



# Okanagan Indian Band

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## MEMBER BULLETIN

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### Information regarding COVID-19 funding for Membership

OKIB Administration has been carefully preparing a budget for Council and membership in light of the COVID-19 funding from Indigenous Services Canada. In the very beginning, staff put forth an interim budget of \$350,000 to be spent on increasing our complement of health services staff to deal with the pandemic and to ensure food security in the community. Many of you have likely read that initial budget and wondered rightly, about the rest of the funding.

Below is a budget that Council has approved which goes into much more detail of where the funds will be spent. We've included an initial payment from ISC that was from the 2019-2020 funding year in the amount of \$124,755 and of course the larger payment of \$1,967,177.

Some key highlights from this budget include:

- **Each Band member will receive a payment of \$100.** These payments will be made by May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 and will be delivered through either direct deposit or a cheque being mailed out. If you don't have current address information with our finance department, please reach out to [martie.louis@okanagan.org](mailto:martie.louis@okanagan.org).
- **Each student member is eligible to receive up to \$200** to cover educational items. Details of this have been released and inquiries can be made to the Education Department ([peggy.joe@okanagan.org](mailto:peggy.joe@okanagan.org))
- **Any elders who need assistance will receive a heating subsidy in the winter of 2020-21.**
- **Monthly food hampers for member households will continue.**
- **Community Gardens are being created to increase food security for members on reserve.**
- **Security measures to help elders and members stay free from COVID-19 transmission.**

On top of all these expenditures, OKIB has made the prudent decision to hold back a contingency reserve of almost \$600,000. This will allow the community to weather whatever comes from the pandemic over the next 12 months.

<b>OKIB COVID-19 Funding Budget March 17/20 to March 31/21</b>		
<b>ISC funding 2019-20 year</b>		124,755
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Social Development	Social Assistance - Special Needs	40,723
Administration	Communications Consultant - Geoghegan	2,500
Multi Department	Extra wages	24,030
Health	Supplies Health Dept	6,450
Multi Department	Work from home - Extra cell phones	685
Multi Department	Work from home - Office equipment	11,350
Health	Food distributed	8,020
	<b>Remaining unspent carry forward to 2020-21</b>	<b>30,997</b>
<b>ISC funding 2020-21 year</b>		1,967,177
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Social Development	Social Assistance - Special Needs	140,000
Health	6 Month Projection of 1-Nurse Practitioner, 2-LPN Nurses, 4-Home Care Aides, Part Time Admin Support	250,000
Health	Food Hampers	200,000
Health	Community Garden	75,000
Health	PPE Supplies	25,000
Health	Mental Health	25,000
Health	Elders Heating Program for those in need (on and off reserve)	180,000
Education	Educational Support Subsidy (on and off reserve)	75,000
Education	Laptops/technology for remote learning	75,000
Administration	Bylaw Implementation and Enforcement/Security	75,000

Multi Department	Extra computer technician \$7,500, 6 month projection of work from home items: office equipment \$5,020, extra cell phone costs \$5,480, home internet \$22,000	40,000
Administration	Band Member Support Distribution (on and off reserve) \$100 per Band Member	200,000
Fire Department	Generator for Emergency Operations	40,000
<b>Contingency</b>		
	<b>Including unspent carry forward from 2019-20</b>	<b>598,174</b>