



# The Village Crier

## First Mesa Consolidated Villages

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Tömö Kyelmuyaw  
*The Initiate Moon,  
the last moon*

### THIS MONTH IN HOPI VCHISTORY

**AD 900:**

Early Hopi people moved into Grand Canyon, Black Mesa and the little Colorado River area

**AD 1100-1300:**

Hopi Ancestors began moving to Hopi Meas because of dependable springs

**1598:**

Juan de Onate arrived at Hopi searching for gold

**1776:**

Franciscans arrived in Orayvi to help against the Navajos

**1859:**

Mormons arrived on Hopi

**1863:**

Kit Carson arrives on Hopi

**PUBLICATION DATE:**

1st & 3rd Monday of the month

**DEADLINE:**

News articles, Announcements, Letters to the Editor, Due by 1pm Wednesday, for following Monday

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## Beloved Village Pastor and family announce plans to move to Seo Kang, South Korea



Front L-R: Pastor's wife Eunhee, Thomas Nahsonhoya-Lim and Grace Lim  
Back L-R: Daniel, Jacob and Pastor Lim (aka: Povi Enu')

Louella Furcap  
FMCV Village Crier

First Mesa Baptist Church (FMBC) Village Pastor Taeil Lim and family announced they will be moving out of the country to pastor a church in South Korea. Lim's missionary work to the Hopi people has been a blessing and one that the Hopi community and village members welcomed and will cherish forever.

Pastor Lim said he is sad to leave First Mesa, the place he has called home for 12 years, but said he feels confident this is his mission calling to help a church in South Korea.

"This was a very hard decision for me to make" said Pastor Lim. "I prayed hard, meditated on it and received the answer that this was my calling."

Pastor Lim, his wife Eunhee, daughter Grace and Thomas N. Lim will travel to Los Angeles International airport in 2 weeks where they will board a flight to Seoul, South Korea.

Sons Daniel and Jacob, graduates of Hopi High School are away attending College in Hanover, NH and Tucson, AZ.

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## Hopi Chairman's Staff member tests positive for Coronavirus

News Release  
Office of the Chairman/Vice Chairman

In a News Release dated Oct. 26, the Hopi Tribe announced a staff member of Hopi Tribal Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma had tested positive for the coronavirus; and coronavirus protocols were implemented. According to the news release, contract tracing has begun and close contacts have been identified.

"The staff member had not interacted with other members outside the community or with other staff that routinely interacts with Chairman Nuvangyaoma, except with the Chief of Staff and a limited amount of employees.

The Hopi Tribe's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director and the Public Health Authority were contacted immediately in the early hours on Monday morning, with initial steps and protocols for response put into motion.

DHHS will move forward with investigating on campus, and specifically identified offices in the Legislative building will go through a thorough disinfecting and sanitization process. The facilities will be closed to employees for 48 hours. Chairman Nuvangyaoma and his Chief of Staff have already been tested and the initial viral swab tests have returned negative results for -19.

This is a good reminder for us all to remain vigilant and to follow all the guidelines we have been sharing throughout the pandemic," said Chairman Nuvangyaoma. "It's a scary experience to know this virus is always knocking at our doorstep, but we have to know that every single one of us is susceptible especially when we lower our guards."

Separately, on recent occasions other Hopi

Tribal government employees who work in a space shared with some staff from the administration building, also tested positive for COVID-19; however, none of the individuals interacted directly with the Chairman or his close staff, the office said. The same way all employees were contacted, tested and provided with guidelines during the instance, all employees in close proximity to the Chairman's office will be in quarantine and self-monitoring.

These recent situations, and other instances similar to this occasion, are stark reminders of the realities we are all facing on the Hopi reservation. In epidemiology, a susceptible individual is a member of a population who is at risk of becoming infected by coronavirus or any disease impacting our vulnerable population.

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## Missing Village Member Ambrose "Moe" Siquah



The Siquah-Talayumptewa family and the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) continue to ask for the public's help in gathering any information related to the disappearance of family and community member Ambrose "Moe" Siquah.

Ambrose was last seen on Sept. 28, in Keams Canyon walking near the Indian Health Service (IHS) Housing area, toward his residence less than a mile away. Moe never returned home nor has he been seen or heard from.

