

RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has appropriated the use of tribal funds for indigent tribal members and school children clothing as follows:

ACCOUNT No. 001-074-7556-000 - School Children Clothing
ACCOUNT No. 001-074-7561-000 - Relief, Indigent Members

, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Social Services Program has been designated to administer this account, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need to establish guidelines and priorities to aid in the fair and equitable distribution of these welfare funds, and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Social Services Program has established guidelines and priorities for the use of these funds as attached hereto.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby recognizes the need for guidelines and priorities and approves the establishment of guidelines and priorities to insure the beneficial and prudent use of tribal funds for needy tribal members.

The foregoing resolution was on April 24, 1984 duly adopted by a vote of 6 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i & k) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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AGENCY
WHITERIVER, ARIZ.


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

Tribal Welfare Funds

Tribal funds for relief for needy tribal members was established by the Tribal Council for those tribal members who are not eligible for other sources of welfare. The original intent was to assist those needy people who did not qualify for the Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, but still were in need; state welfare recipients who do not receive a clothing allowance and the underemployed who could not afford the initial outlay for school clothing in September.

Through the years the use of these funds evolved to a point where any tribal member could receive these funds regardless of need.

As administrators of these funds, the Tribal Social Services would like to return to the original intent of the use of these funds. Furthermore, we would like to place emphasis upon two population who seem to have the most needs: the elderly and the children.

In F.Y. '84 the majority of the funds (about 95%) was used between May 1 and October 1. On October 1, less than \$3,000 remained and by the middle of December the balance was zero. For four months we have had to deny applicants because of the lack of funds.

The establishment of guidelines will not only insure the best use of funds, but will help in the distribution of funds throughout the fiscal year.

Tribal Welfare Funds
Guidelines

I. General criteria for determining who will be eligible for Tribal Assistance funds shall be as follows:

- 1.) White Mountain Apache Tribal Members.
- 2.) An applicant or recipient of these funds shall not be already receiving similar assistance from another program.

II. Payments:

Shall be on a one-time only basis, for school clothing allowances, the form of distribution will be a purchase order to a store of the applicant's choice.

III. Other:

An additional service will be offered by a social service worker to assist the recipient regarding the best use of these monies, i.e., comparative shopping lists.

IV. School Clothing Allowance:

The priorities for use of these funds shall be:

- 1.) Handicapped children.
- 2.) Children of one-parent families.
- 3.) State Welfare recipients.
- 4.) Children of large families, depending on income.
- 5.) Unsupported children.
- 6.) Children in boarding school.

Other tribal members who demonstrate a need will also be considered.

The School Clothing Allowance will be based on the following guidelines:

HEADSTART	- K	. . .	\$. 75 per child
01	- 08 grade	. . .	\$.100 per child
09	- 12 grade	. . .	\$.125 per child

V. Relief - Indigent members:

These funds shall be distributed on an "as needed" basis depending upon the situation with an emphasis on the elderly. The priorities shall be as follows:

- 1.) The elderly, dependent upon income.
- 2.) Rent deposits for welfare recipients, unemployed and underemployed.
- 3.) Purchase Orders for Emergency groceries at \$10 per tribal member.
- 4.) Special Needs of an Emergent nature depending upon resources available.