FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY – COVID 19 FARMER AND/OR RANCHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATION

ENROLLED MEMBER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN ECONOMIC RELEIF PAYMENT

The COVID-19 CARES Emergency Cares Aid Program is designed to provide non-taxable economic relief to eligible "Enrolled Members" of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes who are currently bona fide Agricultural Producers on the Reservation which include Livestock Operators and Farmers.

Funding for this program is being distributed from the Federal Cares Act-funding received by the Fort Belknap Indian Community. This funding is specifically for those individuals who can document the number of Livestock they graze in a Range Unit with this program being designed to comply with the CARES Act requirements and guidance issues by the US Department of Treasury and will be available on a one time basis only as Funds will allow. This application is subject to verification, you may receive a call back to verify any of the information you provide.

FARM PRODUCER:

A bona fide Farmer must currently be in the farm operator business and are managing and maintaining the farm fields for production of a farm product, on their owned or leased land. Must have own farm equipment or show proof of leased machinery for the specific use in farm production.

The following information must be included with this Application

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Print Name	(full legal name/no nicknames			
Signed	Date:			

Mailing Address:	
Physical Address:	
Enrollment Number Date of Birth	
FARM PRODUCER (FARMER)	
LIVESTOCK PRODUCER (RANCHER)	
Please check one or both above.	
The following information will be a part of the reporting requirements:	
Type of commodity/crop(s)	
Number of Livestock Grazed on a Range Unit Permit	
Number of Livestock Grazed on Farm Pasture Leases	
Number of Livestock Grazing on their own land	
RANGE UNIT #(s) Farm Pasture Lease #	(s)
Brand(s) on Livestock	

Enrolled members who have submitted an application by December 4, 2020 and have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 –pandemic please, state how you have been impacted: i.e.: had to sell livestock, buy additional feed, could not pay grazing fees, loss of livestock, etc.

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These funds shall be used for any hardships associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic relating to your operation on the Fort Belknap Reservation. All expenditures of these funds must be related to hardship cases due to COVID-19 and will become a part of the reporting requirements to the program.

A W9 must be attached so that the recipient can be given a vendor number for check processing and that the assistance is not taxable to the recipient. For questions please contact Tribal Land Staff Jayme Lamebull at 406-262-4978 or jayme.lamebull@ftbelknap.org or Peggy Crasco Doney at 406-399-1049