

Cash Assistance Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

How to Access Assistance and Avoid Predatory Scams

What is the CARES Act?

The **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)**, provides critical financial assistance, unemployment assistance, small business relief and funding for health care that will benefit tribal communities.

- The CARES Act will provide direct cash assistance to individuals of \$1,200 per person, if you earn below \$75,000.
- \$1,200 per person if you are married and earn under \$150,000.
- An additional \$500 dollars per child will be added to your payment.
- An additional \$600 dollars increase of unemployment insurance benefits, will also become available in the next few weeks.
 - The [New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions](#) will have the most up-to-date information.

The **ONLY** legitimate website to access funding and funding information is:
irs.gov/coronavirus

How to Access Assistance

You only need to set up an account **IF YOU DID NOT** give the IRS your bank information on your 2018 or 2019 tax return, **OR** if you do not already receive Social Security or Railroad Retiree Benefits.

IF YOU DID NOT give the IRS your bank information on your 2018-2019 tax return form you will need set up direct deposit of your check, **COMMUNICATE ONLY WITH THE IRS** at irs.gov/coronavirus



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Beware of Predatory Scams

Beware of scammers who will be taking advantage of the situation, including calling and asking for banking information.

Remember:

- You do not need to do anything to get your check.
- If you are asked to “Sign-up” to get your check, it is a scam.
- If anyone asks you to share your banking information, it is a scam.
- If anyone offers to receive your check on your behalf it is a scam.
- There is no early access to this money, any claims to provide your money “fast” or “immediately” is a scam.

