



Tkemlúps te Secwépeḿc

(Kamloops Indian Band)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

Chief and Council would like to be as open and transparent as possible to membership for the Funds that Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has provided to Tkemlúps. ISC allocated the funds based on factors such as population, remoteness and community wellness.

I will share a summary of what ISC provided for COVID-19 funding and what it covers:

- 1) **Emergency Management Assistance/Preparedness** – to carry out activities reasonably necessary to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds could be used for measures including, but not limited to support for Elders, food insecurity, educational and other support for children, financial assistance for those without work, mental health assistance and emergency response services.
- 2) **Income Assistance Special Needs** – to be administered in accordance with ISC's Income Assistance National Program Guidelines
- 3) **Emergency/Disaster Supplement** - provided to a family unit that is eligible for income assistance, disability assistance, medical services only or hardship assistance and for children in home of a relative.
- 4) **Emergency Management** - This is to provide some initial funds for immediate costs related to Emergency Operation Centers shipping of food or other necessities, continuation of essential services (e.g. that preserve life, health and basic societal functioning), social and cultural supports, and costs to meet the needs of vulnerable persons in isolation who are unable to access usual support networks.

The TteS Finance Department has established a COVID-19 financial budget which is being tracked for the accountability of any funds received and its disbursements as defined.

We wanted to clarify the monies that were distributed to membership from the funding received:

- \$200.00 per on and off reserve Band member over the age of 18 (approx. total of \$230,000)
- The announcement of \$300.00 by the Federal Government is a top of for people that are already on IA or disability.

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TteS Chief and Council are committed to creating every opportunity possible for membership with this funding information and how you may access it during this pandemic.

We are also committed to being accountable to you about our community's financial assets.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your Chief and Council for more information.

As always, the essential services staff and your Council are here to support you.

Please stay safe. Yecwests'utce= look after yourselves, your family and all of our Elders.

Kukwstép-kucw

Yours truly,
Tkémúlúps te Secwépemc

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On behalf of Council