

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TUSAYAN, ARIZONA**

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Tusayan is uniquely situated due to its proximity to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park, the Kaibab National Forest, and several protected tribal lands, and also due to its distance from any other discernable corporate limits, community services, or facilities. The Community is geographically and economically dependent on the Grand Canyon National Park and the tourism that it provides. There is no other discernable business or trade in the Tusayan Community apart from this.

**WHEREAS:** The COVID-19 Public Health Crisis disproportionately impacted those industries and the supply chain that supports it.

**WHEREAS:** There was an immediate drop in sales tax revenue in the Town of Tusayan and this loss would not have been realized but for the COVID-19 crisis.

**WHEREAS:** There was a significant loss of earnings and revenue in the Town of Tusayan in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and that will likely continue as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

**WHEREAS:** To date the sales tax revenues in the Town of Tusayan still have not fully recovered to pre-COVID-19 public health emergency levels.

**WHEREAS:** Sales Tax Revenues are the primary economic indicator that the Town of Tusayan, Mayor, and Council uses to measure the fiscal health of local business and community within the incorporated Town limits and community.

**WHEREAS:** Local businesses are the primary income source for residents, most of whom are employed and housed by said businesses.

**WHEREAS:** Workers in the tourist industry are less able to remote work and have increase contact with individuals and are therefore at a disproportionate health risk for contracting COVID- 19 when they are working.

**WHEREAS:** Many employers have had to reduce the local workforce due to the COVID- 19 economic crisis.

**WHEREAS:** Nationwide there has been significant inflation resulting from the COVID- 19 initiated economic crisis

**WHEREAS:** The impacts of said inflation are currently being felt with particular severity in isolated forward-facing tourist communities such as Tusayan.

**WHEREAS:** The loss of income and inflation have made it difficult for low- or moderate-income earning families to keep up with the costs of living during the time of the Covid-19 Public Health emergency.

**WHEREAS:** Low or moderate income earning families are now experiencing food insecurity due to the impacts of inflation and loss of income.

**WHEREAS:** The 2021 Federal Poverty Guideline for a Household of four is \$26,500.

**WHEREAS:** 300 percent of the federal poverty limit falls within the range of income that researchers use to define moderate income earners.

**WHEREAS:** The Federal Treasury as cited in its' guidance the 300 percent of the federal poverty limit as an acceptable range of income definition for moderate income earners.

**WHEREAS:** Households earning between 200-300 percent of the federal poverty limit are considerably more likely to be food insecure than households earning above such a level.

**WHEREAS:** The 300 percent FPG, moderate income calculation for a Household of four is \$79,500.

**WHEREAS:** It is commonly accepted that the economic recovery due to COVID will continue to be delayed.

**WHEREAS:** The federal government has previously determined that an appropriate response to this emergency is cash stimulus payments to individual households.

**WHEREAS:** The federal government has previously made individual cash payments to respond to the COVID 19 public health crisis.

**WHEREAS:** The Treasury has determined that recipients of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds may distribute cash payments to individuals that they define as belonging to a class of those being economically impacted and/or disproportionately impacted by the COVID 19 public health crisis.

**WHEREAS:** There has been a recent resurgence of COVID in the Grand Canyon area.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. That any individual over the age of 18 residing or working in the Town of Tusayan for a period of six months or longer (immediately preceding November 17, 2023) and earning a combined household income of \$79,500 per year or less, is presumed to belong to a class of individuals harmed by the Covid 19 public health emergency and are hereby eligible for a one-time cash payment not to exceed \$550.
2. Such cash payment is deemed to be a proportionate response to the Covid 19 public health emergency crisis and an appropriate use of ARPA funds,
3. That the application attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Application") is approved.
4. Application shall be open for a period to be determined by the Town, but not to exceed four weeks.
5. At the end of the Application period, a sum not to exceed of \$50,000 should be divided and distributed among all eligible applicants (in an amount not to exceed \$550).

This Resolution supersedes Resolution 2023-13, and Resolution 2023-13 is of no legal force or effect.

**THIS SIGNATURE PAGE BELONGS TO RESOLUTION 2023-13**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Council of the Town of Tusayan, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

  
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Clarinda Vaik, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Tina Abriani, Town Clerk

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