

Volkswagen Settlement Indian Tribe Trust Program Semi-Annual Report

This report is hereby presented to Wilmington Trust, as Trustee for the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for Indian Tribe Beneficiaries (“the Tribal Trust”). The Beneficiary named below submits this report in compliance with the semiannual reporting requirements described in Section 5.3 of the Modified Trust Agreement, for the six-month period specified below.

Beneficiary Name: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community

Funding Cycle: Second Funding Cycle

Six-Month Period: May 15th, 2020-November 15th, 2020

Lead Agency: Community Development Department’s Environmental Protection & Natural Resources (CDD/EPNR)

Lead Agency Contact: Christopher M Horan

Summary of all Financial Costs (expended through Reporting Date):

Funding Source	Amount	Description
VW Settlement Funds	\$295,982	Shuttle Bus/Transit Bus and Administrative Costs
Tribal Funds		
EPA DERA Funds		

Beneficiary Reporting Obligations (per Section 5.3 of the Indian Tribe Trust)

Description of Status (include actual or projected termination date):

The VW Settlement Funds were received in November 2019. Purchase orders for two Shuttle Bus/Transit Bus were completed on 1/17/2020 and submitted to Dunn Transportation. The Shuttle Bus/ Transit Bus were delivered July 2020. Article published in O’odham Action News on August 6th, 2020 (attached)

Development (planning work accomplished for the project):

Milestone	Date
Lead Agency Provides Notice of Availability of Mitigation Action Funds	Complete
Project Sponsor Submits Proposal to Lead Agency	Complete
Lead Agency Provides Written Approval of Project Sponsor’s Proposal	Complete
Lead Agency Incorporates Project Sponsor’s Proposal into Mitigation Plan	Complete
Trustee Acknowledges Receipt of Project Certification and Funding Direction	Complete
Trustee Allocates Share of Funds for Approved Project	Complete
Lead Agency Directs Funding (Advance Funded Projects)	Complete

Completed

Implementation (purchases, construction/installation of infrastructure, etc.):

Ongoing

Project Sponsor Obtains Cost Share, Notifies or Certifies to Lead Agency	Complete
Project Sponsor Enters into Contracts, Purchase Orders, etc. - Start	Complete
Project Sponsor Enters into Contracts, Purchase Orders, etc. - Complete	Complete
Project Installation(s) – Start	1/01/2020
Certificate of Destruction	05/15/2021
Project Installation(s) – Complete	05/15/2021

Shuttle Bus/Transit Bus (2) delivered July 2020.

Any modification to each approved Eligible Mitigation Action (including changes to equipment costs, tribal cost share, etc.):

None

I, Christopher M Horan, attest that the information provided in this report is true and correct and that the submittal of this report is made under penalty of perjury.

This report has been submitted to the Trustee on this day October, 30th, 2020 , via the Intralinks online file sharing platform.

Signature:



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What the Diabetes Prevention Services is doing during Covid-19

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Many departments in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community have taken steps to ensure that the services they provide to members continue to be offered, usually online. For Salt River in particular, there has always been a big emphasis on group gatherings. With the COVID-19 virus forcing people to stop group gatherings for the time being, what can one do stay healthy while at home? Elissa Caston, program coordinator for Diabetes Prevention Services, explains what her department's main goal is.

"Diabetes Prevention Services is made up of seven staff members currently," Caston said. "There are five physical fitness staff, one health educator and the services coordinator. We focus on diabetes prevention efforts by offering and promoting physical activity and health education. Our primary [goal is] to prevent people from developing type 2 diabetes for as long as possible. We also support individuals with diabetes in learning how to manage or control their blood glucose through education and physical activity. Throughout the year, we offer various activities and programs for families to learn together. Since COVID-19 hit Arizona, our services have been impacted because the majority of [the services] we offer [are provided in] group gatherings."

Diabetes Prevention Services also collaborates with the Salt River Clinic, the Wellness Center and WIC to support individuals with diabetes, explained Caston. "Clinic providers are able to refer their patients to our services for additional support in managing glucose levels." The Wellness Center staff is composed of public health nurses and community health representatives; they offer the Diabetes 101 group education sessions and have topic experts teaching those sessions. "Our team assists with

the classes that focus on eating healthy and getting active. Currently, the Wellness Center staff continues to support their clients by being available to respond to questions and concerns. The in-person group classes are currently on hold. Clinic providers are doing the same, working with the patients through telehealth sessions and making sure they get their medication."

Because the in-person group classes are on hold for the time being, the times call for a different approach. Caston explained how her department is adapting to the changes.

"In June, because the WOLF was going to remain closed, I decided to try a virtual platform for the team to use," Caston said. "The fitness staff were contacted by their personal training clients requesting workouts and one-on-one sessions. Most of the staff were able to accommodate those requests using their own devices, but we wanted to reach more people. We also wanted to offer some educational sessions virtually. So, the team started planning days and times to offer these."

"At the same time, we had been tasked with helping the clinic as pharmacy runners, front gate check-in, and the clinic waiting room check-in. Most recently, the health educator and I were asked to assist the COVID response team. Since March, the team has been amazing and awesome in responding to what is needed. The sessions have been received well so far, but we'd like to see more people joining. There is a learning curve in using a virtual platform; it's not always perfect, but when we see participants on the sessions, it's worth it."

Staying healthy and having questions answered relating to health is important, especially right now. By providing all of these health services through virtual means, Diabetes Prevention Services has made a solid start in helping people find new ways to stick to their health habits.

