

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  
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This memorandum is in response to the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington's (STOWW) 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 April 30, 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.

STOWW requested that USDA extend its initial approval to use USDA Foods from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for disaster household distribution. STOWW is approved to continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance to a cumulative total of 1,800 individuals over the course of the 30-day approval period.

**An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning May 8, 2020 through June 6, 2020.** STOWW is authorized to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. STOWW must also follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated April 10, 2020.

Should STOWW 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 other USDA programs such as Farmer's Feed Families, <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food-to-usda/farmers-to-families-food-box>.



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