

Association of Village Council Presidents Press Release

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Majority of AVCP Member Tribes Submit Information for Coronavirus Relief Fund Payments through the U.S. Department of Treasury Portal

Bethel – 55 of 56 member tribes of the [Association of Village Council Presidents](#) (AVCP), have successfully submitted information to receive critical Coronavirus relief fund payments through the [U.S. Department of Treasury](#) website, as of March 17, 2020.

This funding was made available through the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act](#) (CARES Act) Coronavirus Relief Fund. The CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. \$8 billion of these funds were dedicated to tribal governments with eligible expenses through the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the Department of the Interior. The Department of Treasury and Department of Interior held consultations with tribal governments in the last two weeks.

The AVCP Tribal Services Department contacted AVCP member tribes to offer technical assistance in facilitating the submission process. To date, 53 of 55 tribes submitted their information through the Department of Treasury portal and received written confirmation. Two tribes have verbally confirmed successful submissions. One tribe is inactive at this time.

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For additional information, please contact AVCP Director of Communications, Azara Mohammadi, at 907-543-7317 or email at azaram@avcp.org.

AVCP is a regional nonprofit tribal consortium comprised of the 56 federally recognized tribes of the YK Delta. The geographic boundaries of AVCP extend from the Yukon River Village of Russian Mission downstream to the Bering Sea coast, north up through Kotlik and south along the coastline to Platinum and then extending up the Kuskokwim River to Stony River, including Lime Village on the Stony River tributary. The area encompasses approximately 6.5 million acres, or 55,000 square miles, in Western Alaska.