Moe is about 5'11" tall, weighs about 175 pounds, has dark brown eyes, dark brown hair and a visible scar on his left cheek. He was last seen wearing a dark blue or black shirt and denim jeans.

If anyone has seen or knows the whereabouts of Ambrose, you are asked to contact the Hopi Police at 928-734-7340, or First Mesa Consolidated Villages 928-737-2670).

## Hopi Community calls for increased police protection

## Village Security Programs threatened by perpetrators

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Editor, the Village Crier

### First Mesa Consolidated Villages

The Hopi Tribal Council's decision to contract the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Law Enforcement Programs (uniformed police, administration and dispatch), through Public Law 93-638, has recently received harsh criticism and much dissatisfaction from the Hopi Community.

On July 10, 2019, Hopi Tribe Res. H-049-2019, accepted A19AVo00417 from the BIA Law Enforcement Services to become a self-sustaining PL 93-638 entity.

The move is allowed under the 1975 Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, which allows tribes to manage federal programs that impact their communities.

The Resolution also officially changed the name from Hopi Resource Enforcement Services (HRES) to the Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES).

According to Hopi Communities, the takeover of the Law Enforcement by the Tribe, has not lived up to its intended purposes of providing safe, effective and efficient law enforcement. The plans to increase manpower for enforcement has also

not happened.

HLES Chief of Police Virgil Pinto has said recruitment for Law Enforcement Officers is currently ongoing, but they are having a hard time filling the positions.

Department of Public Safety Director Jamie Navenma also recently confirmed the recruitment and difficulties filling the positions. Navenma said only a few have passed the test and/or requirements.

With few officers to patrol the vast Hopi jurisdiction, crimes have sharply increased and the absence of officers to enforce law and order to help combat crime during this pandemic, has had devastating effects on the communities and villages.

Recent phone calls from First Mesa Community say they now feel violated and unsafe in their own homes. With little to no law enforcement presence in the villages and communities, families feel forced to police themselves and look out for their neighbors.

There is a public outcry for the Hopi leadership to call for immediate assistance from the BIA Police during this

time of officer shortage until HLES is fully staffed.

The BIA Police, is the law enforcement arm of the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs which polices Indian tribes and reservations that do not have their own police force.

The BIA has nationwide jurisdiction to enforce federal law relating to crimes committed within or involving Indian Country.

BIA Police can enforce tribal law if the tribe consents. Authority can be granted by tribal ordinance or resolution. They may also be granted authority to enforce state laws by state statute.

In First Mesa, several incidences warranting immediate and emergency police response have occurred, and left uncorrected. These incidences could result in harmful and criminal offenses if left unattended to.

The Hopi people want police presence and law and order in their communities and demand the Hopi Tribal Council reach out to other Law Enforcement agencies for temporary or short-term deployment of officers.

With the COVID-19 pandemic on the rise, Villages on the Hopi Reservation have taken safety measures by instituting security check points at entrances into villages. Village restrictions allow only residents into villages and communities – no visitors are permitted to enter, unless deemed as emergency personnel.

With all the confusion and chaos the pandemic

has placed in the villages and communities, there has also been an increase in crime and violence.

Village Community Service Administrators (CSA's) have reported threats to their security personnel by perpetrators. A call for increased police and law enforcement has been made by the CSA's.

The FMCV Village Leadership has imple-

mented a Resolution *Restricting Visitors* into villages (unless for emergency purposes), a *Remain-at-Home order* and a *Curfew Order* from 10pm-5am daily.

The FMCV Leadership also implemented a Public Safety Officer program to patrol the First Mesa Villages and communities of Polacca and Keams Canyon. Orders are effective until further notice.

## Hopi Law Enforcement Facility reopens after being disinfected

### Public Announcement

The Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) has reopened their facility and all emergency and non-emergency contact numbers are back in service.

On Oct. 27, HLES temporarily shut down their facility "for extreme

COVID-19 disinfecting" and sanitizing after several individuals were exposed.

HLES is back in their offices and all telephone numbers are working.

For emergencies contact 911 or 734 - 7340; non-emergencies: 734 - 7344.



