
 application form, which can be printed, then signed, and submitted to their local USDA Service
 Center.
- Downloading the AD-3114 application form from farmers.gov/cfap and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically, or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment. Visit farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status to check the status of your local office.

USDA Service Centers can also work with producers to complete and securely transmit digitally signed applications through two commercially available tools: Box and OneSpan. Producers who are interested in digitally signing their applications should notify their local service centers when calling to discuss the CFAP application process. You can learn more about these solutions at farmers.gov/mydocs.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply. For existing FSA customers, these documents are likely already on file.

First time customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Aquaculture now eligible for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

USDA Farm Service Agency is administering the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to

support farmers and ranchers that have been directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Last week, USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced that aquaculture is now eligible for assistance through CFAP.

Tribal members are encouraged to visit farmers.gov/cfap/aquaculture for more information. They can also view the fact sheet for aquaculture producers to view more information on the program. The deadline to apply for the program will be September 11, 2020.



Important notes for aquaculture:

- Eligible commodities include catfish, crawfish, largemouth bass and carp sold live as foodfish, hybrid striped bass, red drum, salmon, sturgeon, tilapia, trout, ornamental/tropical fish, and recreational sportfish.
- Commodities must be grown in a controlled environment to be eligible.
- CFAP payments for eligible aquaculture species, excluding crawfish, are the sum of:
- 1. the aquaculture species sold from January 15, 2020, through April 15, 2020, multiplied by the CARES Act payment rate; and
- 2. inventory of the aquaculture species that was not sold but was market size and available to be marketed between January 15, 2020, and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the CCC payment rate
 - Producers will need their inventory records in pounds for each type of fish

FSA Offices are open for business by phone and email. Tribal members are encouraged to call their local FSA office for more information.

Farmers.gov/cfap has a number of resources, including webinars and stakeholder toolkits.

2020 U.S. General Election Information

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3



You can vote if you are:

- a U.S. citizen
- at least 18 years old
- a WI resident for at least 28 days before Election Day
- "off papers" from a felony conviction (if convicted of a felony, you have completed terms of sentence, including probation and parole)

REGISTER TO VOTE

Get registered or check your registration status at wcv.votewisconsin.com. If you miss the deadline you can register in person when you vote on Election Day. To register, you need a proof of residence document.

VOTE BY MAIL

- Request an absentee ballot at wcv.votewisconsin.com/absentee.
- You will need to upload a photo ID if this is your first time requesting an absentee ballot.

The most common IDs are a WI tribal ID, Wisconsin driver's license, Wisconsin DOT-issued ID card, military ID, or U.S. passport.

VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY, NOV 3RD

- You can register and vote in-person on Election Day.
- Make sure to bring a photo ID to vote and proof of residence to register.
- To find your polling place and a sample ballot, go to myvote.wi.gov. Polling locations are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

For questions about voting or getting an ID, call 608-285-2141 For up to date voting info visit: ConservationVoices.org/NativeVote



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