



Confederated Tribes and Bands
of the Yakama Nation

Established by the
Treaty of June 9, 1855

To All Enrolled Yakama Nation Members:

On behalf of the Tribal Council and its Executive Committee, we write to share with you that we have authorized a distribution of \$500 to each enrolled Yakama Nation Member. This distribution represents the remaining unobligated funds the Yakama Nation received under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Recognizing the profound impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our community, we extend our deepest gratitude for the strength and resolve our Membership has demonstrated throughout these challenging times. While the scars of this pandemic may linger, our community's spirit remains unbroken. We honor with love those we have lost and continue to stand together, united in their memory. The financial hardships, job losses, and unforeseen expenses that have weighed heavily on our community serve as a reminder of the extraordinary challenges we have faced. Yet, through it all, our Membership has embodied an unwavering spirit, a testament to the indomitable strength of the Yakama people.

While cash distributions cannot erase the collective pain we have endured, we hope this \$500 distribution will provide some respite during the upcoming holiday season and the winter months ahead. As you utilize these funds, we encourage you to prioritize your needs, whether it be catching up on essential bills, securing firewood and fuel to keep your homes warm, ensuring access to nutritious meals, or addressing any unexpected expenses that have arisen. Let this distribution serve as a tangible reminder of the Tribal Council's devotion to our Membership as we continue our collective journey of healing and rebuilding on the path towards recovery from the pandemic.

On behalf of the Tribal Council, we extend heartfelt wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year. May the spirit of unity, compassion, and resilience continue to guide us as we step into 2024, a year filled with hope, healing, and renewed strength.

Respectfully,

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YAKAMA NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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