First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Public Safety

To Protect and Serve

**NATIVE  
AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**

**November is National American  
Indian Heritage Month**

# Hopi CARES Act Committee Begins Disbursing Emergency Payments to Tribal Members

**Louella N. Furcap**  
**First Mesa Village Crier**

Hopi tribal enrolled members who applied early to the Hopi CARES Act General Welfare Emergency Assistance Program, have reportedly, received their assistance payment checks.

According to the WGEA support staff, it normally takes 3-4 weeks for an individual to receive payment; provided, all the required documents and supporting documents have been submitted and the application is complete.

Hopi tribal members are reminded to submit all required documents and provide a good working telephone/cell phone number, in case the GWEA staff needs to contact you. Staff will contact you *by telephone* for any missing documentation or for verification. If they are unable to contact you, this may delay the application process.

For more information and assistance with the Hopi CARES General Welfare Emergency Assistance application, call 928-734-3571 or 3573.

# FMCV Newsletter reverts to original name, the Village Crier

**Louella N. Furcap**  
**First Mesa Village Crier**

Through much support and encouragement from the First Mesa Community and Village members, the name of the *First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) Newsletter* has reverted to its original name, ***the Village Crier***.

The name which originates from the Hopi word Tsa ak mongwi, translated to, the Chief

Crier or Chief Announcer was the name used previously.


“In historical times the Tsa ak Mongwi would climb atop the highest adobe dwelling to announce any happenings, events or news to the villagers,” said FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney. “The Tsa ak mongwi would make his daily announcements to

Villagers at dawn just as the sun was rising.

Today that tradition is absent in the Villages, but we can still carry on the name through our community village newspaper.

If you would like to post or share any news with the community, please submit to LNahsonhoya@gmail.com

**Mask Up  
 Protect Yourself  
 Protect Me**



Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma  
CHAIRMAN

Clark W. Tenakhongva  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

**Coronavirus Relief Fund  
 Hopi CARES General Welfare  
 Emergency Assistance Program Application**

**Section A - Applicant Information**

First Name  Middle Name  Last Name

Mailing Address/PO Box

City  State  Zip Code

Home Phone #  Cell Phone #  Message #

Email Address  Enrollment Number

Date of Birth  Social Security Number

Are you employed/self-employed?  Yes  No

Employer Name and Address

Do you have dependent children or wards?  Yes  No How many?

**Section B - Items Related to COVID-19 (mark all that apply)**

Temporary and necessary assistance for personal, living, and family expenses incurred due to the Coronavirus pandemic as of March 1, 2020, such as:

1. Family support (having at least one child under the age of 18 in the home) for educational expenses and/or childcare  
 Yes  No
2. Disaster Stabilization for applicant that has/had been laid off or had work hours reduced  
 Yes  No
3. Financial assistance with utility payments  
 Yes  No
4. Food assistance  
 Yes  No
5. Assistance for denied medical and/or health services  
 Yes  No

**Section C - Applicant Check List**

All required supporting documents must be attached in order to review and make a determination:

**Proof of Tribal Enrollment**

Proof of Tribal Enrollment includes:

- Hopi Tribal Enrollment Card.
- If you do not have proof of enrollment, Tribal Administration will verify with the Enrollment Department.
- Hopi Tribal or Other Identification Card for each claimed dependent.

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**Types of supporting documentation should include:**

- Proof of Hardship (Anything from employer saying laid-off, hours/salary reduced, last check stub, etc.)
- Proof of self-employment status (business license, peddler's permit, etc.)

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**W-9 Form**

- The W-9 is required for entry into the Tribe's accounting system so that payments can be processed. Assistance under the Hopi CARES Program is not taxable to recipients pursuant to the Hopi Tribe General Welfare Assistance Policy.

**Certification**

By signing this application, I certify that all information provided is **true and correct**. I have had the opportunity to read and understand the Hopi Tribe General Welfare Assistance Policy and the Coronavirus Relief Fund Program Policies and Procedures. In the event that my COVID-19 related needs are less than the assistance received, I agree to return any excess funds to the Hopi Tribe.

Signature

Date

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Dale Siquah

Wallace Youvella, Sr.

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Daniel is a senior at Dartmouth College and Jacob is a sophomore at the University of Arizona. Both are still connected to Hopi through a mentoring book reading club they organized: the *Tutuveni Reading Project*.

