

# *Native Employment Works and Tribal TANF Programs*



**Exploring Flexibilities to Strengthen  
Programs**



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# Program Flexibility

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# COVID – 19 RESOURCES

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- On March 24, 2020 OFA published a program instruction [TANF-ACF-PI-2020-01](#) with questions and answers about TANF and COVID-19.
- On July 22, 2020 OFA published a program instruction [TANF-ACF-PI-2020-02](#) with additional questions and answers about Tribal TANF and COVID-19.





# Work Participation Requirements

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- While ACF has no authority to waive the work participation rate requirement itself, it does have authority to grant relief from the resulting penalty in the face of natural disasters and other calamities.
- ACF will exercise this authority to the maximum extent possible.





# Amendment Process

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- Seek preliminary approval from ACF by sending an e-mail to your regional point of contact.
- ACF will provide preliminary approval in a reply e-mail, if appropriate.
- ACF will grant retroactive approval of the plan amendment for any changes that received preliminary approval.
- For 477 tribes, contact your BIA Awarding Official Technical Representative (AOTR).





# Carryover Balances

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- Develop plans to utilize funding
- Consider scope and sustainability of plans
- Amend your program plan, as required



## Resources

- OFA Peer TA  
<https://peerta.acf.hhs.gov/>
- Pathways to Work Evidence Clearinghouse  
<https://pathwaystowork.acf.hhs.gov>





# Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund



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# Peer Examples



- Sandy Cloer
  - Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Katy Ciotti
  - Morongo Band of Mission Indians



# Questions and Answers

