

COVID-19 Emergency Response Resources for Tribes in New Mexico and the Navajo Nation (as of 4/10/20)

Direct Support and Relief Organizations serving Native communities (in alphabetical order)

**denotes pending information*

1. [Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women](#) - is a Native-led nonprofit organization. Executive Director, Angel Charley (505-243-9199)
Mission: To stop violence against Native women and children by advocating for social change in our communities. The CSVANW takes ownership and responsibility for the future of Native women and children by providing support, education, and advocacy using our strengths, power and unity to create violence-free communities. They are focused on supporting victim advocates working in tribal communities and advocacy programs. They're trying to address pay differentials for advocates and providing more grassroots support, including hiring seamstresses to get masks to domestic violence first responders (e.g. social services, behavioral health workers). They're currently identifying the needs of their members related to Covid-19. These will determine how they seek and use other resources. So far, there hasn't been an increase in people going to shelters, but DV hotlines are seeing an increase. Police are trying to mitigate DV over the phone. Have 3 tribal DV shelters. Running into challenges working with some, not all, tribes.
2. Dine Community Advocacy Alliance (DCAA) - At DCAA, we are addressing the urgent need to address the reduction and elimination of risks and exposure of COVID-19 in and around the Navajo Nation, prioritizing the needs of First Responders, furthering assist and serving our Diné families and communities at this very critical time.

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DCAA History
A Strong Voice for the Diné Communities: DCAA formed in March 2012 as a response to the high rates of obesity, diabetes, and the complications of these health issues among children, youth, families, adults, and elders living in the Navajo communities.
Mission
DCAA is comprised of grassroots level community health advocates from various communities to raise awareness, inform, educate, and mobilize community members to combat obesity, diabetes, and other chronic health issues.
3. *Dine Centered Research and Evaluation**
4. *First Nations Health Resource Center**

5. [Healthy Native Communities Partnership](#) (HNCP) - WHAT WE DO: HNCP is a national non-profit organization that works with Native communities to realize their own vision of wellness. We support capacity building, leadership development, partnership, and networking from the wisdom and strengths of local communities. WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS? HNCP has a wide network of partners covering a broad geographic range – from Alaska to Maine, from Canada to Texas impacting reservation and urban Native communities. This network represents a powerful positive force for change. More than 300 Fellows are bringing all the voices in their communities together to plan and choose wise actions to move towards their own vision of wellness. More than 450 Just Move It partner programs are pushing back against the waves of chronic disease by getting thousands of indigenous people of all ages moving. More than 500 participants in Creating Community Circles for Change are sharing what works for wellness and linking together to support each other in Regional Wellness Networks. More than 300 Native Digital Storytellers are creating and sharing powerful authentic stories of strength, struggle, and resilience.
6. *HOPE**
7. [Indian Country Grassroots Support](#) - is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded and operated by retired Navajo Nation judges, peacemakers, lawyers, advocates, and law professors, serving Indian Country communities in Arizona and New Mexico in the Southwest United States. We provide support and information, including legal and development knowledge, resources, and tools for Indian Country individuals, families, and communities in navigating inter-related state, federal and tribal requirements, and understanding and accessing resources. The goal is for individuals and communities to reach solutions of their own based on traditional principles, with an emphasis on community empowerment and community-based biocultural diversity stewardship.
8. *Indigenous Goddess Gang**
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9. Indigenous Life Ways, Inc.
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It is our mission to restore health and balance for all people and for our environment by utilizing traditional knowledge and wisdom, respect-filled land-based practices, ceremonies, and a deep understanding of the dynamics and peoples of our communities.

