

Food and Nutrition
Service

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SUBJECT: Extension Approval of Disaster Household Distribution in Response to the National Emergency Declaration Due to COVID-19

TO: Jesus Mendoza
Regional Administrator
Western Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to the Quinault Indian Nation's request to extend its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution beyond its initial approved end date of May 6, 2020. This request is in response to food assistance needs resulting from the COVID-19 National Emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020.

Quinault Indian Nation requested that USDA extend its initial approval to use USDA Foods from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for disaster household distribution. Quinault Indian Nation is approved to continue the utilization of the same distribution methods to provide food assistance for a cumulative total, not to exceed 200 individuals, over the course of the 30-day approval period.

An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning May 19, 2020 through June 17, 2020. Quinault Indian Nation is authorized to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. Quinault Indian Nation must also follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in the original approval letter dated April 2, 2020, to include but not limited to weekly reporting of:

- 1) the amount of FDPIR inventory used for disaster household distributions, and
- 2) the number of persons served under the disaster household distribution.

Should Quinault Indian Nation need additional assistance, other resources may be available through FEMA, <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/04/12/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-purchase-and-distribution-food-eligible-public>, and through other USDA programs such as USDA Farmers to Families, <https://www.ams.usda.gov/publications/content/farmers-families-food-box-program-faqs>.

Please have Quinault Indian Nation contact the FNS Western Regional Office for more information should they have any questions regarding this approval.



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