Having been raised in First Mesa since they were small children, Daniel, Jacob and Grace grew up attending Hopi Mission School, Hopi Jr High and Hopi High School and were actively involved in sports, educational activities and Hopi cultural activities.

The brothers graduated from HHS as Valedictorians of their graduating classes and Grace is a sophomore. Thomas attended Polacca Headstart.

Daniel and Jacob will return home to First Mesa during their school breaks; because as Daniel would often say, "you can get a kid out of the Rez, but you can never get the rez out of the kid."

The Lims came to First Mesa on Oct. 8, 2012 to pastor the First Mesa Baptist Church and 12 years and one month later will return

to their home country.

Lim was adopted into the Tewa Sand Clan family and father was Roadrunner/Aswungwa.

The news of their departure left everyone stunned and in tears. They have been an important part of the Hopi community and will be missed by many.

Pastor Lim will be making home visits for the next two weeks. If you would like to speak with Pastor Lim, or need prayers, he may be reached at 928-401-4285.



Pastor Lim poses during a visit to historic Walpi Village, where his Work Ministry Team completed a Village Roof Repair Project

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**First Mesa Consolidated Villages Hours of Operation**

The FMCV Office remains open for business by telephone only: Monday—Friday, 9am-4pm (closed 12-1)

Water payments may be made by Debit/Credit Card at 928-737-2670. Money Order payments may also be mailed to FMCV Water Department, PO Box 260, Polacca, AZ.



**Call for Hopi Board of Education Candidates**

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- TERMS:** Seven members will be elected – 1 from each of the 7 Hopi School Attendance Areas and 2 members Hopi enrolled members at large.



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# From P1- Chairman’s Staff tests positive

A large portion of the Hopi population experiences underlying conditions that causes individuals to become more susceptible to COVID-19.


The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has offered recommendations to help tribal communities, elders, and tribal leaders decide how best to keep their communities safe and work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at the workplace, out in public, during cultural events and activities. For Hopi tribal leadership and the public health experts, there is nothing more important than the overall health and safety of the community.

It is very important for the Hopi Tribal government employees, local businesses and vendors engaging with the public to take steps to protect any and all Hopi community members from getting sick. This is especially true for Hopi community members who may be part of the vulnerable population and at higher risk such as tribal elders and people with underlying medical conditions. COVID-19 does not pick and choose who will contract the virus. If your house-

hold includes one or more people who are at a higher risk, then all family members should act as if they themselves, are at a higher risk.


Any actions that compromise the overall health and safety of the community affects multiple generations – especially now when many family members live in a single household and within tight living quarters. Consequently, people who live in multi-generational tribal households may find it difficult to take precautions to protect themselves from COVID-19 or isolate those who are sick.

“Just as everyone in a Hopi household should take steps to stay healthy and protect each other from getting sick, every participant in a Hopi ceremony or social gathering should take precautions to stay healthy and protect others from getting sick,” added Royce Jenkins, Director of DHHS and the Hopi Tribe’s Public Health Authority. “This is all just another reminder of how easily transmittable this disease is on multiple levels and how it plays a part in community spread. We all have to remain vigilant.” # # #



**Office of the Chairman**  
Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma

**Office of the Vice Chairman**  
Clark W. Tenakhongva



**HOPI TRIBE – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE – October 27, 2020 REPORT

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – October 27, 2020 — We need to remind everyone:

**PLEASE HEED THE WARNINGS ABOUT COVID-19.**

**FOLLOW ALL PRECAUTIONS AND MEASURES OUTLINED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC). AT THE LEAST:**

- WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN
- WATCH YOUR DISTANCE FROM OTHERS
- WEAR A MASK - ALWAYS

**HELP SAVE LIVES. STAY HOPI STRONG.**

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:

As of this date – October 27, 2020

The United States now has over 8.6 million confirmed positive cases with 63,589 new cases and over 225,084 deaths reported.

Over 240,122 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 6,307 are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 4,907 patients to this date. Over 504 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 361 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 54 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 415 positive Hopi Tribal members.

Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* October 27, 2020					
	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	34	504	4,374	32	4,941
<i>Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020.</i>					
Number of Cases per Village as of October 23 2020	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total		
Kiqötsmovi	22	3	25		
Orayvi	8		8		
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	148	3	151+		
Musanguvi	11		11		
Supawlavi	15		15+		
Söngoopavi	115		115+		
Yuwelu-paki	6		6		
Paaqavi	2		2		
Hotvela	15	7	22(+)		
Keams Canyon	13	3	16		
Munqapi		38*	38*		
Phoenix	1		1		
Winslow	4		4		
Prescott	1		1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>415</b>		



\* The information by villages presented above is released by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. The data from Lower and Upper Munqapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified from another village. The community of residence for one Hopi Tribal member who tested positive at HHCC is in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow. The data here does not include all state-wide data from other facilities such as Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals.

\*\* A total of 415+ individuals who tested positive are members of the Hopi Tribe.

+ Includes Village member(s) retested positive

**Prevention:**

Watch for symptoms. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or at least two of these symptoms:
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness.

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

# Open Letter to Honorable Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Hopi Chairman

By: Ben Nuvamsa October 20, 2020

Honorable Chairman Nuvangyaoma,

You submitted comments in the Tucson Electric Power (TEP) rate case earlier this year, so you may also be closely following the proceedings before the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) in the current Arizona Public Service (APS) rate case. If not, I am sure you will be interested in the comments that were filed by Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez earlier this month.

President Nez' comments are similar to what you filed in the TEP proceedings – requesting funding of \$100,000 per megawatt (MW) of peak ownership in coal plants – but the Navajo are now participating as formal intervenors rather than just submitting comments. That obviously gives their testimony added weight.

As he did before, President Nez asked the ACC to require APS to provide significant support to the Navajo for a just and equitable transition from coal to cleaner energy sources and economic redevelopment. His request calls for \$193.2 million in direct transition funding, plus agreements from APS for water development, electrification of homes currently lacking access to power, economic redevelopment assistance and commitments to siting new renewable energy projects on Navajo land.

Because your comments mirrored those of President Nez in the TEP rate case, I am hoping that you plan to submit similar comments in the APS proceedings as well. There are signals that the ACC and the utilities are growing increasingly receptive to acknowledging their obligations to

provide transition support for coal-impacted communities like Hopi.

Most recently, ACC Chairman Burns directed APS to model early retirement dates for the Four Corners Power Plant and Cholla Power Plant that included plans and dedicated funding for helping Navajo communities navigate the sped up closures and their economic impacts. The ACC also recently approved an energy efficiency measure that, for the first time ever, formally acknowledges utility companies' responsibility for helping communities rebuild their economies in the face of accelerated coal plant and mine retirements.

The timing could not be better for asserting Hopi demands as part of any decision-making process. Our people and tribal government have become dependent on revenues from our coal resources that the abrupt closures have significant impacts to our people and tribal government. I hope you will agree with me that the owners of NGS and Peabody Coal Company have a moral and financial obligation to assist our people transition away from a coal-based economy to a cleaner, more diversified economy. Our people deserve nothing less.

I would be happy to discuss this important matter with you in more detail if needed. I look forward to reading your comments in the proceedings.

Sincerely,  
Benjamin H. Nuvamsa  
Former Chairman – Hopi Tribe  
Village of Shungopavi/Bear Clan

## NOTICE: NEW ELECTION DATE FOR HOPI BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECEMBER 30, 2020 – ELECTION DAY

**CALL FOR CANDIDATES:** The new Hopi Education Code unifies all seven of Hopi's Tribally Controlled Schools into a single, comprehensive Hopi School System under the oversight of an independently elected Hopi Board of Education (HBE). The new HBE will have the authority and responsibility to oversee and set educational policy, fiscal management, and administrative services for Hopi's Tribally Controlled Schools.

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**HOPI BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP:**

- **Attendance Areas:** Seven members will be elected -- 1 from each of the 7 Hopi School Attendance Areas:

Moencopi Day School	Hotevilla Bacavi Community School
Hopi Day School	Second Mesa Day School
First Mesa Elementary School	Keams Canyon Elementary School
Hopi Junior Senior High School	

- **At-Large:** Two Hopi Tribal members will be elected at-large for the entire Hopi Reservation

**TERMS OF OFFICE:** Attendance Area members' initial Terms of Office will be 4 years and 2 years, staggered by random draw, followed by 4 year terms in later elections. At-Large members will begin with 4 year terms.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