Indigenous Life Ways (ILW) began as a collective action, culture-based organization in

1987 as the Southwest Indigenous Uranium Forum. In our 30 years we have worked with over 150 Tribal and convened a gathering of Indigenous people from Alaska, North America, Bolivia, Japan converged near Acoma Pueblo to discuss uranium developments and share knowledge, experiences, and strategies combating nuclear power worldwide. We continue our work to protect Sacred Indigenous Sites and our precious water. It is our mission to restore health and balance for all people and for our environment by utilizing traditional knowledge and wisdom, respect-filled land-based practices, ceremonies, and a deep understanding of the dynamics and peoples of our communities. For over 30 years, we have worked to revitalize and preserve our languages and traditions of our cultures of origin, engage in proactive response to climate adaptation, cultivate green pathways in our economic development, and build individual and community capacity from within, standing upon our traditional wisdom. We work to change systems that perpetuate environmental health disparities related to the impact of decades of environmental degradation by the mining industry, institutional racism and multi-generational trauma. We create and sustain collaborative partnerships across the Navajo Nation and create and support a vibrant, equitable community that respects and honors all individuals. We are well suited to take up this response because we are a strong community-based organization, skilled in grassroots organizing, with leadership comprised of the indigenous communities we served. We achieve our mission by building the capacity and empowering communities, organizations and individuals to impact equitable policy change. This starts with our participation in local, state and national voting, as well as promoting participation in the US Census.

Rapid Response Efforts: Indigenous Life Ways, Inc., is co-leading efforts to identify multigenerational households who are in great need of additional supplies due to adherence to social distancing and shelter in place protocols that the state of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation have established. In efforts to comply with these public health protocols, many Navajo elders are staying home, supporting households and caretaking for young children. The Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation is very limited in supplies, relying solely on 3 grocery stores and several gas stations for resources during this pandemic. Many of the materials have been exhausted and additional funding and travel to purchase items outside of our community are now necessary to ensure that vulnerable Navajo elders and multigenerational households have sufficient supplies to feed and care for their families while they continue to adhere to the shelter in place and social distancing recommendations.

Materials needed include food baskets, baby products, feminine hygiene products, general hygiene products, cleaning products, traditional (Navajo) medicine, materials for home heating, and water (hauling). Under the leadership of Indigenous Life Ways, a small team of volunteers from our *community partner organizations (McKinley Collaborative for Health Equity, McKinley Community Health Alliance, New Mexico First*

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Born, Somos Gallup, Strong Families, Navajo Nation CHR Program, New Mexico Legal Aid and NM Social Justice & Equity Institute) will identify a list of high-risk families within the Eastern Agency of Navajo Nation, and purchase items within 3 days of receiving funding. The team will then compile the materials into bundles and care packages within the first week of receiving funds. The team will then begin delivering materials to the Navajo Nation CHR staff and also work with the Gallup Community Pantry for distribution to the identified families. Indigenous Life Ways will track all supplies purchased and delivered to various families. A household survey will be conducted to document any additional needs families face.

List of Project Leadership, including Indigenous Affiliations
(Minimum 80% Indigenous Leadership)

1. Krystal Curley (Navajo), Executive Director, Indigenous Lifeways 2. Percy Anderson (Navajo), Board Member NM Social Justice 3. Chris Hudson (Navajo), Coordinator, McKinley Community Health Alliance 4. Anna Rondon (Navajo), Program Director, New Mexico Social Justice & Equity Institute 5. Bernette Pine, (Navajo), Program Supervisor, Navajo CHR Program, Crownpoint NM-24 Chapters 6. Mary Gaul (White), Doctoral Student at John Hopkins University, Volunteer/Intern

We are a highly organized group comprised of 7 long-standing nonprofit organizations in Northwest New Mexico that are directly serving indigenous peoples in both McKinley and San Juan counties during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Our equity-focused approach to grassroots organizing allows us to maintain strong relationships with our community members, and ensure that financial investments are maximized to support those most in need.

10. McKinley Collaborative for Health Equity/NM Social Justice and Equity Institute

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<http://nmhep.org/partners/mckinley-community-che/>

NMSJEI fiscal agent is [SINC Rio Grande Community Development Corporation](#).

