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

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.