7 Attendance Area Members Qualifications	2 At-Large Members Qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate's or higher degree in any field</li> <li>• 25 years of age or older</li> <li>• Hopi Tribal member preferred, but not required</li> <li>• Pass a background check</li> <li>• Not a member of the Hopi Tribal Council or a local school board (as of date of HBE swearing in)</li> <li>• Not a current employee or direct relative of an employee of Hopi's schools, pre-schools, or Dep't of Education (as of date of HBE swearing in)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's or higher degree in an education field</li> <li>• 25 years of age or older</li> <li>• Hopi Tribal member required</li> <li>• Pass a background check</li> <li>• Not a member of the Hopi Tribal Council or a local school board (as of date of HBE swearing in)</li> <li>• Not a current employee or direct relative of an employee of Hopi's schools, pre-schools, or Dep't of Education (as of date of HBE swearing in)</li> </ul>

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**Hopi Education Code and Hopi Board of Education questions:** Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa, Hopi Dep't of Education and Workforce Development, at 928-734-3501, and NSakiestewa@hopi.nsn.us.



National Election Day is Tuesday, **November 3, 2020**. In federal election years such as this one, Election Day is always the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

**December 30, 2020** is Election Day for the new Hopi Board of Education. The new Hopi Education Code unifies all seven Hopi Tribally controlled schools into a single, comprehensive Hopi School System, under the oversight of an independent elected Hopi Board of Education.

**VOTE**  
**Hopi Votes Matter**

## FREE WEBINAR

# Organizing, Managing, and Supervising Unresolved Child Homicides, Unidentified Human Remains, Long-Term Missing Cases and Cold Case Investigations November 5, 2020 | 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm EST

Examine proven methodologies associated with the management and supervision of those responsible for the investigation of unresolved child homicides, identification of unidentified human remains and the location of long-term missing persons.

Explore the critical administrative and supervisory strategies necessary for the resolution of these cases. Demonstrate the importance of a multidisciplinary approach using innovative methodologies and current forensic capabilities to achieve resolution on cases.

### Contact Information

[info@ncjtc.org](mailto:info@ncjtc.org) | [ncjtc.org](http://ncjtc.org)

(855) 866-2582

7:30 am- 4:30 pm CT (M- F)

*NO FEE webinar is approved by OJJDP*

## Hopi Coronavirus Relief Fund General Welfare Assistance Policies and Procedures (September 11, 2020)

### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To provide a general welfare program that will provide financial support awards to enrolled individual tribal members over 18 years of age and families directly affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Assistance provided under this program shall not be considered compensation for services or earned income.

In establishing this program, the Hopi Tribe recognizes that many of the COVID-19 response efforts have a direct impact on individual members and families of the Tribe, including, without limitation: social distancing requirements; reduced employment opportunities; reduced business income opportunities; increased cost of food and supplies; increased household costs and utilities; additional education and child care costs; burdens due to business and government service closures; the additional reliance on technology, phone and internet services; and the need for additional cleaning supplies and activities to meet CDC and other recommended guidelines. The Tribe further recognizes the direct impact and hardship on tribal culture, traditions and ceremonial gatherings.

This program is intended to promote the general welfare of the Tribe and its members by alleviating hardships endured due to COVID-19 through providing, without limitation:

- 1) Financial stabilization for tribal members and tribal families who are impacted by COVID-19 and have experienced or continue to experience a loss of income and/or additional household expenses due to COVID-19;
- 2) Food security during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 3) Continued education during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 4) Assistance with childcare services that are necessary due to COVID-19; and
- 5) Assistance with medical and health services that are necessary due to COVID-19; and
- 6) Assistance with unreimbursed, reasonable and necessary personal, living, family and other unplanned expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 disaster and public health emergency situation.

### II. STANDARDS

Enrolled Tribal Members seeking assistance under the Coronavirus Relief Fund General Welfare Assistance Program entitled: HOPI CARES shall apply on a form specified by the Tribal Administration that is designed to demonstrate the unique COVID-19-related needs of each applicant.

### III. QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for a general welfare assistance award, the person must:

- (1) Be an enrolled Hopi Tribal Member as of March 23, 2020;
- (2) Be at least 18 years of age as of the application date;
- (3) Live in the United States of America; and
- (4) Apply for assistance based on need specifically related to COVID-19, with the burden of proof to establish need warranting participation in the Coronavirus Relief Fund General Welfare Assistance Program resting on the applicant.