Our Vision: All people in McKinley County have the right to live in a safe, healthy, and prosperous environment that honors health-in-all policies and leaves a legacy of responsible leadership grounded in equity.

Mission: Guided by community leaders we develop and mentor, through the collaborations we establish, we enact change by building capacity and empowering

individuals, communities and organizations to lead on and impact equitable policy change.

We provide guidance on racial equity in all aspects of our society by using health impact assessments that are rooted in community-based research.

Rapid Response Efforts: Our team created the **McKinley Mutual Aid** platform that has already begun planning supply hubs at Gallup Pantry, First Methodist Church, Hispanic community gathering center and Zuni Pueblo. We have raised so far \$18,600 and are ready to purchase supplies in Farmington and Albuquerque.

Percy Anderson, Navajo and serves on various boards, is coordinating with the 20 Chapters in McKinley County through setting up conference calls and reports to our MMA volunteers.

We are collaborating with NM First and assisting with connecting the communities with funders. Our goal is to move beyond the current crisis and help in meeting the needs of the families impacted by health disparities and discrimination.

Our partners: Navajo Nation CHR Program, Navajo Nation Senior Citizen Program, Gallup Community Pantry, SW Indian Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 7th Generation Fund, Santa Fe Mutual Aid, McKinley Health Alliance Council-150 organizations, NM Legal Aid and First Born.

11. *Native Leaders Collective of Albuquerque (NLC)**

12. [Native Health Initiative](#)

Vision: The Native Health Initiative (NHI) is achieving health equity through Loving Service (the human-to-human element of wanting to serve others) with Indigenous Communities. Mission: NHI is a community-driven partnership working toward health equity through Loving Service. We value the Indigenous wisdom and knowledge of our communities. NHI Goals:

Increasing the education of health professions students about health equity, about health inequities in American Indian communities and in U.S. society, and doing so within an interdisciplinary, holistic model of health,

To create tribe-directed sustainable health projects,

To foster cultural exchange and sincere, loving interactions between all involved in the “NHI Family”; and Empower youth toward healthy living, becoming health leaders in their communities, and toward health careers.

13. *Navajo Dig Deep**

14. *Navajo United Way**

15. [New Mexico Health Equity Partnerships](#) - NMHEP, an initiative at the Santa Fe Community Foundation, focuses on building an infrastructure of community-based leadership that has the capacity and knowledge to change systems and address issues that make it possible for every New Mexican to have an opportunity to live a healthy life. New Mexico needs residents actively involved and invested in making a difference, and it needs a strong set of community-based organizations that are effective and are a galvanizing force that is able to inform decision makers. HEP is building the foundation to make this possible. To date, 9 policies have been influenced.
16. *Pueblo Action Alliance**
17. [Poeh Cultural Center](#) - Karl Duncan is their point of contact (kduncan@pojoaque.org, 505-803-0212). They have a database of over 200 local Native artists that have participated in their classes. They created an online marketplace and created a Facebook group of over 600 people to help Native artists to sell their work online since current markets have been disrupted by Covid-19. They're also providing technical assistance and training to artists to sell online, including creating videos. They're partnering with the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Arts to provide support to artists.
18. *Red Nation**
19. *Red Willow Farms**
20. *San Juan Collaborative for Health Equity**
21. *Tewa Women United**
22. Zowie banteah-yuselew and Kelli [go fund me for Zuni Pueblo](#)
23. [Zuni Youth Enrichment Project](#) - A native-controlled 501c3 organization. ZYEP believes that children are "at-promise" instead of "at risk." By providing children and youth with engaging activities, opportunities to build their self-esteem, and positive role models, we know they will have a brighter future and make positive decisions. They do not have an emergency fund right now, but they are dispersing wellness kits to the community every other week with nutritious snacks, physical activity items, wellness activities, etc.

