

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Angus Maciver, Legislative Auditor
FROM: Karen E. Simpson, CPA, Financial-Compliance Audit Manager
DATE: October 7, 2020
RE: State of Montana payments made to Tribal Governments from federal funds provided by the 2020 Coronavirus Audit, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; Legislative Request 21L-4392

The table below outlines distributions made to Tribal Governments, from federal funds the State of Montana has received under the federal CARES Act. The table presents information by funding source. The first source reported is Montana's \$1.25 billion allocation from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) established by Section 5001 of the CARES Act. The second column reports payments from CARES Act funds other than the CRF.

Payments from March 2020 through September 24, 2020

	State of Montana's Share of the CRF	Other CARES Act Funding	Total
Chippewa Cree Tribe	\$ 89,933	\$ -	\$ 89,933
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	148,194	214,356	362,550
Fort Belknap Indian Tribes	68,627	19,123	87,750
Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes	56,427	91,519	147,946
Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians	35,000	-	35,000
The Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Nation	107,525	10,488	118,013
Northern Cheyenne Tribe	91,989	43,955	135,944
Crow Tribe	-	14,524	14,524
Total	\$597,695	\$393,965	\$991,660

Source: Compiled by Legislative Audit Division from the Statewide Accounting, Budgeting, and Human Resources System (SABHRS). These numbers are unaudited.

Information on the programs the state has established related to the CRF, along with information on eligibility requirements and application procedures, can be found on the Montana Department of Commerce website at <https://commerce.mt.gov/Coronavirus-Relief>.

In addition to these payments made from the state, the CARES Act included an \$8 billion appropriation from the CRF directly to Tribal Governments in the United States. These payments were administered by the United States Department of Treasury and are not included in the table above. More information regarding these payments can be found on the United States Department of Treasury website at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments>.

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