### IV. APPLICATION PROCESS

Each applicant shall provide the following information:

1. \* Date of Application;
  2. \* Name of Applicant;
  3. \* Primary Phone Number;
  4. Work Phone Number;
  5. \* Mailing Address;
  6. Email Address;
  7. \* Tribal Enrollment Number;
  8. If medical and/or healthcare related expenses, proof of health coverage, denial of payment;
  9. \* Documented proof of economic impact due to COVID-19.
- Asterisk indicates a required field.

### V. COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES PROGRAMS

(1) **TRIBAL FAMILIES SUPPORT.** Provides assistance to eligible tribal members to offset childcare, medical and health care costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also provides assistance to any eligible adult tribal member who has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for utility payments, food/groceries, and cleaning and disinfecting supplies.

(a) **Amount of Award** - each adult member of a household will receive \$2,000.00 for necessary household expenses as defined above that are incurred due to COVID-19.

(b) **Amount of Award**- each family will receive \$200.00 per child under eighteen years of age and \$200.00 per court ordered ward (regardless of age).

(2) **DISASTER STABILIZATION.** Provides assistance to eligible tribal members who have been laid off or furloughed, suffered loss of self-employment income or have reduced work hours and reduced wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Disaster stabilization assistance shall not be construed as payroll support. Disaster stabilization assistance will not be available if a tribal member's loss of income has been fully reimbursed by unemployment compensation.

a) **Amount of Award** - each tribal member will receive \$2,000.00 for disaster stabilization.

(b) Total amount of award to a single household under this section (2) shall not exceed \$3,000.00.

### VI. APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted to the Tribal Administration no later than November 13, 2020 or until funding has been exhausted, whichever comes first.

### VII. REPORTING

Applicants will be required to sign the application to certify the accuracy of the information provided. In the event that an applicant's COVID-19 related needs are less than the assistance received, applicants must return any excess funds to the Tribe. Applicants must retain all receipts related to expenditures as the Hopi Tribe reserves the right to audit and review program compliance. If a particular assistance award is structured as a reimbursement program, applicants must provide documentation of expenses prior to the receipt of any funds.

# U.S. EPA awards over \$45 million for environmental improvements on tribal lands in America's Pacific Southwest

News Release from Region 09  
10/21/2020

SAN FRANCISCO – Today is the final day of the three-week 28<sup>th</sup> annual EPA Pacific Southwest Tribal Conference. For the first time, the conference went completely virtual, bringing together hundreds of tribal stakeholders and key officials from government to network as well as to learn about and engage on important topics surrounding tribal environmental issues. To mark the conference's conclusion, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing nearly \$45 million in funding to tribes in the Pacific Southwest to invest in environmental protection programs and water infrastructure.

"EPA grants put resources into the hands of tribes to do the real work on the ground – protection of air quality and water quality, management of solid and hazardous waste, cleaning of lands, building capacity, and reaching communities through outreach and education," said EPA Pacific Southwest Regional Administrator John Busterud, addressing tribes in the region at the virtual conference.

EPA grants to tribes in the Pacific Southwest will support water quality monitoring, watershed protection and restoration, water and energy efficiency, and wastewater recycling and treatment. Tribes will also leverage EPA funding to support efforts that advance clean water and air and environmental protection of tribal lands.

EPA awards nearly \$17 million in funding to 20 tribes in Arizona

In Arizona, EPA is funding cleanup of open dumps, developing programs to monitor, protecting and improving air quality, and ensure public awareness of these efforts. Additional examples

of work being funded include: Navajo Nation will conduct environmental job training for former sawmill employees near Red Lake Chapter House.

White Mountain Apache Tribe will oversee asbestos abatement on several abandoned cabins around Hawley Lake to repurpose the popular recreational area for camping to generate additional revenue for the tribe.

