



Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California

COVID-19 Aid, Relief and Economic Security “CARES” Program

The Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California (“Middletown Rancheria” or “Tribe”) has been made aware of the novel coronavirus which causes the COVID-19 respiratory disease which was first reported in December 2019 and by March 2020 had created a global pandemic. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, the federal government, the state of California and the Tribe began emergency measures in mid-March 2020 with the Tribe declaring a State of Emergency on Tribal Lands by Resolution on March 18, 2020.

The Tribe acknowledges and hereby addresses the healthcare crisis, state and local authorities have issued with Shelter-in-Place orders of which the Tribe has cooperated for its jurisdiction and appreciates that only a collaborative approach can address the ongoing emergency. The economic fallout caused by the COVID-19 has been felt world-wide and has resulted in a great deal of hardship for all, but especially for Native American Communities, such as our Tribal Membership.

The United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) on March 27, 2020 and under Title VI funds were set aside to assist States, Tribes and units of local governments in addressing the impacts of the pandemic on their populations. Middletown Rancheria received funds through the CARES Act and has established this COVID-19 Aid, Relief And Economic Security Program (“CARE Program”) to utilize a portion of the funds to provide emergency financial assistance and economic stability to its Tribal Membership who have been directly impacted by a loss of income and other extraordinary circumstances caused by and due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Middletown Rancheria Tribal Council has created this CARE Program to establish and determine the need of its People during this global pandemic and to provide the needed financial assistance and economic support as effectively and efficiently as possible.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a recognized Tribal Member of Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California; and
- Must be at least 18 years of age to receive monetary funds directly; and
- Must have been or is currently impacted, economically or otherwise, due to the COVID-19 public health emergency pandemic.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Any Tribal Member that meets the eligibility criteria may submit a completed application provided by the Tribe. The Tribal Council reserves the right to audit the information provided by an individual to ensure consistency with the intended purposes of the Tribe's CARES Program.

AWARDING PROCESS:

The Tribal Council shall make the final determination in awarding assistance and financial support to eligible Tribal Members. The Tribal Council will take into consideration the information provided by the individual, while weighing the funding available through the CARES Act funding. The Tribal Council shall consider the following in making its determinations and use of funds to be:

1. Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the coronavirus disease COVID-19; and
2. Not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of the CARES Act; and
3. Incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

This is to certify that the Tribe's COVID-19 Aid, Relief and Economic Security "CARES" Program was approved at a duly called Middletown Rancheria Tribal Council Meeting held on Thursday, July 30, 2020 and will become effective as of this date, by a vote of 3 For, and 0 Against, with 0 Abstaining.



Jose Simon III, Tribal Chairman

7/30/2020

Date

Attested by:


Sally Peterson, Tribal Vice-Chairwoman

7/30/2020

Date