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## **PE65-03/-04/-05 and PE 66-03/-04/-05 COVID-19 Response: Funding for Federally-Recognized Tribes and NARA**

### **Award Funding Information**

There has and will continue to be a great deal of work to protect Tribal communities from the spread of COVID-19. Tribal health authorities are critical to the response to COVID-19.

The following is a summary of public health funding for the COVID-19 response. Please refer to the document titled "Tribal COVID-19 Funding Sources FY22" for detailed information.

**CARES Act funding - PE65-02 (Tribes) and PE66-02 (NARA).** In May 2020, Oregon received funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to support an equity-centered approach to active monitoring. Most Tribes in Oregon and NARA received CARES Act funding.

- Up front award of \$111,948 for each participating Tribe and NARA.
- Active dates 3/27/20-12/30/20, with no cost extension through 6/30/21.  
These funds are no longer active.

**ELC funding – PE65-03 (tribes) and PE66-03 (NARA).** As of December 31, 2020, most Tribes and NARA are receiving federal Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) funding through OHA to continue COVID response work, including active monitoring. These funds may not be used for COVID vaccine planning and distribution. Please refer to the section "Reporting from Grantees" for additional information.

- Up front total award of \$1,742,337 divided equally among eight participating Tribes and NARA. Each participating Tribe and NARA received an award of \$193,592
- Active dates 12/31/20-**6/30/26**.

**National Initiative to Address Health Disparities – PE65-04 (Tribes) and PE66-04 (NARA).** Beginning in June 2020, all Tribes and NARA will receive additional funds to continue COVID response work, including active monitoring, wraparound services, vaccine planning and distribution and COVID-19 recovery supports.

- Up front total award of \$10,691,667 divided equally among Tribes and NARA. Each Tribe and NARA will receive an award of \$1,069,166.
- Active dates 12/31/20-5/31/26.

**CARES Immunization Supplemental funding – PE65-05 (Tribes) and PE66-05 (NARA).** Beginning in June 2020, all Tribes and NARA will receive funding to support and strengthen critical immunization planning and implementation activities.

- Up front total award of \$1,000,000 divided equally among Tribes and NARA. Each Tribe and NARA will receive an award of \$100,000.
- Tribes and NARA received an additional \$1,000,000, at \$100,000 each.
- Active dates 7/1/20-6/30/25.

**PE65-03/-04 (Tribes) and PE66-03/-04 (NARA) Allowable Expenses and Budget** Each Tribe and NARA must submit a PE65-03/-04 or PE66-03/-04 budget plan and narrative using the template provided by OHA. The budget is **due by August 30, 2021**. OHA may request revised budgets or additional information on expenditures on an as needed basis.

Each Tribe and NARA should use these funds as needed for the COVID response. For some Tribes and NARA, this may mean that all funds will be expended in FY21, and the Tribe/NARA should develop a budget accordingly. For others, these funds will carry forward to FY22, and the Tribe/NARA should develop a budget for the length of time they expect funds to last. Unspent funds will continue to carry forwarded into subsequent fiscal years until the funds expire (see above).

COVID-19 funds may not be used for implementation of programs outside of emergency preparedness and response related to COVID-19.

If a Tribe/NARA needs funding to support hMPXV (monkeypox) response activities, the Tribe/NARA may submit a request to OHA to use up to 25 percent

of PE 65-03/66-03 funds for hMPXV testing, outreach and education, case investigation and contact tracing, isolation supports and outbreak response.

To submit a request, please provide the following information in an email to [Alessandra.Karson-whitethorn2@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Alessandra.Karson-whitethorn2@oha.oregon.gov) by October 28, 2022, with the following information:

1. Amount to be redirected for hMPXV activities in PE 65-03/66-03. You may only request up to 25% of the total PE 65-03/66-03 funding for hMPXV.
2. A revised proposed budget for PE 65-03/66-03 including the proposed hMPXV budgeted expenses.
3. Brief description of how the redirected funding will be used for hMPXV activities.

OHA will submit one complete request to CDC for approval to redirect these funds. **FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR MPOX ACTIVITIES UNTIL OHA NOTIFIES THE TRIBE/NARA OF CDC APPROVAL.**

**PE 65/66-03 (Tribes) and PE 65/66-04 (NARA) funds may not be used to purchase vaccines.**

**PE65-03-04 (Tribes) and PE66-03/-04 (NARA) budget categories**

<b>Personnel</b>	<p>Provide a list of each position that will be funded. Tribes/NARA may roll up positions by FTE (i.e. 4 COVID case investigators; 3.6 community outreach coordinators), rather than listing duplicate positions as separate line items.</p> <p>Tribes/NARA may utilize funds from this PE to cover salaries for staff normally funded by non-COVID-19 sources as long as they are working on COVID.</p>
<b>Travel</b>	<p>Provide the total estimated budgeted amount for travel. Travel costs include local mileage as well as per diem, lodging and transportation to conduct COVID-19 response work. Federal per diem rates limit the amount of reimbursement for in-state travel: <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem">www.gsa.gov/perdiem</a>.</p>

**Capital  
Equipment**

Provide a total amount for equipment, as well as a narrative listing line-item planned purchases with a brief rationale.