**Hopi Tribe will leverage \$1.3 million in funding towards the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project, a new regional water system that will deliver arsenic compliant drinking water to four Hopi communities, serving 869 homes.**

EPA awards over \$4 million in funding to 16 tribes in Nevada

In Nevada, EPA funding will support reservation-wide recycling programs, pilot curbside recycling, and develop programs to monitor, protect and improve air quality while also building public awareness of these efforts. Additional examples of work being funded include:

The Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation are receiving technical assistance to assess an old day school building. This assistance will help facilitate the tribe's plan to renovate the building into tribal offices.

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California is receiving technical assistance to evaluate potential contamination at two properties in the Dresserville Community. The tribe's redevelopment plan includes developing a community resource center preserving and showcasing the culture of the tribe.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Water Quality Program will work with EPA and local partners to better understand and address factors that led to widespread beach closures at Pyramid Lake in 2020 after the detection of harmful algal blooms and cyanotoxins.

EPA awards nearly \$24 million in funding to 89 tribes in California

In California, EPA is providing \$1.3 million to assist the Indian Health Service to install emergency generators for seventeen tribes to power public water and wastewater treatment systems during power shutdowns. Tribes in California will also use EPA funding to develop programs to monitor, protect and improve air quality, and build public awareness of these efforts. Additional examples of work being funded include:

Pala Band of Mission Indians will expand their residential curbside Household Hazardous and Universal Waste (HHUW) pickup program, promote source reduction, and develop training and education materials for peer-to-peer training with other tribes.

Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians will develop a disaster resiliency plan and emergency operations training center to develop the capacity to respond to community environmental impacts following natural disasters.

Fort Bidwell Indian Community will conduct a waste characterization to evaluate the feasibility to build a transfer station tailored to the Community's waste stream and develop options to establish and fund a waste management system.

Virtual Conference Concludes Today

EPA hosted a three-week virtual conference starting October 6<sup>th</sup> to focus on a variety of tribal environmental issues. 620 registered participants attended and presented on sessions that included:

- Post-Fire Restoration on Washoe Land.
- Developing a Tribal Indoor Air Quality Program.
- Showcase of EPA's Greenhouse Gas Evaluation Tools for Organizations.
- Unidentified / Unregistered Public Water Systems in Indian Country.
- The History of Air Quality on the Gila River Indian Community.
- Tribal Drinking Water Team Updates.

For more information on the tribal conference, please visit: <https://www.tribalepa.com>.

November is Native American Heritage Month

EPA's Pacific Southwest Region encompasses more than half of all tribal lands in the United States and works on a government-to-government basis with 148 federally recognized tribes. EPA recognizes tribal governments as the primary parties for setting standards, making environmental policy decisions, and managing programs for reservations.

For more information, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/region-9-tribal-program>.

Learn more about the EPA's [Pacific Southwest Region](#). Connect with us

PREVENTION OF  
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DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)



**USE FACE MASK**



**CLEAN & DISINFECT**



**WASH YOUR HANDS  
FREQUENTLY**



**KEEP DISTANCE  
FROM OTHERS**



**AVOID TOUCHING  
EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH**



**STAY AT HOME  
WHEN YOU ARE SICK**

## Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest

### Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program

As we near the winter season, the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) has identified the need to continue and increase the opportunities to access the Hart/Drye Ranch, to harvest dead and down wood to heat their homes, during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Hopi WEMP implements the schedule below to allow our Hopi Tribal member's access to the Hart/Drye Ranch to obtain wood during the rest of the Fall/Winter 2020. Hopi Tribal members may make multiple trips during the four day event Hopi Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest.

**2020 Hart/Drye Wood Harvest Schedule:**

Dates	Hours of Operation
September 25th to 28 <sup>th</sup>	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
October 2nd to 5 <sup>th</sup>	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
October 23rd to 26th	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
November 13th to 16th	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
November 20th to 23rd	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
December 4th to 7th	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
December 11th to 14th.	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)

WEMP staff will be onsite to monitor and check-in vehicles and issue permits upon completion of wood harvest. WEMP staff will follow CDC guidelines and follow social distancing guidelines, and keep immediate interaction at a minimum. We will require individuals to wear a mask during the check-in and check-out process.

The scheduled dates will be open during times when **no** Arizona State General Hunts will occur to limit any potential conflicts. All Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest will be scheduled in-between the 2020 AZGFD General Hunt dates.

Any questions, please feel free to call WEMP staff at (928) 497-1012 or (928) 497-1014.