

General Welfare Payment Program Fact Sheet  
September 3, 2025

- Recently, Tribal Council approved the final adoption of the General Welfare Assistance and Supplemental General Assistance Programs Ordinance and amended the Tribe's Tribal Debt Collection Ordinance.
- These recent changes will allow the Tribe to make needs-based payments to Tribal Members under a newly established General Welfare Assistance Payment Program.
- These General Welfare Assistance payments will be made to all eligible Tribal Members on a quarterly basis beginning in September 2025 (after final adoption of the ordinance and ordinance amendments become effective).
- General Welfare payments are non-taxable payments that will be made to all eligible members to help maintain their health, well-being, independence and quality of life.
- For the last several years, our Tribal members have all had to deal with inflation, economic uncertainty and rapidly rising prices. This has only increased their need for assistance with rent, mortgage, transportation, utilities, child-care, and basic living expenses. This program is critical for all members.
- Because all of our members are facing the same rising prices and economic hardships, we believe everyone is eligible for this new program.
- Everyone's General Welfare Assistance payment will be the same amount.
- We anticipate the payment amounts to be similar to other quarterly payments members have received through other mechanisms.
- Minor children will also be receiving General Welfare Assistance payments, and all payments will be deposited into a new sub account for the minor(s).
- For those members receiving SSI, this new General Welfare Assistance Payment Program will allow the Tribe to make assistance payments that are not subject to federal income tax and that will not reduce other SSI payment(s).
- Because this is a needs-based program, Tribal members will not be able to deposit these payments into Adult Savings accounts.

- Funds already deposited into Adult Savings accounts will remain in the account(s) and will still be accessible to the members utilizing those.
- General Welfare Assistance Payment Program payments will be made to members via direct deposit or check (whichever has been requested by the member).
- Members will not be receiving a per capita payment for the month of September however, this new needs-based program will be available, and a payment distributed to all eligible Tribal Members beginning next month.
- General Welfare Assistance Payment Program payment amounts will be evaluated on a regular basis by Tribal Council in advance of all future quarterly needs-based payments.