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ARPA Hardship and CIB Technical Assistance
Drives to be held in surrounding urban areas

WINDOW ROCK Ariz. — 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). If an individual previously received the Hardship Assistance, they do not have to re-apply to receive the ARPA Hardship Assistance. COVID-19 protocols will be in place and all attendees are required to wear a face mask at all times.

"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. Personnel with the Office of the Controller and Vital Records continue to work long hours to process a high volume of documents as quickly as possible and to provide the necessary assistance. We anticipate a large number of people so please be patient and expect some waiting time. We must also remember that we are in the midst of a COVID-19 surge, so please wear two masks at all times, practice social distancing, and be very cautious," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

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

- February 3, 2022 at 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and February 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Albuquerque Indian Center (105 Texas St. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108)
- February 17 to 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Indian Center (4520 N Central Ave. #250, Phoenix, AZ 85012)
- March 3 to 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Tucson Indian Center (160 N Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701)
- 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 Jan. 4, President Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer signed Resolution CD-62-21 into law, 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 will provide $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.

On Jan. 10, the Office of the Controller began accepting new applications for the ARPA Hardship Assistance Program for enrolled members of the Navajo Nation, who did not previously receive Hardship Assistance. New applicants must complete/sign the ARPA Hardship Program application and submit no later than December 30, 2022.

Personnel at the sites will provide guidance on any 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 current and 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 technical assistance drives will adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols, such as wearing a facemask, temperature screening, and social distancing. In addition, attendees are highly encouraged to be fully vaccinated.

The Office of the Controller continues to process over 16,000 change of address forms that have been received in January. The Office of the Controller has begun issuing CARES Act Hardship Assistance relief checks for the 48,000 elderly recipients in the amount of $342 each.


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 Application Process

Application Period:
January 10, 2022 - December 30, 2022
https://navajonationarpa.org

Who can apply for ARPA Hardship?

The Navajo Nation Office of the Controller began accepting applications for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Hardship Assistance Program on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, for enrolled members of the Navajo Nation who did not previously receive the CARES Act Hardship Assistance. If an individual previously received CARES Act Hardship Assistance, you do not have to re-apply — you are automatically eligible to receive the ARPA Hardship Assistance. The funding will provide $2,000 in hardship assistance for adults, who are age 18 years and older on or before Jan. 4, 2022, and $600 for minors, who are enrolled members of the Navajo Nation.

How do I apply?

The application form is available on the Office of the Controller website at https://www.nnooc.org and on the ARPA website at www.navajonationarpa.org. New applicants must complete/sign the Hardship Program application and submit no later than December 30, 2022 in one of the following ways:

Submit in-person:
Office of the Controller
Administration Building 1
Window Rock, AZ
Monday - Friday
(8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Submit by Mail:
Navajo Nation Office of the Controller
RE: ARPA Hardship Assistance
P.O. BOX 3150
Window Rock, AZ 86515
Must be postmarked no later than December 30, 2022

Submit by Email:
ARPAHardship@nnooc.org
no later than December 30, 2022

Navajo Nation Office of the Controller Contact Information:
A Frequently Asked Questions sheet is available online at: https://www.opvp.navajo-nsn.gov/News-Media/Latest-News

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