

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

ARPA

Tribal National Emergency

APPLICATION



Due to the severe winter storms, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council declared a Tribal National Emergency. In an effort to assist the tribal members **living on the reservation**, during this severe weather the Tribe recognizes resident Tribal members must have secure homes on the Reservation to prevent overcrowded housing among relatives and neighbors and the spread of COVID-19 variants this winter, the Tribal Council approved CRST Resolution No. 1-2023-CR and authorized each head of household (HOH) who is an enrolled member of the CRST, \$500.00 per month, January 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023, for emergency assistance. Each HOH are required to use the \$500.00 for utility assistance, propane, and remaining balance for groceries and household supplies. Local utility companies and Tribally owned and operated businesses are to be used as vendors. Checks will be sent directly to the vendor. **For three (3) months ONLY.** \$175.00 will go directly to the vendors as well for Non-Head of Household (Manors, Medicine Wheel Village, Apartments, Motel Residents, Campers and Families living within another Family, same as the CARES Act) for three (3) months to start in January 2023 (January, February and March or February, March and April 2023)

Application Availability:

- Website: cheyenneriversiouxtribe.org
- ARPA Office located in the Tribal Treasurer's Office Building (Wellness Building)
Located 24332 US Hwy 212
- Tribal Chairman's Office

Applications can be submitted in the following manners:

- Scan/Email: crstarpacoordinator@gmail.com
- Mail—CRST ARPA Office-PO Box 590, Eagle Butte, SD 57625
- Fax—(605) 964-8394
- Online through the website above
- Drop Box—Located at the CRST Tribal Treasurer's Office Building (Wellness Building)
- Photos of current utility bills will be accepted **must be in HOH name**
- **ALL** applications received by the **20th** of January 2023 and thereafter the **15th** of each month will be paid by the following week to the vendors.

What to Include with your Application:

All application files will be audited so all files must have utility bills included before payments will be processed to vendors.

- Utility bills beginning January 1, 2023 and resubmitted each month thereafter (**three (3) months only**)
- Copy of Proof of Tribal Enrollment for Head of Household
- Pictures of your Tribal ID will be accepted

Application Processing:

- You only need to submit one application to have on file to show how you want your relief assistance allocated to each vendor.
- Circle "Yes" if you would you like to keep the same amounts to the same vendors for the **three (3) months. Yes or No**
- If No, you must submit page 2 every month to adjust your request.

Vendors are subject to change*****

**Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
ARPA Tribal National Emergency Assistance
Head of Household Form**

Head of Household (HOH): _____

Community: _____ Phone No. _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____ Tribal ID #: _____

Home Information (Check one):

Rental	Owned
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Type of home (stick built, modular, mobile home, camper, log): _____

Age of Home (estimate): _____ Number of bedrooms in home: _____

Family type (check all that apply):

Single Family	Multi-family	Multi-generational
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Primary Heating Source (check all that apply):

Electric	Propane	Wood Stove	Fuel Oil
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	Names of People in the Household:	Relationship to HOH:	Age:	Tribe Enrolled:
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Assistance Requested – Monthly Amount \$500.00

*Applicant must allocate the assistance requested by each vendor to identify how the relief funds will be used for each month *Utilities are priority*

Electricity:

Vendor Name: _____ Amount: _____

Water:

Vendor Name: _____ Amount: _____

Propane/Fuel Oil/Wood:

Vendor Name: _____ Amount: _____

Food/Household Supplies (circle one):

- LTM C-Store Takini LTM C-Store LaPlant LTM Eagle Butte LTM Dupree
- Ducheneaux Beef, LLC West Side Meats
- Timber Lake Country Market Grocery Isabel The Occidental General Store

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Staff

Received By: _____ Date: _____

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ARPA Tribal National Emergency
Head of Household Assistance Form**

Name: _____

CRU #: _____

Phone: _____

Vendor and Account #	Amount
Electrical Company: _____	_____
Water Company: _____	_____
Propane Company _____	_____
Fuel Company: _____	_____
LTM Location: _____	_____
Wood Contractor: _____	_____
West Side Meats: _____	_____
Dx Beef, LLC: _____	_____
The Occidental General Store: _____	_____
Country Market Grocery: _____	_____
	TOTAL: _____

