

Collaboration Brings Nearly \$900k of Pandemic-Related Supplies to Tribal Nations

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Snohomish, WA – The National Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) is managing the distribution of nearly \$900,000 worth of pandemic-related supplies, which have been donated by AT&T, to support Tribal Nations across the country impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. NTEMC will manage the distribution of the supplies, including facial coverings, gloves, disinfectant and hand sanitizer, to up to 70 Tribal Nations across the United States.

“The generous donation of supplies is a gamechanger,” said Lynda Zambrano, Executive Director of NTEMC. “The COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating for tribal communities. Tribal emergency managers appreciate that AT&T has stepped up as a partner during this public health crisis. Additionally, many of our member tribes have benefited from FirstNet connectivity at their COVID-19 testing sites and other critical locations.”

The recent donation – valued at \$895,000 worth of pandemic-related supplies – will enable the distribution of critically needed supplies to Tribal Nations across the county. In coordination with AT&T, NTEMC worked with member tribes to distribute supplies directly to Blackfeet Nation (MT), Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (ND/SD), Northern Cheyenne Nation (MT), Crow Indian Nation (MT), Blue Lake Rancheria (CA), Tachi Yokut Tribe (CA), Las Vegas Paiute Tribe (NV), Saint Regis Mohawk Nation (NY), Seneca Nation (NY), Nez Perce Tribe (ID), Santa Clara Pueblo (NM), and Oneida Nation (WI). Additionally, AT&T sent a large shipment of supplies to a logistics center in Monroe, WA where NTEMC staff will package and distribute the supplies to dozens of additional Tribal Nations, including Alaska Native villages.

“AT&T recognizes the devastating impact the pandemic has had in tribal communities across our country. We are committed to working alongside the National Tribal Emergency Management Council to support tribal communities during this public health emergency,” said Bob Bass, AT&T External Affairs President for the Washington State. “Whether through providing public safety with advanced FirstNet solutions or donating equipment and supplies to help slow the spread of COVID-19, we want to ensure tribal first responders and health workers can continue to carry out their important mission to help keep their communities safe.”

“Seeing the impact the supplies are making for the Tribes, Farmer Frog is honored to be part of the team. The collaboration that has been born of COVID-19 to combat the pandemic has been absolutely unexpected, but most welcome,” said Zsofia Pasztor, Executive Director of Farmer Frog. “With the help of partner AT&T, we have been able to expand our reach and impact to communities across the entire nation. We are now serving more BIPOC, Indigenous and under-served communities, making these partnerships a historic and monumental effort.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, NTEMC, working in partnership with Farmer Frog, has managed several grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Washington State Department of Health that have allowed NTEMC staff to provide food and aid to Tribal Nations affected by the coronavirus pandemic. NTEMC is also translating COVID-19 safety messaging into the Indigenous languages of several Tribal Nations, as well as other minority communities being served by the group. NTEMC has been heavily engaged in delivering food and medical supplies to Tribal Nations across 34 states.

Learn more about how NTEMC is using FirstNet connectivity to support the organization’s communication and coordination during the COVID-19 pandemic:

https://about.att.com/story/2020/fn_national_tribal_emergency_management_council.html

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