Existing organizations (nonprofit, grassroots and academic institutions) that have developed funds and are currently deploying resources (in alphabetical order)

[Community Outreach and Patient Empowerment \(COPE\) Project](#) is uniquely positioned to contribute to the immediate and long-term response to [COVID-19](#). Our approach of working alongside tribal leaders, our close connections to leading COVID-19 responders, and our strong relationships within the communities where we work, enable us to effectively mobilize high-impact programs to help measure the spread of the virus and ensure social support for affected families and communities. COPE is working in the following areas:

SHELTER: On-call support at community-led respiratory shelter at Gallup's El Rancho Hotel for patients with possible COVID cases and coordination with medical providers. In-person staffing

of St. Joseph's Homeless Shelter in Gallup, a volunteer-run resource for those without respiratory symptoms.

SUPPLIES: Providers: We are working with Navajo leadership and local health systems to address gaps in medical protective gear such as masks, gloves, gowns and hand sanitizer. **Families:** By delivering food, water and essential goods such as livestock feed to quarantined communities on Navajo Nation, we are providing relief and help to limit community spread of COVID-19.

CARE: The COPE team's medical and licensed behavioral health support providers are seeing vulnerable patients; on a systems-level, we are arranging to increase clinical capacity with emergency staffing in order to meet the surge in cases. COPE is working on equipping healthcare workers with technology to conduct contact tracing, improve clinic-patient communication, and facilitate telehealth visits.

OUTREACH: Our communications team is developing accurate, culturally informed, clear and consistent information on COVID prevention and response.

[Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health](#) (JHUCAIH) has an emergency COVID-19 response fund which works directly with Indian Health Service to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). JHUCAIH has partnered with the Partnerships for Native America to create relief boxes of resources for community members. JHUCAIH is using the funds to:

Food/Supply Deliveries - As rural tribal communities grapple with COVID-19, our team is working to help contain the virus, protect families from infection, and get urgently needed food, cleaning supplies, and other materials to families in need. Our workforce of more than 200 people are now delivering food, water and other supplies to families in need through our community health worker model. Our mobile food truck has also been repurposed for delivering supplies.

Face Mask and Shield Production - We have hired a team of community members to make face masks for local clinics and hospitals that are experiencing shortages. Supplies were also purchased to make 2,000 face shields for our field sites in Whiteriver, Chinle, and Tuba City, AZ and Shiprock, New Mexico.

[Navajo & Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief](#) is a gofund me campaign created by former Navajo Nation Attorney General, Ethel Branch, to help make direct purchases, or reimbursement of purchases by volunteers, of bulk food and medical items, and other purchases made on behalf of our beneficiaries, such as water, food from supermarkets, PPE, and other items necessary to keep our beneficiaries socially distanced (such as food for pets and livestock). The Navajo Hopi Covid relief (led by and for Navajo and Hopi people) is forming a nonprofit to manage this work and expend funds from the Go Fund Me account. Initial withdrawals will be deposited with their nonprofit's fiscal sponsor, Rural Utah Project, which has done work on the Navajo Nation in Utah with respect to voter registration, get out the vote, and a rural addressing project.

The fund has raised almost \$300K so far (4/3/20). Community members can request resources through their online form or directly by calling:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMcnYWc7ucAXYU9LGND99bpxBjYZGsSh3H-pUHZVybZwFpHg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3T774mFkUdb_I8Tq5xwmPTI5bo8MZq8GItoO8vN2Y7mAhr2ldIH3Q6-fk

[Partnership for Native America](#) - Partnership With Native Americans is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to championing hope for a brighter future for Native Americans living on remote, isolated and impoverished reservations. Collaborating for nearly 30 years with our reservation partners, we provide consistent aid and services for Native Americans with the highest need in the U.S.

Much of our work centers around material aid, educational support and community-based services. PWNA also connects outside resources directly to reservations through its distribution network and reservation partnerships. We care about quality of life for Native Americans and respect their self-determined goals for their tribes.

