



Food and Nutrition
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SUBJECT: Extension Approval of Disaster Household Distribution in Response to the National Emergency Declaration Due to COVID-19

TO: Bill Ludwig
Regional Administrator
Southwest Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to the Cherokee Nation's request to extend its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution beyond its initial approved end date of May 14, 2020. This request is in response to food assistance needs resulting from the COVID-19 National Emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020.

Cherokee Nation requested that USDA extend its initial approval to use USDA Foods from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for disaster household distribution. Cherokee Nation is approved to continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance to a cumulative total of 5,000 individuals over the course of the 30-day approval period.

An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning May 15, 2020 through June 13, 2020. Cherokee Nation is authorized to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. Cherokee Nation must also follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated April 15, 2020.

Should Cherokee Nation need additional assistance, other resources may be available through FEMA, <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/04/12/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-purchase-and-distribution-food-eligible-public>, and other USDA programs such as Farmer's Feed Families, <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food-to-usda/farmers-to-families-food-box>.

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