

YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE

Necessary Expenditures for COVID-19

In early March, 2020, the Yankton Sioux Tribe (Tribe) began instituting various measures to address the public health emergency created by the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). On March 9, 2020, the Tribe imposed a ban on tribally-funded travel to and from the Reservation. On March 10, 2020, the Tribe was notified that there was one presumptive positive diagnosis at the Indian Health Service (IHS) service unit in Wagner, South Dakota which provides healthcare services to the Yankton Sioux Reservation. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 as a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, the Tribe declared a state of emergency and adopted an interim response plan and temporarily suspended portions of the personnel policies for the Tribe to authorize emergency leave and work from home. On March 27, 2020, the Tribe imposed a ban that prohibits all outside inmates from being housed at the correctional facility located on the Yankton Sioux Reservation, from being housed at the correctional facility located on the Reservation until further notice. Also on March 27, 2020, the Tribe imposed a ban that prohibits the detail of correctional officers to the correctional facility located on the Reservation until further notice. On April 3, 2020, the Tribe was notified that there was a community transmission within the local non-Indian community.

On April 6, 2020, the Tribe issued a stay at home order to minimize contact between residents and to the greatest extent possible minimize the exposure of the public to contaminated surfaces, maximize the number of people isolating in place, reduce the number of people congregating in workplaces at one time, reduce the proximity of people in the workplace, and enable the services necessary to protect public health and safety.

The Tribe continues to take pro-active measures and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic through the necessary expenditures incurred with respect to COVID-19. The following expenditures will be incurred between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget. The amounts and expenses contained herein are subject to adjustment until fully expended through December 30, 2020.

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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MEDICAL EXPENSES

Retrofit Community Centers for Medical and Quarantine Use	\$150,000
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The Tribe plans to expend resources to retrofit its existing community centers to be capable of serving as temporary medical centers and for quarantine use. The spaces will also be used to store and provide tribal citizens with COVID-related services. Tribe will expend an estimated \$150,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENSES

Cleaning personnel	\$100,000
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The Tribe was notified of a local presumed positive test result on March 10, 2020. The Tribe immediately closed its tribal buildings and began cleaning and sanitization of tribal buildings. The Tribe will expend approximately \$100,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary cleaning personnel expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

New Personnel **\$150,000**

The Tribe will hire tribal members to assist Response Team in pick up, delivery and distribution of supplies for those in quarantine or any other request that would assist the Response team. The Tribe will expend an estimated \$6,000.00 per month between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. 10 personnel at 40 hours per week. Tribe will also purchase two (2) vehicles to assist help in COVID Response.

Cleaning Supplies **\$100,000**

The Tribe was notified of a local presumed positive test result on March 10, 2020. The Tribe immediately closed its tribal buildings and began cleaning and sanitization of tribal buildings. The Tribe will expend approximately \$100,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary cleaning supplies expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Personal Protective Equipment **\$50,000**

Based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations, the Tribe has begun to procure and plans to continue to procure personal protective equipment so that every person subject to the Tribe's stay at home order, will have multiple pieces of personal protective equipment. The Tribe will expend approximately \$50,000 and March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, on necessary personal protective equipment expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Masks	\$10,000
Gowns	\$10,000
Supplies	\$30,000

Cabins for Quarantines Tribal Citizens **\$100,000**

Based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations, the Tribe has begun to secure and renovate cabins that will be available for any tribal citizen or household member that is under medical advice to quarantine. The cabins will also be available for homeless tribal citizens that are under medical advice to quarantine. Tribe will expend an approximately \$100,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Rubble Site Expenses **\$50,000**

The Tribe has experienced an increase in household disposals at the Tribe's rubble site due to COVID-19 precautions including increased cleaning and disposal activity. This increased activity requires the Tribe to make upgrades and purchases to the equipment used to maintain the rubble site. Tribe will expend approximately \$50,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Community Outreach – Education **\$5,000**

The Tribe will launch a community outreach campaign to provide updates to tribal citizens and education on COVID-related matters. The Tribe will expend approximately \$5,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020 on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Purchase Cattle and Pigs and Food for Supply Security **\$200,000**

The Tribe will purchase cattle, pigs and food for the express purpose of securing the food supply for tribal citizens. The Tribe will expend funds to purchase the animals, transport the animals, house the animals, and feed the animals until they are processed. Tribe will expend approximately \$200,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Food Processing Costs **\$200,000**

The Tribe will send cattle, pigs, and buffalo to be processed to secure the food supply chain for tribal citizens. Tribe may need to purchase tractor and other equipment to expedite food processing costs. Tribe will expend approximately \$200,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Refrigerated Storage Lockers for Food Supply **\$200,000**

The Tribe will purchase refrigerated storage lockers to help secure the food supply chain for tribal citizens. Tribe will expend approximately \$200,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Purchase Steel Buildings, Storage Units, Equipment, Supplies **\$2,550,000**

