



# Caddo Nation of Oklahoma

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Dear Tribal Council Members –

I hope this email finds you in great spirits. The Caddo Nation initial submission to the Treasury for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds on behalf of Caddo Nation of Oklahoma is finished, and the information and documentation we submitted was determined to be complete and accurate on *Thursday the 27th* of last week. Our allocation for the first stage is calculated to be **\$32,921,485.70**. At this time, the Department of Treasury has processed this payment. Please note, the receipt timeline of this payment is subject to our financial institution's usual processing times. The following day on *Friday the 28th* of last week PaaWee Rivera, Senior Advisor and Director of Tribal Affairs for the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, invited me to sit in on the White House Tribal Affairs team briefing for President Biden's Administration. This was related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the U.S. Government. As the Principal Executive Officer/Chairman for the Caddo Nation I will be working with the Treasury Tribal Affairs Office regarding our ARPA funding and OMB on legalities related to the use of this funding. There are 151 pages explaining what the use of these funds under federal law are, which is complex and comprehensive with federal regulations. It is basically what we can and cannot use this funding for etc., regardless of what we or our members may think. On the White House Tribal Briefing was Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, HHS Secretary Xavier Bacerra, and OMB Acting Director Shalanda Young. They also discussed the Budget for the U.S. Government fiscal year 2022.

So, we have a lot of work ahead of us going forward and it's only the beginning. If you have questions about the Treasury Submission Portal or our technical support, please let me know and if you have general questions about the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds write them down. A copy of the use requirements will be provided to you at our next council meeting which is 151 pages along with a *Drift Strategic Plan* that is a living document. I will also be talking with you regarding John F. Kennedy School of Law at Harvard and how they are helping us along with the non-profit that is helping and how we can bring them on-board in relation to all the work we need to do going forward.

Please reach out should you have any questions. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Bobby Gonzalez