Funds may be used for capital purchases including but not limited to storage units for COVID-19 materials, and minor facility improvements. Funds may not be used to purchase or lease buildings.

If PE 65-03 funds will be used to purchase vehicles or mobile units, please contact Danna Drum at [danna.k.drum@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:danna.k.drum@oha.oregon.gov) as prior approval to purchase vehicles is required.

If the Tribe/NARA plans to use PE 65-04 funds to purchase vehicles or mobile units, prior approval is required. Please contact Danna Drum at [danna.k.drum@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:danna.k.drum@oha.oregon.gov) to discuss further.

Any equipment purchases, including IT and software purchases and upgrades and software licensing fees, must directly benefit the Tribe's or NARA's COVID-19 response.

OHA will collect the equipment inventory form at the end of each fiscal year.

<p><b>Supplies</b></p>	<p>Provide a total amount for supplies. Supplies may include office supplies, home isolation kits and communications material.</p> <p>Examples of supplies may include home isolation kits, office supplies and other materials for communications, case investigation and COOP development and exercise related to COVID-19</p> <p>Please note that gift cards or other vaccine incentive items may not value more than \$100 per individual. In order to use funds for vaccine incentives, the Tribe or NARA must have on file with OHA a Local Vaccine Request Form. Expenditures for incentives must be charged to <b>PE 65-04 only</b>. Tribes/NARA should track the purchase and use of all gift cards. Gift cards used for isolation supports only (e.g., grocery stores) may exceed this maximum.</p>
<p><b>Contractual</b></p>	<p>List each subcontracted program activity and the name of the subcontractor (if known) along with the amount of the anticipated subcontract. The initial budget can list out anticipated outcomes and can be adjusted later.</p>
<p><b>Other</b></p>	<p>List expenses for items not listed above, such as telephone, rent, copying, printing, postage, and mailing that are directly related to program activities.</p> <p>If funds are allocated to isolation wraparound service direct costs, list the total amount of funding the Tribe or NARA is budgeting for the funding period.</p> <p>If funds are allocated to educational materials or paid media campaigns, the budget must include a brief narrative justification that describes how such materials or campaigns are related and essential to COVID response activities.</p> <p>Funds may not be used to provide direct medical services, but may be used to provide public health services, such as testing and active monitoring.</p>
<p><b>Indirect costs</b></p>	<p>PE65-03/-04 and PE 66-03/-04 funds <u>can</u> be used for indirect costs.</p>

### **PE65-05 (Tribes) and PE66-05 (NARA) Allowable expenses**

Tribes and NARA are not required to submit budgets for PE65-05 or PE66-05 funds.

Allowable expenses include:

- Staffing
- Vaccine storage and handling equipment
- Contractors (i.e., for staffing or consultation/planning, education, immunization events, etc.)
- Education
- Infrastructure
- Clinic costs
- Local collaborations
- Indirect costs

- Incentives or gift cards for vaccine may not exceed a value of \$100 per individual. In order to use funds for vaccine incentives, the Tribe or NARA must have on file with OHA a Local Vaccine Request Form.

### **Funds may not be used to purchase vaccines.**

PE 65-05 and 66-05 may be used for mPox (monkeypox) vaccination efforts as long as the vaccine provider is also an enrolled COVID-19 vaccine provider. **These funds MAY NOT be used for mPox vaccine incentives.**

### **Payments**

#### **PE65-03/-04/-05 (Tribes) and PE66-03/-04/-05 (NARA) payments**

Funding under each PE sub-element will be paid as a lump sum upon amendment execution.

### **Reporting from Grantees**

Tribes/NARA must report expenses on the quarterly expenditure/revenue report.

- Funding should be reported per regular reporting standards.
- PE65-03/-04 or PE66-03-04 direct cost wraparound services should be reported in quarterly revenue and expenditure reports using 2E and recording expenses on page 2 'Other Services and Supplies'.

### **Vaccine expenses**

Vaccine expenses should be charged to PE65/66 -04 or -05 only.

Beginning 1/1/2022, Tribes/NARA must report vaccine expenses as follows on quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Reports:

- Vaccine expenses charged to PE65/66 -03 between 7/1/21-12/31/21 do not need to be changed.
- From 1/1/22 forward, vaccine expenses can only be charged to PE65/66 -04 or -05.
- No changes are needed to any Revenue and Expenditure reporting through 6/30/21.

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### **For more information**

Contact Danna Drum at [danna.k.drum@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:danna.k.drum@oha.oregon.gov) or (503) 957-8869 with programmatic questions.

Contact OSPHD staff at [oha-phd.expendevreport@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:oha-phd.expendevreport@oha.oregon.gov) with IGA contract or payment questions.



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- **Sign language and spoken language interpreters**
- **Written materials in other languages**
- **Braille**
- **Large print**
- **Audio and other formats**

**If you need help or have questions, please contact Cessa Karson at [alessandra.karson-whitethorn2@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:alessandra.karson-whitethorn2@oha.oregon.gov), 971-256-1518, or 711 TTY.**