Staff Initials: _____

Notes: _____

Month _____

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Non-Head of Household Form**

Name: _____

Place of Residence: (circle one): Multiple Households Medicine Wheel Village
Manor (Eagle Butte-Dupree-Isabel) Apartments Motel Campers

If Multiple Household Relationship to Head of Household: _____

CRU #: _____ Phone: _____

Names of Non-Head of Household:	Age:	Tribe Enrolled:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

Assistance Requested-Monthly Amount \$175.00

*If Non-HOH is responsible for a utility, applicant must allocate assistance requested by each vendor to identify how the relief funds will be used for each month * utilities are priority*

Vendor and Account #	Amount
Electrical Company: _____	_____
Water Company: _____	_____
Propane Company _____	_____
Fuel Company: _____	_____
LTM Location: _____	_____
Wood Contractor: _____	_____
West Side Meats: _____	_____
Dx Beef, LLC: _____	_____
The Occidental General Store: _____	_____
Country Market Grocery: _____	_____

TOTAL: _____

Staff Initials: _____

Notes: _____



**Cheyenne River
Sioux Tribe**
Telephone Authority

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA) received a Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant in 2022 which provides up to \$35 per month discount for broadband service at CRSTTA. This grant is for a period of up to three years and subscribers do not need to apply for this discount.

There are also two programs available to eligible subscribers for telephone and/or broadband service.

LIFELINE program provides up to \$34.25 monthly discount for telephone and broadband service.

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP) provides up to \$75 monthly discount for broadband service.

For more information regarding the two monthly discount programs, please stop in at CRSTTA or apply online at

**www.nv.fcc.gov/lifeline
www.affordableconnectivity.gov**

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TRIBAL MEMORANDUM

DATE : 1/5/23

TO : SUPERINTENDENT, Cheyenne River Agency

FROM : Ev Ann White Feather, Tribal Secretary *EvAnn White Feather*

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 1-2023-CR: That the CRST Tribal Council has determined that to withstand the severe winter cold and to reimburse Cheyenne River Sioux resident tribal members for emergency outlays for: Propane; Heating Fuel; Food Stores; and Winter Clothing; the Tribe shall pay the Head of Household \$500.00 which will go directly to the vendors and \$175.00, which will go directly to the vendors as well, those adults that don't have a Head of Household (Manors, Medicine Wheel Village, Apartments, Motel Residents, Campers and Families living within another Family, same as the CARES Act) for three (3) months to start in January 2023 (January, February and March 2023) for such purposes from FEMA funds, ARPA funds or tribal funds up to \$3,075,000.00 and contains the provision.

Transmitted herewith are an original and two (2) copies of Resolution No. 1-2023-CR which was duly adopted by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council during its Regular Session held on January 4, 2023.

Cc: Chairman
Treasurer
Administrative Officer
Tribal Comptroller
Central Records
Budget Committee Chairwoman
Legal Department
ARPA Office
Committee Secretary
District Officers (6)
File/2

The blue represents the thunderclouds above the world where live the thunder birds who control the four winds. The rainbow is for the Cheyenne River Sioux people who are keepers of the Most Sacred Calf Pipe, a gift from the White Buffalo Calf Maiden. The eagle feathers at the edges of the rim of the world represent the spotted eagle who is the protector of all Lakota. The two pipes fused together are for unity. One pipe is for the Lakota, the other for all the other Indian Nations. The yellow hoops represent the Sacred Hoop, which shall not be broken. The Sacred Calf Pipe Bundle in red represents Wakan Tanka - The Great Mystery. All the colors of the Lakota are visible. The red, yellow, black and white represent the four major races. The blue is for heaven and the green for Mother Earth.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023-CR

