



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

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**SUBJECT:** Financial Resources through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Tribal Leader,

As you know, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Public Law 117-2), was signed into law and provides a significant and timely investment in response to the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 National Emergency. With the significant economic challenges that the country is facing, the stimulus package provides much needed assistance that will raise millions of families out of poverty.

The ARP provides \$1,400 Economic Impact Payment (EIP) stimulus checks to eligible individuals and \$2,800 per eligible married couple filing jointly. These checks, which are now being distributed, will be sent to 85% of the country's households and will provide much needed relief to families in our nation's communities, both urban and throughout Indian Country. These payments are considered an advance tax credit, and therefore do not count for purposes of income determinations under HUD's Indian housing programs. Information from the Internal Revenue Service regarding EIP payments can be found [here](#).

The ARP also expanded the Child Tax Credit, raising it from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per child (and \$3,600 for children under 6 years old). This benefit will help families of the more than 66 million children qualify for this expanded tax credit.

This is great news for the families we serve and yet another step toward strengthening local economies. As new guidance and information becomes available, we will post information on the Office of Native American Program's website, [CodeTalk](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi J. Frechette".

Heidi J. Frechette  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Native American Programs