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## INFLATION ASSISTANCE PAYMENT UPDATE

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board (TGB) is aware of the growing concern of Tribal Members regarding the proposed Inflation Assistance Payment that was authorized by the TGB on October 10, 2023.

The TGB in regular session motioned to approve a one-time payment for enrolled Tribal Members to offset the rising living costs associated with inflation and other matters impacting our communities. The motion was unanimous and provided for conditions to ensure compliance with Federal, State, and local laws. The source of funds for the payment will be Tribal funds.

There is growing concern about the dissemination of misinformation and varying viewpoints being expressed on social media concerning the TGB plan for this important financial assistance. The TGB is concerned that this information is creating confusion and anxiety. The Inflation Assistance Payment will be available as soon as specific logistical issues are resolved. The TGB would caution Tribal Members to be patient and wait for further updates. The TGB is the **only authority** to speak on this matter and the TGB is working diligently to ensure that this payment to enrolled Tribal Members is efficient and protects the membership.

Further information will be available on the Tribe's website. All Tribal Members are encouraged to wait for further information to be published. Staff at the Tribal Office have been directed to refer all such inquiries to the Tribe's website for further information. Multiple calls to Tribal staff, while appreciated, will not expedite the payment any sooner.