FCPC BUSINESS INTERRUPTION PROGRAM

PROGRAM

The purpose of the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC) Business Interruption program is to assist those businesses operating on FCPC Tribal lands with the costs of business interruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVERAGE

The Business Interruption program may provide businesses operating on Tribal lands with reimbursements for operating expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including closures, partial closures, damages, or workforce reductions.

- The costs must be incurred after March 1, 2020 and be caused by an impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The suspension of operations, partial suspension of operations, damages, or workforce reductions must be caused by order of the Tribe's Executive Council, or when impacted indirectly by order of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROGRAM

For a business to qualify for the program, the business must meet certain eligibility requirements for reimbursement.

- The business' physical premises must be located on Tribal lands owned by the Forest County Potawatomi Community.
 - Premises is defined as buildings or other real property.
 - For purposes of the grant program, personal property on Tribal lands does not constitute a physical presence (e.g. slot machines under a rental agreement).
- The business must be registered as a sales/use tax reporting entity with the Forest County Potawatomi Tax Commission.
 - Business enterprises must provide their applicable BTR Tax Account number as provided by the Tax Commission

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

Expenses During Suspension - The program provides reimbursement of covered expenditures incurred by a business enterprise during the suspension of operations. Covered expenses include:

- Payroll costs incurred following closure, including applicable payroll taxes and unemployment benefits;
- Costs related to the continuation of group health care benefits during periods of paid sick, medical, or family leave, and insurance premiums;
- rent payments;
- utility payments;
- interest payments on any debt obligations that were incurred before February 15, 2020

<u>Expenses Incurred to Restart Operations Following Suspension/Partial Suspension/Reduction in Workforce</u> - The program may also provide reimbursement of covered expenses incurred by a business enterprise during the suspension of operations to prepare the premises for reopening. Covered expenses include:

- Cost of disinfectants used to clean premises;
- Independent contractors hired to clean and sanitize premises;
- Masks and other personal protection equipment for employees;
- Masks and other personal protection equipment for customers, if provided free of charge;
- Costs incurred to create social distancing, including costs to expand personal space for customers and employees, or provide protection for customers and employees such as shields.

<u>Reimbursement</u> - Reimbursement will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and expenditures incurred cannot be lavish or extravagant.

- Expenditures in excess of \$10,000 may require evidence 3 quotes were obtained.
- Vendors or independent contractors must not be disbarred or ineligible for payment under Federal procurement guidelines.
- Expenditures must meet the guidelines provided in the CARES Act and corresponding guidance from the US Treasury.

FUNDING

Funding will be provided by the Tribe as it becomes available under the CARES Act. Reimbursements may be limited by the Tribe to provide reimbursement to as many businesses as possible. Allocation of funds will be at the sole discretion of the Forest County Potawatomi Community Executive Council.

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