The only Native-serving charity to work in hundreds of reservation communities year-round, our [service area](#) is concentrated in 9 priority states and encompasses Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Navajo and other high-need reservations. Scholarships are offered nationwide to eligible Native students.

PWNA is responding daily to a high volume of requests from our reservation partners, who are requesting food, water, toilet paper, sanitizer and other essentials to weather the coronavirus pandemic.

Given recent legislation, the Navajo Nation is creating their own donation fund. This fund will be organized by the Navajo Nation Health Command Center, I believe. I am waiting on details for this fund....

Philanthropy developed emergency funds available to tribes and/or nonprofit organizations serving Native communities.

[All Together New Mexico Fund:](#)

The All Together NM Fund will be used to address immediate needs and offer long-term support for the recovery work that lies ahead. Pledges of more than \$1.1 million from Ian and Sonnet McKinnon; Intel; Pattern Energy; Blattner Energy; and Tri State Generation and Transmission Association will seed the fund, which will be administered by the Santa Fe Community Foundation. The New Mexico Coalition of Community Foundations spearheaded the idea and will coordinate the fund. Its member organizations – the Albuquerque Community Foundation, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, the Santa Fe Community Foundation and the Taos Community Foundation – will work with the larger philanthropic community across New

Mexico; they will also consult with the State of New Mexico to determine the most urgent needs to be addressed through grantmaking.

The All Together NM Fund will provide a phased response to the pandemic. First, it will address immediate needs in New Mexico communities, including:

- Procurement of food and medical and cleaning supplies for at-risk communities
- Support for childcare workers who are supporting our front-line employees
- Grants to address income insecurity among smaller businesses and employees affected by COVID-19 disruptions

Later, the grantmaking process will shift to address income insecurity among affected workers and businesses and to fill gaps left by the government response. Finally, when the time comes, the fund will support recovery efforts.

<https://santa-fe-community-foundation.snowbll.com/all-together-nm-fund#action>

[First Nations Development Institute \(First Nations\)](#)

First Nations has initiated a Rapid Response Fund to support Native communities and the impact from COVID-19. Our first step in this process is identifying the priorities with Tribal Nations and communities. In the meantime, we believe our immediate role is ensuring that philanthropic efforts reach Indian country constituents. In addition, through our long standing history and capacity as a grant maker we can work with communities and partners to deliver donated funds for much needed services and resources. If a community is in need of managing and/or accepting donated funds, First Nations is available to assist. If people would like to donate they can go to www.firstnations.org and click on the DONATE button. As they are donating, they can include comments and designate the donation as COVID-19 for Indian Country.

[Santa Fe Community Foundation](#)

The Santa Fe Community Foundation has established the COVID-19 Response Fund to address the critical gaps in services during the unprecedented Corona Virus pandemic. The COVID-19 Response Fund will support a diverse array of needs during the crises. At the outset, we will be prioritizing support for nonprofits focusing on health/wellbeing and food insecurity. As more funding becomes available, we will consider making support available to nonprofits providing other kinds of services.

- Organizations must hold 501c3 nonprofit status from the IRS (or have a fiscal sponsor), or be a federally-recognized tribe
- Organizations should be operating Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, and/or Mora Counties.
- Organizations may only submit one application to the COVID-19 Response Fund until further notice
- Grants will range from \$500 - \$5,000
- This application will be considered separate from any other grant application submitted to the Santa Fe Community Foundation in 2020. No information provided in this request

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will influence any additional funding decisions we may be considering from your organization this year.

- Applications may be submitted on a rolling basis. We will do our best to respond within a week of your submission if grant funding is available. Requests not immediately funded will continue to be considered depending on available funding.
- All funding will be unrestricted.

