

# Oneida Nation

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## BC Resolution # 06-30-21-C

### Adoption of the Oneida Nation Vaccination Incentive Program for Oneida Nation Members

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation received funds through the American Rescue Program Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) Fiscal Recovery Funds (“FRF”), codified at 42 U.S.C. 803 *et seq.*; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of the Treasury appropriated ARPA FRF funding to the Oneida Nation for COVID-19 related activities and to respond to the public health emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** less than fifty percent (50%) of the eligible Oneida Nation members have received a COVID-19 vaccination even though the Nation has made multiple efforts to facilitate access to the vaccines and vaccination sites for tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the counties overlapping and near the Oneida Reservation have vaccination rates below fifty percent (50%) as well; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation strives to vaccinate seventy percent (70%) or more of its membership to promote widespread immunization against COVID-19 within the Reservation, amongst its membership overall, and within the neighboring communities; and
- WHEREAS,** a larger percentage of vaccinated tribal membership protects the health and welfare of the Oneida Nation, its membership, and the Nation’s neighbors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee proposes allocation of a portion of the ARPA FRF towards incentivizing eligible Oneida Nation members to obtain the recommended regimen of COVID-19 vaccination and share the completion of such with the Oneida Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation will provide a \$500 incentive (“incentive payment”) from ARPA FRF to eligible Oneida Nation members who voluntarily provide proof of the completion of the full manufacturer-recommended dose(s) of a COVID-19 vaccine or, in other words, who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and this program shall be referred to hereinafter as the “Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program”; and

**WHEREAS,** an eligible member of the Oneida Nation shall be defined as an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, twelve (12) years of age and above; and

**WHEREAS,** this goal and use of funds adheres to 31 C.F.R 35.6(b)(1)(i); and

**WHEREAS,** this project will begin July 1, 2021 and concluded September 30, 2021.

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee intends the Incentive Payment be distributed to eligible members of the Oneida Nation pursuant to the Oneida General Welfare Law, 10 O.C. 1001 *et seq.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Oneida Business Committee approves the Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program shall pay eligible member of the Oneida Nation a five hundred dollars (\$500.00) incentive payment after the member voluntarily provides proof of the completion of the full manufacturer-recommended dose(s) of a COVID-19 vaccine or, in other words, who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** for purposes of the Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program, an eligible member of the Oneida Nation shall be defined as an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, twelve (12) years of age and above.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Oneida Business Committee approves using ARPA FRF monies to fund the Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** monies for the Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program shall be allocated from the Direct Membership Assistance line within the Oneida Business Committee approved allocation of ARPA FRF.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Oneida Business Committee intends the incentive payment for the Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program to be considered a general welfare exclusion in accordance with the Oneida Nation General Welfare Law, 10 O.C. 1001 *et seq.* the Oneida Nation general manager will be assigned as the project owner.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program shall be considered an "approved program", as defined at 10 O.C. 1001.3-1(a); the incentive payment is a "benefit" as defined at 10 O.C. 1001.3-1(c), providing the eligible member "assistance," as defined at 10 O.C. 1001.3-1(b), to obtain the COVID-19 vaccination and protect the health and welfare of the Nation.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Oneida Nation general manager will be assigned as the project owner.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 1 members against, and 1 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Lisa Liggins, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."