The Tribe will purchase Steel Buildings to serve as a location for Covid-19 related activities. Storage of equipment and distribution center for food, supplies and donations for the general membership. Purchase small equipment and supplies support distribution efforts. The Tribe will expend up to 2,550,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

PAYROLL EXPENSES FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

Hazzard Pay for COVID-19 Response **\$250,000**

Throughout the Tribe's response and pro-active measures, the Tribe has asked certain personnel to continue to work full time, overtime, and part time in order to continue to provide COVID-response services and continue essential governmental services. Hazzard pay will be awarded to any tribally employed personnel that worked while the Tribe was shut down beginning March 1, 2020, through the end date of the Tribe's stay-at-home order. The pay shall be based on hours worked and reflected in payroll records. The Tribe deems the work performed by these employees to be substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Tribe will expend approximately \$250,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary communication upgrades expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

STAY-AT-HOME COMPLIANCE EXPENSES

Communication Upgrades **\$150,000**

Throughout the Tribe's response and pro-active measures, the Tribe has incurred communication upgrades with respect to COVID-19. The Tribe will expend approximately \$150,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary communication upgrades expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Travel for Students Home **\$50,000**

The Tribe provided financial assistance for students that were studying away from the reservation in boarding high schools and post-secondary education opportunities. The schools have been closed to in-person classes for the remainder of the school year and have required students to engage in remote or distance learning. The Tribe will expend approximately \$50,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary travel for students to home incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Computer Equipment- Employees **\$150,000**

The Tribe purchased additional computer equipment for its employees to work from home. The Tribe will expend approximately \$150,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary computer expenses for employees expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Computer Equipment -Teachers **\$150,000**

The Tribe purchased additional computer equipment for its teachers to work from home. The Tribe will expend approximately \$150,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary computer expenses for teachers expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Computer Equipment –Students **\$150,000**

The Tribe purchased additional computer equipment for students to work from home. The Tribe will expend approximately \$150,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary computer expenses for students expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe’s FY 2020 budget.

Internet Services **\$150,000**

The Tribe purchased additional internet services for employees, teachers, and students to work from home. The Tribe will expend approximately \$150,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary internet services for employees, teachers, and students expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe’s FY 2020 budget.

IT Upgrades **\$150,000**

The Tribe has made necessary IT upgrades with respect to COVID-19. The Tribe will expend approximately \$150,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary IT upgrade expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe’s FY 2020 budget.

Title VI Elderly Food Service **\$150,000**

The Tribe has experienced an increase in Title VI clients after halting elderly meals at the Casino for safety precautions. The Tribe plans on purchasing three (3) vans, two (2) pickup and suv to help serve the senior citizens as more will participate. More participants increase more miles to current vehicles that have high mileage, wear and tear, and high maintenance costs. This has resulted in increased expenses for the Title VI program. The Tribe will expend approximately \$150,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe’s FY 2020 budget.

USDA Food Distribution **\$150,000**

The Tribe has experienced an increase in food distribution expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The additional expenses are due to the additional demand for food distribution as more people are furloughed, experience reduced income, and experience higher prices at grocery stores. The Tribe will expend approximately \$150,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe’s FY 2020 budget.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT EXPENSES

Business Interruption Grants **\$2,481,866**

The Tribe will create a grant program for small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures. The grant will be available for businesses owned by tribal members and owed by the Tribe. The Tribe will expend approximately \$2,481,866 to eligible businesses on necessary grants due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-

19 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Rental Subsidy **\$50,000**

The Tribe operates a rental assistance program. This program has seen an increase in requests related to COVID-19. The Tribe will expend approximately \$50,000 between March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, with one-time mortgage or rental subsidy to enrolled members head of house hold incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Utility Subsidy **Utility \$1,200,000**

The Tribe operates a utility assistance program for tribal households on the Reservation. The Tribe will expend approximately \$1,200,000 on cooling assistance with one-time assistance for each enrolled members head of house hold between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary utility assistance expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget. Utility assistance will include cooling in summer and heating for fall/winter.

OTHER EXPENSES

Legal **\$100,000**

Throughout the Tribe's response and pro-active measures, the Tribe has incurred and will continue to legal expenses with respect to COVID-19. The Tribe will expend approximately \$100,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, on necessary legal expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Indirect Costs **\$1,000,000**

The Tribe will incur administrative indirect costs to support each of the initiatives described herein. The Tribe will expend approximately \$1,000,000 between March 1, 2020 and December 20, 2020, on necessary administrative indirect costs incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. These expenditures were not accounted for in the Tribe's FY 2020 budget.

Total **\$10,236,866**

****All budgetary line items are estimated costs between 03/01/2020 and 12/30/2020. Any amendments or modifications to the US Treasury Cares Act between dates shall be reviewed and approved by YST Business and Claims Committee.****