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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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## **Colville Tribes Plans Need-Based Grants**

NESPELEM, WA – As part of an ongoing effort to protect the membership of the Colville Tribes from the COVID-19 virus, the Colville Tribes announced today that it has directed staff to develop a plan to distribute need-based grants to individual tribal members. These grants are expected to be funded from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, as set forth in Title V of the CARES Act passed by Congress to provide relief to people suffering financial and other impacts of the virus.

Rodney Cawston, Chairman of the Colville Tribes, said, “The Colville Business Council fully understands the damage COVID-19 has inflicted on people across the Colville Reservation. While many of our efforts have focused on protecting public health and safety, the economic impacts are very real, and very serious, as well. Tribal members have been hit with many unforeseen expenses related to the virus. The Colville Tribes intends to bring relief to our people in a way that complies with the CARES Act and the applicable guidance and FAQs issued by the Department of Treasury.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,504 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlám̓xəx<sup>w</sup> (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; s̓x̓<sup>w</sup>yʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk<sup>w</sup>əx<sup>w</sup> (grass in the water) or Entiat; sn̓áyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx<sup>w</sup>u (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx<sup>w</sup> (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənp̓<sup>w</sup>ilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnp̓əšq<sup>w</sup>áwsəx<sup>w</sup> (people in between) or Wenatchi.