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ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA SLFRF) Information and Frequently Asked Questions

In 2024, all citizens enrolled in Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) will be eligible for a one-time payment of \$1,000 to address economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications for adults and children are available online at www.sitkatribes.org. **The deadline to apply is March 31, 2024.** Payments will be made by checks mailed to applicants on May 15.

Is there a paper application for Tribal citizens who don't have computers or internet access, or who have trouble with the online application?

No, but STA will assist any enrolled citizen who cannot complete the online application. Stay tuned for information about clinics in Sitka, or email arpa@sitkatribes-nns.gov to schedule a phone appointment.

I am a citizen of STA, but I don't live in Sitka. Am I eligible to apply for this program?

Yes. You do not have to live in Sitka to be eligible.

Is this program for adults, or are children eligible, too?

All enrolled citizens of STA are eligible for this program. Children who are citizens of STA are eligible to receive this payment, even if their parents are not citizens. Applications for Tribal citizens under the age of 18 must be submitted by their parent or legal guardian.

Can I submit one application for all Tribal citizens in my household?

No. A separate application is required for each eligible Tribal citizen.

I share custody of my child. Who should submit their application?

This is up to you, but please discuss this with your child's other parent or guardian to ensure that only one application per child is submitted. If we receive multiple applications for the same child, approval will be delayed, and a meeting with both parents/guardians may be required.



I don't know my enrollment number. Can I submit my application without it?

No, an enrollment number is required to submit every application. Please contact arpa@sitkatriben-sns.gov to request enrollment numbers, or call 907-747-3207 for assistance.

How can an Elder who does not have internet access or is not able to complete their application on-line apply?

The individual can email arpa@sitkatriben-sns.gov to schedule a phone appointment, call 907-747-3207, or stop by Tribal Headquarters at 204 Siginaka Way. We will also offer assistance at scheduled times and locations, currently including a clinic on Saturday, February 10 from 12 – 4 at 204 Siginaka Way in Sitka, and at Elder Coffee Time on February 13 from 11:30am – 1:30 pm at Harrigan Centennial Hall in Sitka.

May I apply on behalf of a Tribal citizen who is disabled and cannot submit their own application?

Yes. Please call us at 907-747-3207 for assistance.

I or a member of my family is eligible to enroll in STA, but we haven't completed the enrollment process. Can I submit my application for enrollment in the Tribe and the ARPA SLFRF program at the same time?

No. You must complete the enrollment process and be issued an enrollment number (which is received once your enrollment application has been fully processed) to submit your application for ARPA SLFRF.

Is there a deadline for enrollment in the Tribe to be eligible for the ARPA SLFRF program?

Yes. If you are eligible for enrollment in the Tribe, you must submit a complete enrollment application by March 4, 2024. The Tribe will notify you when your application for enrollment is approved. Please email enrollment@sitkatriben-sns.gov or call 907-747-7317 for assistance.

Do I have to provide proof of income or economic hardship to apply for this payment?

No; if you are an enrolled citizen of STA, you are eligible to apply for and receive this payment.

May I receive my payment electronically instead of by check?



No, we do not have the capacity to provide electronic payments.

Who will receive the payment for my child?

Payments to Tribal citizens under age 18 will be by check made out to the parent or guardian and mailed to the parent or legal guardian identified in the application.

The application says that checks will be mailed in U.S. dollars to a U.S. mailing address only. I am living outside the United States. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, Enrolled STA citizens living outside the United States are eligible to apply, but all payments will be made by check in U.S. dollars. If you are living outside the U.S., we can mail your check to a family member or friend at an address you specify in the application.

I think I applied, but I'm not sure that my application went through. Should I contact you to check?

No. You should receive a copy of your application by email immediately after submitting it. That is your confirmation that we received your application. Please check your spam and junk folders if you can't find it. We will contact you if we have any questions.

Will I receive my payment faster if I apply right away?

No. All payments will be sent by check mailed on May 15.

I applied but I have not received my check. What should I do?

If you have not received your check by June 3, please email us, arpa@sitkatriben-sn.gov.

Are there any restrictions on what I can use these funds for, or any reporting requirements?

No.

Is my payment considered to be taxable income?

No, this payment is not considered to be taxable income.

I missed the March 31 deadline to apply for this program due to circumstances beyond my control. Can you please extend the deadline?



No, March 31 is an inflexible deadline. STA needs to commit all funds to this program in April and rebudget any leftover funds so that the federal government does not take them back.