Volkswagen Settlement Helps SRPMIC Get New Trolleys for Salt River Tourism



A picture of one of the two new trolleys. Photos courtesy of CDD

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A 2016 settlement that involved automaker Volkswagen has a connection with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in the form of two new trolleys for tourism efforts.

A summary of the settlement reads as follows: "[Volkswagen] installed software in its 2.0-liter diesel engine vehicles to disable emission controls under normal use and to turn on emission controls only when the vehicle was being tested. This 'defeat device' resulted in better real-world fuel mileage and driving performance, but also resulted in the release of thousands of tons of nitrogen oxide emissions in excess of regulated limits."

Because Volkswagen violated the Clean Air Act, one requirement of the resulting settlement mandates Volkswagen to create an environmental mitigation trust that will fund environmental projects to reduce diesel emissions. Approximately \$50 million of that

trust fund is set aside for Indian communities, so the SRPMIC was eligible to apply for funding. The SRPMIC Community Development Department's Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division (CDD-EPNR) filed the required paperwork for the 2019-2020 funding cycle and was awarded \$295,982. These monies were used to purchase two new diesel trolleys with cleaner engines, to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions in the Community, and to replace two older diesel trolleys for use in the Talking Stick Entertainment District.

In all, 46 tribes across the United States were awarded money in this funding cycle. Awards are based on community size and population. The CDD-EPNR will continue to apply each year in the subsequent funding award cycles.

To read more about the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust, visit www.vwenvironmentalmitigationtrust.com.

FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

KNOW HOW IT SPREADS

COVID-19 is thought to mainly be spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby (usually within 6 feet) or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

It's estimated nearly 1 in 5 people are "asymptomatic transmitters" of COVID-19. That means you could be infected with COVID-19 before showing any symptoms and infecting others without even knowing it. Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, everyone must do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about this virus.

UNDERSTAND YOUR RISK

Since COVID-19 is a new virus with no vaccine, everyone is at risk for being infected. However, according to CDC, risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age and even more so for those who are immune-suppressed or have underlying health conditions such as:

- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Obesity (BMI of 30 or higher)
- Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Sickle cell disease
- Type 2 diabetes
- People who live in congregate settings, such as a nursing home or long-term care facility are also at greater risk.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath. If your symptoms worsen, especially if you experience difficulty breathing,

contact your healthcare provider immediately.

If you are at increased risk for COVID-19 complications due to age or because you have a severe underlying medical condition, it is especially important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of exposure. These actions can slow the spread and reduce the impact of disease back to top

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. These simple actions will lessen your chances of catching COVID-19 and spreading it to others:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home as much as possible, but especially when you are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people, at least 6 feet.
- Avoid gathering in groups of 10 or more.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wear a cloth face covering when in public places. People can spread COVID-19 before they show symptoms, or even if they show no symptoms at all. Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others.

Source: MaricopaCounty.gov

SRPMIC COVID-19 HOTLINE (480) 362-2603

PRESS 1: Information about COVID-19 and Clinic operations

PRESS 2: Schedule an appointment for testing

PRESS 3: Request a copy of your test results

Sick or Being Tested for COVID-19

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are being evaluated (i.e., waiting for test results) for COVID-19 infection by a health care provider and sent home to recover, you'll be asked to stay home and monitor your symptoms to help prevent the disease from spreading to other people in your home and community. Other people you live with and those you had close contact with during the time you became sick, also will be asked to take specific actions to monitor for symptoms of illness and prevent further spread to others.

AVOIDING CONTACT WITH OTHERS

Staying home and avoiding physical contact with others is an important prevention step you can take to protect others from being infected and spreading further into the community. It can also be difficult, at times, as it may leave you feeling isolated, or alone. Calling up friends and using mobile video chats can be great ways to stay connected even when physically apart.

Please follow these guidelines during your home isolation period.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS AND TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, YOU SHOULD:

Stay home and away from others until 3 days since your symptoms first started AND at least 72 hours (3 days) after your fever has gone away without the use of fever-reducing medications AND your respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, and loss of taste/smell) have improved.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS AND TESTED NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19, YOU SHOULD:

Stay home and away from others until 3 days (72 hours) have passed since your fever has gone away without the use of fever-reducing medications AND your respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, and loss of taste/smell) have improved.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER HAD SYMPTOMS AND TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, YOU SHOULD:

Remain in home isolation until 10 days have passed since the date your first positive COVID-19 test was done, as long as you have not started to have any

symptoms since that test.

If you previously had symptoms and tested positive for COVID-19, do not have symptoms now, and are being retested at the end of the 10-day isolation period and your repeat PCR test is positive, you will have to remain in isolation for 10 more days following your repeat positive test.

IN ADDITION:

- **Stay away from others.** As much as possible, you should stay in a specific "sick room" and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- **Do not go to work, school or any public areas.** Have someone help you with essential tasks like grocery shopping. Public Health Medical Assessment Form (En Español).
- **Stay in touch with your doctor.** Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you feel worse or you think it is an emergency.
- **Avoid public transportation:** Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- **Limit contact with pets & animals:** You should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people. When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick. See COVID-19 and Animals for more information.
- **Wear a facemask when in the same room with other people and when you visit a healthcare provider.** If you do not have a facemask, you can use a bandana or scarf to cover your mouth and nose as an alternative.
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow.** Throw used tissues in the trash.
- **Wash your hands and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- **Avoid sharing household items** like dishes, cups, eating utensils, and bedding.
- **Clean and disinfect:** Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs.

Source: MaricopaCounty.gov