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Gitsegukla Band Council COVID-19 Notice Indigenous Services Canada COVID-19 Support Funding April 3, 2020

The Federal Government recently announced funding of \$215 million for First Nation communities and Gitsegukla received \$258,560 as part of the Indigenous Community Support Fund. The funds are intended to support the immediate needs of only on-reserve members dealing with the spread COVID-19.

The community allocation was calculated with the total number of people living on reserve only (based on 2016 Census population) and was adjusted for remoteness and Community Well-Being Index scores. Reliance on the 2016 Census means that the allocation is calculated with the total number of people living on reserve.

The purpose of this memo is to provide information to the community how the funds are equally benefiting all on-reserve community members.

How are the funds being used?

1. Food security and access
 - a. Bulk purchase food and essential supplies to distribute to members
 - b. Gatekeepers to control access to the community
2. Educational support for youth
 - a. Purchase of laptops to ensure Gitsegukla elementary school students can continue their education
3. Protection for Frontline & Health workers
 - a. Purchase of personal protective equipment, sanitizers and gloves for the community members, Gatekeepers and including front line workers.

This message is from the Gitsegukla Chief and Council