

## **CHAPTER 5 – USE OF TRIBAL GAMING BUSINESS NET REVENUE – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND**

### **Section 19-5-1. Community Assistance Fund.**

In order to provide supplemental funding for general community assistance, the Executive Committee hereby allocates henceforth, FOUR PERCENT (4%) of net gaming revenues to be paid into a tribal account called the "community assistance fund." The funds allocated shall be expended exclusively for the following programs:

1. Elderly
2. Education
3. Culture/Language Programs
4. Veterans
5. Tribal Member Assistance/Social Services
6. Pow-Wow
7. Other Non-Profit/Charitable Programs

The Executive Committee shall prepare an annual budget in accordance with Section 19-1-3 of this Title for the Community Assistance Fund and allocate funds accordingly to each sub-category described above.

Thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the fiscal year, The Executive Committee shall meet with all tribal programs set forth above, except Subparagraph 7, to consider the budgetary needs of each program. Each program shall provide budget reports for the previous fiscal year and shall submit budget requests for the new fiscal year with detailed budget justifications.

The Executive Committee, shall within thirty days from receiving all budget requests, appropriate those funds in the community assistance fund by dividing such fund on a percentage basis, or by a dollar amount, in divisions that shall be fair and best meet the budget supplement requests submitted by each tribal program in light of projected gaming revenues.

The Treasurer shall provide notices to said programs, prior to commencement of the fiscal year of the need to submit reports and budget requests and justification. The Treasurer shall devise and disseminate to tribal program personnel, requirements for needs assessments and budget reports that detail what projected expenditures are allowed to be included in the supplement budget requests. The budget report requirement shall require tribal programs/specific tribal assistance needs to consider those essential duties, services and responsibilities of tribal programs/specific tribal assistance needs which cannot be dependent on projected, yet uncertain, gaming revenues; further, the budget report requirements shall require tribal programs to prioritize items included in its supplement budget request to insure essential duties, services and responsibilities will be met by all projected revenues derived from whatever source.

The Executive Committee shall set aside a percentage of funds to make contributions to other non-profit charitable organizations under Subparagraph 7 above. The Executive Committee may show a preference to such charitable contribution requests that benefit tribal members or Native American people generally.

The Executive Committee shall set criteria for making disbursements to Tribal members under Subparagraph 5, which shall include limitations on the number of requests an individual can receive annually.