Applicants will receive notice of having received the request and we will review applications on a rolling basis. Site to [request](#). For questions regarding the COVID-19 Response Fund, contact foundation@santafecf.org

[Taos Community Foundation](#): Provides flexible resources to complement the work of public health officials and local government and expand the community's capacity to address all aspects of outreach as efficiently as possible. Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations or those with a fiscal sponsor that are located to serve the people of Taos and western Colfax Counties. Amount: Not provided.

[The Albuquerque Community Foundation/United Way of Central NM Emergency Action Fund](#) will accept requests for short-term funding to support operations of nonprofit organizations located in the Greater Albuquerque Area beginning now with an accelerated response time within ten days. All grants are unrestricted and will range from \$500 -\$5000. Additional funding criteria is available on the website.

[McCune Foundation](#) - The McCune Foundation has a limited amount of emergency funding available, **prioritizing support of collaborative efforts** that provide relief to communities suffering pronounced impacts from the COVID-19 crisis, as well as projects that will accelerate recovery after this crisis subsides. To make an emergency funding request, please send an email detailing the collaborative effort to discretionary@nmmccune.org. Grants can be awarded to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, federally-recognized Indian tribes, public schools, and governmental agencies. Grants cannot be made to individuals.

A new fund established by the New Mexico Coalition of Community Foundations to help New Mexico respond to and eventually recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The All Together NM Fund will be used to address immediate needs and offer long-term support for the recovery work that lies ahead. View the press release here: [Response Fund Release](#).

[Notah Begay III Foundation](#) - In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the NB3 Foundation has created a COVID-19 Response Fund. This donor driven fund will support two primary areas within Native American communities:

- Access to nutritional food and clean water.
- Access to education opportunities and youth development.

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Over the next several weeks, this COVID-19 Response Fund will directly support families and children living within the Navajo Nation, New Mexico and tribes in South Dakota. The key is “directly”. Your funds will not go to overhead, bureaucracies or middlemen. We will identify on-the-ground needs and directly support these areas. Every cent given will help families in need. Let’s come together and beat this pandemic by providing critical resources directly to our tribal relatives living in many of the most vulnerable places in the country:

To date we’ve raised \$30,000! Help us reach our goal of raising \$75,000 to help bring relief to Native communities in need. “Please join me and the NB3 Foundation in raising funds that will directly support our youth, elders and families in need. We must come together and have the faith that we will survive.” - Notah Begay III

Donate [Here](#).

Not accepting any proposals or requests for funds NOTE: NB3F has already begun some giving. (Shiprock area) We are utilizing a variety of approaches, including community partners, existing on-the-ground efforts, some direct grants, and some direct action work.

[New Mexico Foundation](#) has an emergency fund called the Vecino Neighbor Helping Neighbor fund set up to provide resources and funding to Native communities and Rural communities. We are doing this in two phases; phase 1 will focus on food and water needs and phase 2 (to start in late summer/fall) will focus on these same needs and basic needs/supplies. And we are accepting donations for this fund.

Currently, we also have two Fiscal Sponsored organizations that are also supporting Native communities. [Santa Fe Indian Center](#) is providing groceries and is seeking donations for their efforts. I believe they started the grocery distribution in Santa Fe and surrounding pueblos. Caren Gala is the Director for the Santa Fe Indian Center. We also have the *Free Indian Market directed by Greg Schaaf* that has connected directly with Pueblo Governors to provide emergency supplies such as masks, Clorox wipes, disinfectants, etc. I think they are looking to support Native artists too. Greg is also accepting donations. Donations for both organizations can be done online via our foundation website. NMF Main Contact: JoAnn Melchor | President and CEO

Not in New Mexico but an incredible Native-led organization:

[The Hopi Foundation](#) hosts the ability to receive donations and grant funds to support local emergency needs of the Hopi community such as COVID-19 pandemic response efforts.

Purpose/Scope: The Hopi Foundation Emergency Assistance Fund offers aid to local villages, organizations and individuals with the intent to serve and distribute supplies and resources to a group in most critical need such as low-income, elders, single-parents, or disabled, with little or no access to transportation in areas of:

- Home-heating fuel shortage;
- Natural disaster relief for access to safe shelter, food, and clean, potable water; and
- Public health and safety in the event of disease outbreak, contamination, etc.

