

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
American Rescue Plan (ARP) Emergency General Assistance Program

Program Guidelines

Findings and Purpose: The Tribal Council of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (“Colony”) finds that members of the Colony have experienced economic harm due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which harm includes food and housing insecurity, job loss, medical costs, educational costs and other related harm—both economic and personal. The Colony has received Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Recovery Act Funds), and the Tribal Council has determined that providing cash assistance to Tribal members who face negative economic impacts due to the Pandemic is an eligible, timely and reasonable use of a portion of the Recovery Act Funds. Accordingly, the Tribal Council hereby establishes the ARP Emergency General Assistance Program (the “Program”) in accordance with the following Guidelines to help alleviate the economic hardship occurring within the RSIC community.

Funding: A portion of the Recovery Act Funds in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of the Program shall be allocated in an amount determined by the Tribal Council in an appropriate budgetary Resolution.

Eligibility to Receive Assistance: RSIC Tribal members who are enrolled in the Tribe as of September 1, 2021 shall be eligible for cash assistance payments, as follows:

Members eighteen (18) years of age and older: \$3,800.00
Members seventeen (17) years of age and younger: \$1,000.00

The Tribal Council has directed that the attached Notice and Application Form (Exhibits A-2 and A-3) be distributed or made available to all adult Tribal members. To qualify for the cash assistance, an adult Tribal member shall complete the Application Form for him/herself and on behalf of any minor Tribal member(s) in the household. The applicant must indicate and certify on the Application Form the impact(s) of COVID-19 on him/her and minor members of the household—thus demonstrating the need for the economic assistance. In addition, the applicant must submit a W-9 form with the Application Form.

Processing and Payment:

The Application Form shall be submitted to Marlene Yarrow, Tribal Council Secretary or Verna Nuno, Tribal Administration Assistant where it will be reviewed for completeness and compliance with the eligibility requirements. Applicants who are approved for cash assistance will receive their checks in the mail.

Program Deadline:

To receive assistance under the Program, completed Applications must be received by Marlene Yarrow, Tribal Council Secretary or Verna Nuno, Tribal Administrative Assistant no later than September 17, 2021.