



# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Head Stone Application Program Policy and Procedures

## I. Purpose

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe approved a motion on May 3, 2023 to authorize \$130,000.00 (\$2,000.00) for head stones to tribal members residing on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation who passed with Death Certificate validation indicating COVID-19 as cause of death, each purchase is to be paid directly to the vendor or reimbursed to the name on the receipt if head stone has been purchased.

Up to \$2,000.00 will be allocated directly to vendor or name of person on a receipt after an application is submitted with all documents attached is received, verified and approved by ARPA Office.

During the pandemic and post pandemic tribal members passed due to COVID-19. The pandemic had a negative impact on the tribal members on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation economically and socially. Due to COVID-19 guidelines during the pandemic families were unable to bury their loved ones with the presence of relatives and friends. This was a hardship as some relatives and friends were not allowed to enter the reservation boundaries and were unable to pay their respects. With a purchase of a head stone the families can gather together in remembrance of their loved one.

In March 2021, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, which established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to provide state, local and Tribal governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery. Within its main and varied eligible uses, ARPA allows Fiscal Recover Funds to be used to assist tribal members affected by the pandemic. The final rule for FRF published on January 6, 2022 allows "Revenue Loss" category to be utilized by the Tribe to assist tribal membership.

## II. Program Operations and Eligibility

### Application Availability:

- Website: [cheyenneriversiouxtribe.org](http://cheyenneriversiouxtribe.org)
- ARPA Office located in the Tribal Treasurer's Office Building (Wellness Building)  
Located 24332 US Hwy 212
- Tribal Chairman's Office

### Applications can be submitted in the following manners:

- Scan/Email: [crstarpacoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:crstarpacoordinator@gmail.com)
- Mail—CRST ARPA Office-PO Box 590, Eagle Butte, SD 57625
- Fax—(605) 964-8394
- Online through the website above
- Drop Box—Located at the CRST Tribal Treasurer's Office Building (Wellness Building)

**Application Requirements:**

- Copy of Proof of Tribal Enrollment of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of deceased who resided on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation
- Certified Copy of Death Certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 as cause of death.
- Copy of Invoice from Vendor or Receipt up to \$2,000.00 with applicant's name on the document.

**Application Processing:**

- Only one application per person
- All applicants are responsible for contacting a vendor
- **ALL** applications received will be paid within a month to the vendors up to \$2,000.00 or to the name on the receipt up to \$2,000.00.

# Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

## ARPA

### Family Member Head Stone

## APPLICATION



Due to the loss of Tribal Members due to COVID-19 virus, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council authorized funds to purchase head stones directly from a vendor. In an effort to assist tribal members residing on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation who lost family member(s) due to COVID-19 virus as cause of death, the Tribal Council approved and authorized enrolled members of the CRST, \$2,000.00 (per person) for head stones to member(s) who passed with Death Certificate validation that the cause of death was due to COVID-19. The \$2,000.00 will be paid directly to a vendor. If a head stone was already purchased prior to Tribal Council action, application with receipts will be considered and approved by the Budget and Finance Committee for reimbursement.

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#### What to Include with your Application:

- Copy of Proof of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Enrollment of the person who died from COVID-19 who resided on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.
- Certified Copy of Death Certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 as cause of death.
- Copy of Invoice from the Vendor or Receipt with Applicant's name on the document.

#### Application Processing:

- Only one application per person residing on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.
- All applicants are responsible for contacting Vendor
- ALL applications received will be paid up to \$2,000.00 within 30 days directly to the vendors.
- If a reimbursement, the check will be paid up to \$2,000.00 to the person's name on the appropriate receipt(s).

**Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
ARPA Head Stone Assistance**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Enrollment Number of deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The following must be attached to the application for it to be considered:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Proof of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Enrollment Number for the deceased
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Death Certificate (that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 as cause of death)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Invoice up to \$2,000.00 with Applicant's name
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Receipt from Vendor with Applicant's name (up to \$2,000.00 will be reimbursed)

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_