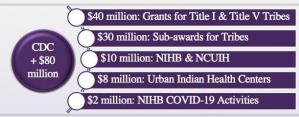


Congressional COVID-19 Relief Packages Tribal Funding Provisions

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COVID-1 Relief Package

The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Act was enacted on March 6, 2020 and requires the CDC to fund a lominimum of \$40 million for tribes, tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Health Programs. CDC is now providing \$80 million in funding.



COVID-2 Relief Package

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act was enacted on March 18, 2020. The spending bill provides \$64 million to the IHS. In the coming week, IHS will be distributing these funds.



COVID-3 Relief Package

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act was introduced on March 25, 2020. The bill provides over \$10 billion in aid to Indian Country. Below is a brief summary of important relief provisions and funding.

New Relief Provisions and Funding Lines

\$8 billion set-aside for tribes in Coronavirus Relief Fund

\$300 million for tribal fisherman and fishing industry

\$125 million for CDC to allocate to Indian Country

\$15 million for HHS's Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund

Provides reimbursement to tribes for half of the cost of providing unemployment benefits

Supplemental Funding

\$1.032 billion for IHS to support tribal healthcare response efforts

\$100 million for Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

\$453 million for BIA to aid tribal governments, social services programs, and public safety

\$69 million for BIE to provide for funding for staffing, transportation, telework, and cleaning

\$300 million for Indian Housing including IHBG and ICDBG

\$15 million for SAMHSA for healthcare systems in Indian Country

COVID-4 Relief Package (TBD)

After passage of COVID-3, Congress will be in recess until April 2020. When Congress returns it will negotiate a fourth relief package. We anticipate it will include targeted stimulus based on economic needs and technical fixes for the first three packages.

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