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**Subject:** CRRSA Use of Funds

The Saint Regis Mohawk operating under their 477 Plan will provide the following services in accordance with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's 477 approved plan and policies as applicable.

**Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)**

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services, including childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.

**Yes, The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe does plan to use the CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services including, but not limited to;**

- **Childcare subsidy assistance to qualifying Tribal Essential employees**
- **and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus**
- **Continue to waive co-pays to subsidy families to avoid the barrier of budgeting an out of pocket cost.**

**Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices**

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.

**Yes, The Saint Regis Mohawk 477 program will use CRRSA funds to provide resources for the following, but not limited to;**

- **Resources**
- **Supplies**
- **Technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and**

**local health departments, The SRMT Emergency Operations Center and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

**Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, describe.

**Yes, The Saint Regis Mohawk 477 program will use CRRSA funds to support the following, but not limited to;**

- **Support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency by paying a retention fee to all registered providers who have had to reduce their enrollment numbers due to COVID-19.**
- **The Saint Regis Mohawk 477 program will follow the approved plan and any approved tribal policy that is applicable.**

**Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible childcare providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

**The Saint Regis Mohawk 477 program will follow their approved plan and policy and procedures in providing services to CCDF eligible providers.**

**Other**

Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA childcare funds for any other activities or assistance not described above? If yes, describe.

**Yes, The Saint Regis Mohawk approved 477 plan, approved waivers, and policy and procedures will be used to determine eligible expenses other than what is determined in the above statements. If the Saint Regis Mohawk 477 program determines the funds will be used for construction, then a construction/renovation application will be sent in no later than July 1, 2021**

CCDF lead agencies that have not yet determined or finalized how they plan to spend all or a portion of their CRRSA funds prior to February 25 must indicate that they have not yet decided on how they plan to use their CRRSA allocations, submit any tentative or partial plans, and

provide the status and timeline for finalizing those plans. Lead agencies should also note if additional guidance is needed to finalize plans.

**The Saint Regis Mohawk has not decided how to implement the CRRSA funding, and will work with DWD as additional guidance is needed.**