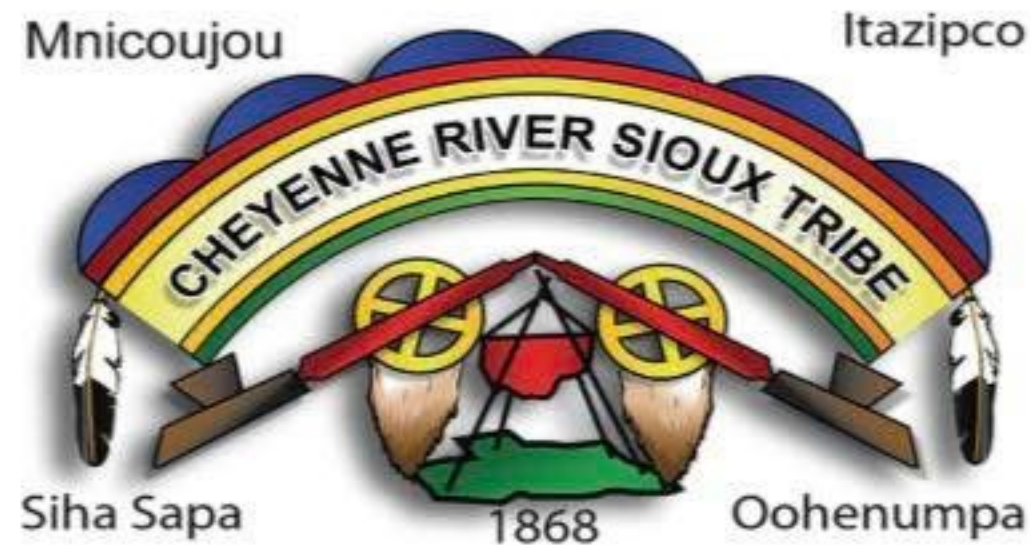




November 1, 2025
FOOD SECURITY UPDATE TO THE OYATE

Hau My Relatives,

As the SNAP shutdown begins today for the month of November 2025, I want you all to know your Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Government has already taken actions to protect and help our people so that no one goes hungry. Starting last week, we began strategizing how best to respond to the pending SNAP benefit lapse. Certain program directors have been directed to launch key efforts including:

Development of Communications Bulletin sheet: We will provide regular updates with give-away food resources that will list the dates, times, and locations. The first bulletin is posted on the Tribe's Facebook page and website.

Buffalo Harvesting: We will begin to harvest and process buffalo, ensuring a sustainable local food source. Also local beef will be processed and provided to our communities.

Community Meals: We are organizing meals in the communities at designated buildings across the reservation and working with other community resources including churches to provide lunch meals.

Creating a CRST Food Assistance Program: This effort will provide food assistance to over 4,000 Tribal Members impacted by the SNAP shutdown. To create this SNAP replacement we are working with grocery stores and utilizing budgeted emergency funds. We will start taking applications pending the outcome of the federal lawsuits.

School Collaborations: We are working with schools to provide to-go and community meals for our youth. The free Supper 4 Students begins at 5 pm on November 3rd 2025 at the C-EB cafeteria.

Litigation: We are monitoring the federal litigation initiated by 26 states and three governors that have successfully sued to require the federal government to use emergency funds for SNAP. We are reviewing this litigation and the Trump Administration's response which is due Monday. If they comply, then SNAP will be funded but there may be a delay in getting the benefits restarted.

We continue to move forward to develop and implement these services until SNAP benefits are fully restored. We will ensure that no one goes without meals. When the federal government shuts down, our Lakota Nation does not. Stay tuned for more information.

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