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For more information on how these funds will be distributed please visit our website at www.hopifoundation.org.

Organizations Providing Support and Coordination to New Mexico Tribes

[Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center \(AASTEC\)](#) can provide technical assistance to the 27 Tribes, Bands, Pueblos, and Nation in the Albuquerque IHS as follows:

- Provide printed/electronic copies of COVID1-19 educational materials
- Assist with tailoring materials, webinars, videoconferencing, reviewing materials
- Participate in local community response meetings
- Assist with developing and implementing local surveillance tools
- Assist with contact tracing or conducting a community survey (Contact tracing is the process of identify persons who may have come into contact with an infected person and subsequent collection of further information about these contacts) Here is a link to COVID-19 information and to request assistance at their website: <https://www.aastec.net/services-programs/public-health-alerts/#coronavirus>.

[New Mexico Indian Affairs Department](#)

The Commission on Indian Affairs was created by statute in 1953 by the New Mexico State Legislature. The statute established a state agency, the Office of Indian Affairs (OIA), which would serve as a vehicle between New Mexico's governor, legislature, and the state's separate and distinct tribal groups. Former Governor Bill Richardson signed Executive Order No. 2003-022 on June 20, 2003, elevating the OIA to the Indian Affairs Department (IAD), a cabinet-level department.

Vision: Our vision is that tribal nations, tribal communities and Indigenous people are happy, healthy and prosperous and that traditional ways of life are honored, valued and respected.

Mission: Advocating for tribal interests at state and federal levels through policy and legislative work; Supporting tribes with access to resources, technical assistance and funding opportunities; and Connecting tribes with the executive branch, other tribes and with the tools and resources they need to be self-governing and self-sufficient.

New Mexico State Resources for Tribes. Please see the recent Tribal Response Plan COVID-19 developed by the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department for additional information and contact information.

[All Pueblo Council of Governors](#)

Mission: To advocate, foster, protect and encourage the social, cultural, and traditional well-being of our Pueblo Nations. Through our inherent and sovereign rights, we will promote language, health, economic and educational advancement of all Pueblo people.

AIPC, Inc. was incorporated in 1970 to secure federal funds for education and economic development programs. Although it accomplished the goals of self-determination it faced many

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organizational challenges. By the 1980's AIPC, Inc. had evolved into a complex corporate organization, managing multiple social and economic programs, in addition to managing millions of dollars. Getting off course from its original governance role as a collective advocator for Pueblo issues resulted in fragmented advocacy, leadership challenges, and financial mismanagement. This led to dissolving AIPC, Inc. in 1988. It later re-established itself as a non-profit organization. As a result of external forces and internal triggers, in 2013 the Governors from the 20 represented Pueblos took action to dissolve the AIPC, Inc. non-profit organization. The APCG was formed to continue with the core structure, purpose and values of the original AIPC set forth by our forefathers.

[Native American Budget and Policy Institute](#)

The Native American Budget and Policy Institute empowers Native American communities to improve their health, education and economic well-being. The NABPI will conduct research, budget and policy analysis, social justice advocacy, litigation and community lawyering to encourage Native American communities to create self-determined and systematic change. The NABPI seeks to forge a collaborative pathway to racial equity in New Mexico and across the nation. By working in cooperation with Native American scholars at UNM, graduates of the Pueblo Indian Doctoral Program and tribal elders, the Institute will coordinate research activity across the state to improve public policy decisions at all levels of government through a Native American lens. The Institute will work in cooperation with the Leadership Institute at the Santa Fe Indian School and utilize the resources available at UNM as well as the expertise of the RWJF Center for Health Policy and the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty. It will also engage and mentor young Native American researchers and students in a variety of projects.