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ARPA Hardship and CIB Technical Assistance Drives to be held in Tucson

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Office of the Controller and Office of Vital Records & Identification will be hosting the next American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Hardship and CIB Technical Assistance Drive on March 3 and March 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Arizona Forge at Roy Place in Tucson, Ariz., to provide help with completing and submitting applications for ARPA Hardship Assistance and to apply for a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB). COVID-19 protocols will be in place and all attendees are required to wear a face mask at all times.

"On behalf of the Nez-Lizer Administration, we extend our appreciation to the University of Arizona Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement Vice President N. Levi Esquerra for co-hosting the event with the Navajo Nation. Many of our Navajo citizens reside in metropolitan areas, and many do not have the resources or transportation to obtain technical assistance for the ARPA Hardship Assistance or tribal enrollment process. We anticipate a large number of people so please be patient and expect some waiting time. Personnel continue to work long hours to process a high volume of documents as quickly as possible and to provide the necessary assistance," said Navajo Nation Division of Human Resources Executive Director Dr. Perphelia Fowler.

Other upcoming Navajo Nation ARPA Hardship and CIB Technical Assistance Drives are scheduled at the following locations:

- March 3 to 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **Arizona Forge at Roy Place** (44 N Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701)
- April 7 to 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the **Southern Indian Polytechnic Institute** (9169 Coors Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120)
- April 14 to 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the **Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake** (120 W 1300 S St., Salt Lake City, UT 84115)
- April 28 to 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **Denver Indian Center Inc.** (4407 Morrison Rd., Denver, CO 80219)

On Feb. 17 and 18, OOC and Office of Vital Records & Identification provided assistance for approximately 590 families in Phoenix, Ariz. Due to the very high demand for services, more dates will be announced for more technical assistance events in Phoenix.

President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer signed Resolution CD-62-21 into law last month, approving \$557 million for the ARPA Hardship Assistance to provide direct financial relief for the Navajo people to help mitigate the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The funding provides \$2,000 for adults who are 18 years and older on or before January 4, 2022 and \$600 for minors who are enrolled members of the Navajo Nation. New applicants must complete/sign the ARPA Hardship Program application and submit no later than December 30, 2022.

The Office of the Controller completed the mailing of ARPA Hardship Assistance checks in the amount of \$2,000 for approximately 46,000 Navajo elders, who are 60 years and older and who previously received the CARES Act Hardship Assistance. The next step is printing and mailing of hardship assistance checks for all other previous recipients.

Personnel at the technical assistance sites will provide guidance on ARPA Hardship and CIB inquiries, including change of address forms, printing and copying services, and individual concerns related to the application process and tribal enrollment.

The technical assistance drives will not include any type of check distributions. In addition, applicants seeking to enroll with the Navajo Nation, obtain a copy of their CIB, or update their tribal enrollment information will be required to provide original records of Birth/Death Certificates, Marriage Licenses, Divorce Decrees, or other court-ordered documents.

The Navajo Office of Vital Records will not be able to provide same-day CIB's due to additional necessary verification to be conducted by agency offices. The ARPA Hardship Application form is available on the Office of the Controller website at <https://www.nnooc.org> and on the ARPA website at <https://www.navajonationarpa.org>. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) sheet is available online at <https://www.opvp.navajo-nsn.gov/Portals/0/FILES/Latest%20News/FAQs%20Hardship%20Assistance.pdf>.

If you have further questions, please contact the Office of the Controller by e-mail at ARPAHardship@nnooc.org or call (928) 871-6106, (928) 871-6315, (928) 223-3525, (928) 224-8148, (928) 224-8187, (928) 224-8212, (928) 371-9226, (928) 223-3709, or (928) 223-3712. Please contact the Navajo Office of Vital Records & ID at (928) 871-6386 or visit their website at <https://www.novri.navajo-nsn.gov> for more information regarding tribal enrollment.

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Navajo Nation ARPA Hardship & CIB Technical Assistance Drive

The Navajo Nation Office of the Controller and Office of Vital Records & Identification are pleased to announce a series of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Hardship and CIB Technical Assistance Drives in nearby cities, to provide help with completing and submitting applications for ARPA Hardship Assistance and to apply for a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB). COVID-19 protocols will be in place and all attendees are required to wear a face mask at all times.

Background Information:

On Jan. 4, 2022, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer signed **Resolution CD-62-21**, approving \$557 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for Hardship Assistance to provide direct financial relief for the Navajo people, to help mitigate the devastating effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will provide \$2,000 in hardship assistance for adults and \$600 for minors, who are enrolled members of the Navajo Nation.



PRESIDENT JONATHAN NEZ
VICE PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER



Upcoming Technical Assistance Drives:

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(Location is one block south of the Tucson Indian Center)

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**Processing of new CIB enrollments will be on a
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis**

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) sheet is available online at:
<https://www.opvp.navajo-nsn.gov/News-Media/Latest-News>
to provide answers regarding updates to mailing addresses,
contact information to obtain a CIB & more.

To find more information related to the Navajo Nation
ARPA Hardship, visit the website at:

<https://navajonationarpa.org>