- WHEREAS, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of South Dakota is an unincorporated Tribe of Indians, having accepted the provisions of the Act of June 18, 1934 [48 Stat. 984]; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe, in order to establish its Tribal organization; to conserve its Tribal property; to develop its common resources; and to promote the general welfare of its people, has ordained and established a Constitution and By-Laws; and
- WHEREAS, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe is committed to improving the health and welfare of its people to provide the highest level of health care possible; and
- WHEREAS, the CDC reports that “American Indian ... persons across the United States face substantial health disparities, including a disproportionately higher incidence of COVID-19.¹” According to John Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center, New Data Shows COVID-19s disproportionate impact on American Indian, Alaska Native tribes (Rose Weeks Oct. 11, 2021): “COVID-19 has amplified health inequities in American Indian communities because of underfunded and under-resourced health systems, limited access to health services, poor infrastructure, and underlying health disparities.”; and
- WHEREAS, Native Americans experienced disproportionately high rates of deaths from COVID-19 due to poverty, crowded housing, high rates of chronic disease, employment in frontline jobs, and limited access to quality health care; and
- WHEREAS, the National COVID-19 Health Emergency significantly reduced life expectancy among Native Americans.² Among Great Plains Tribes including the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the loss of life and life expectancy was significantly worse than the national rates for Native Americans; “Native individuals are significantly more at risk of catching and dying from COVID-19 than are white individuals;”³; and

¹ L. Ward, et al. COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths Among American Indians, 2020-2021.

² N. Goldman, et al., Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs: Life Expectancy Drops for Native Americans Due to COVID-19 (July 27, 2022). Analyzing COVID-19 Pandemic date, Princeton University School of Public Health Reports:

The estimated loss in life expectancy at birth for Native Americans is 4.5 years in 2020 and 6.4 years in 2021 relative to 2019.

The pandemic reduced Native American life expectancy at birth from the already low 72 years in 2019 to about 67 years in 2020 and about 65 years in 2021 for both sexes combined.

Men and women each experienced around a six-year drop in life expectancy at birth.

- Women’s life expectancy was 69 in 2021, 71 in 2020 — compared to 75 in 2019.
- Men’s life expectancy was 62 in 2021, 64 in 2020 — dropping from 69 in 2019.

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³ A. Tweedy, “The University of Chicago Legal Forum,” *The Validity of Tribal Checkpoints in South Dakota, Art. 9 vol. 21* (2021).

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WHEREAS, Princeton experts concluded that: “Native Americans continue to experience large social, economic, and health inequities, some of which have persisted for centuries, and all of which increase the risk of COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, and death. *The large financial investment in the American Rescue Plan to enhance identification and treatment of COVID-19 infections and to strengthen the public health infrastructure for the Native American population is a significant step forward;*” ; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Census found that the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation was an area of significant economic disadvantage, with Ziebach County on the Reservation being the poorest county in America based upon per capita income and Dewey County on the Reservation being one of the 50 poorest counties in America based upon per capita income⁴; and

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe declared a Tribal National Emergency over the Christmas Holiday due to the extreme Winter Storm, which resulted in substantial snow, blowing snow, severe snow drifts, icy roads, closed and blocked highways, heating fuel shortage, extreme cold, and resident tribal members blocked in at home without access to fresh food; and

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation located in North Central South Dakota is frequently subject to Arctic Snow Storms and so-called Bomb Cyclone Blizzards; and

WHEREAS, Cheyenne River Sioux resident tribal members must have secure homes on the Reservation to prevent overcrowded housing among relatives and neighbors and the spread of COVID-19 variants this winter; and

WHEREAS, to withstand the severe winter cold, there is a need to assist Cheyenne River Sioux resident tribal members with:

- Propane;
- Heating Fuel;
- Food Stores; and
- Winter Clothing; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CRST Tribal Council has determined that to withstand the severe winter cold and to reimburse Cheyenne River Sioux resident tribal members for emergency outlays for:

- Propane;
- Heating Fuel;
- Food Stores; and
- Winter Clothing;

⁴ “[C]hildhood poverty is a traumatic experience that has been linked to changes in the methylation of genes related to metabolism and inflammation, and chronic inflammation in turn has been linked to such COVID-19 risk factors as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.” Ibid. at 266.


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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that nothing in this resolution diminishes, divests, alters, or otherwise affects any inherent, treaty, statutory or other rights of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe over the people, property, and activities described herein. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe expressly retains all rights and authority over the people, property, and activities described herein, including but not limited to legislative, regulatory, and adjudicatory powers.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Secretary of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe certify that the Tribal Council is composed of fifteen (15) members of whom 11, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 4th day of January, 2023 Regular Session; and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 3 vacant and 1 absent.


Ev Ann White Feather, Secretary
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe