COWICHAN TRIBES COVID-19 ECONOMIC RESPONSE
Overview for Membership

Keeping Cowichan Members Safe
This document provides an overview of Cowichan Tribes' economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ensuring the safety and well-being of Cowichan Tribes members and employees continues to be the top priority of Cowichan Tribes leadership and management.

COWICHAN TRIBES MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDING
The $1.1M in funding received from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is based on a colonial formula that does not meet the needs of our large membership. Cowichan Tribes will provide $1.1M of its own revenue to support all members, on and off reserve, during the pandemic.

SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM BUDGETING
Cowichan Tribes is a large nation and we do not know how long the COVID-19 pandemic will last. We are being mindful and budgeting our financial resources so that we can continue to support members and keep them safe should the pandemic last longer than initially expected.

CONTINUED SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT
There have been no layoffs for Cowichan Tribes employees and departments continue to safely provide essential services and other programs to members using modified operations.

SUPPORTS FOR MEMBERS ON AND OFF RESERVE
Cowichan Tribes has developed an economic response that provides a range of supports to all members on and off reserve.

Key Components of the COVID-19 Economic Response
The $2.2M in funding from ISC and Cowichan Tribes will be used to provide the following supports:

### Food Security For All Members
- $709,520
  - Food security program for those in need (upon application)
  - Additional Food Fish distribution for all members (took place May 4-7)
  - Available for all members on and off reserve

### $100 Distribution To All Members
- $463,100
  - $100 to every Cowichan Tribes member on and off reserve
  - No application needed. Distribution date to be confirmed soon
  - Parents or guardians to claim for youth under 18
  - To update your info Email: membership@cowichantribes.com

### Technology Learning Supports For Students
- $90,000
  - Chromebook laptops for students in need (max 1 per household)
  - Available to K-12 students on and off reserve
  - Exploring options to support post-secondary students

### Protection & Technology for Staff
- $190,000
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all essential workers
  - Technology to support working remotely

### Pandemic Planning & Communications
- $140,000
  - Development of planning resources and communications to respond and inform community about the pandemic
  - Purchasing of advertisement and other communications: billboards, signs, media

### Pandemic Health Supports
- $361,200
  - Supports for members needing to self-isolate due to COVID-19 including temporary accommodations
  - Delivery of medicines and essential goods for members in need
  - Available upon advice of Ts'ewulhtun Health centre pandemic nurses

### Funding To Support Cultural Activities
- $36,200
  - Virtually connecting youth to culture (Youth Engagement Program)
  - Available to support cultural needs
  - More information to be released on website and facebook soon

### Staffing & Contingency Funding
- $259,200
  - Funding to respond to pandemic changes and unexpected circumstances
  - Funding for Crisis Navigators to support members in applying for COVID-19 support programs

Cowichan Tribes will continue to support members in a way that is sustainable and honors our cultural teachings and traditions. Members are also encouraged to utilize supports provided by the federal and provincial governments as well as local resources. To apply for the above Cowichan Tribes programs or help accessing other supports, please contact the phone number or email below starting May 11th.

Phone: (250) 715-3339 (Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm / 1:00 pm - 4:30pm)
Email: covid19@cowichantribes.com

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