

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2021**

Company:

Address:

Telephone number:

Company contact:

Study Area Code:

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)

Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Tribal Link Up within 1st 30 days of service.* (See attached letter.)

Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.

Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website.

Company's information posted on USAC website.

Other (describe):

*Required

Meat continued from A1

meat shortage, the Tribe was working with area ranchers to solicit donations of live cows.

"So far about 40 cows have been processed," said Robert Dunsmore, the Tribe's food relief coordinator.

Processing meat begins with picking up the cows from local ranchers who have donated the animal, free of charge. Dunsmore explained that cows are placed in pens at the Cheyenne River Rodeo Arena in Eagle Butte where they are fed and watered until they are transported to slaughter houses either in Faith, Ipswich, Chamberlain or Mobridge.

"Each processing costs \$2,000-\$4,000, which is paid for the Tribe," said Dunsmore. The amount varies depending on how many cows are processed, which can fluctuate based on how many cows the slaughter house can take in at one time.

"Some places can only take two at a time but others may take up to seven. It really depends on their schedule. We have to coordinate with them all the time," Dunsmore stated.

The turnaround time from dropping off cows to picking up packaged meat is usually 10 days. The entire cow is processed into ground beef and is boxed into single servings before it is added to the Tribe's meat stockpile.

"Each box of ground beef is 40-50 pounds and they are stored at various locations in freezers around the reservation," said Dunsmore.

So far, none of the meat has been distributed, which is the point of a stockpile, said Dunsmore.

"This looks like a lot of meat, but when you think of our large population, it really wouldn't

last long if it was all distributed right now," said Jacob West, CRST Food Pantry Director as he opened the walk-in freezer filled with meat.

West explained that boxes of meat are delivered on a large pallet, and one pallet equals about 1,400 pounds of beef, or eight to nine cows.

Depending on where the beef is processed, the Food Pantry may receive beef tongue, heart, kidney, and liver.

"When we do get those organs, we try to distribute them as soon as possible, because they can go bad quickly," said West.

A special treat is also "taniga," which is cow intestines, a delicacy used in taniga soup.

"We get taniga when the cow is processed locally. It comes to us unfrozen and is usually gone within hours. It's very popular here," West explained.

The walk-in freezer at the Tribe's Food Pantry serves as the main stockpile site, but there are also other locations throughout the reservation where the meat is stored. The Tribe also has a refrigerated trailer parked in Faith at the slaughter facility.

Tens of thousands of pounds of ground meat has been amassed and the Tribe will continue processing meat into the foreseeable future.

"It is important to make sure we have food to feed the people if the nationwide food infrastructure becomes so strained it cannot get enough food to the reservation. Our stockpiles and food program are just one part of the Tribe's COVID-19 response plan," said CRST Chairman Harold Frazier.



EAGLE PHOTO BY ALAINA BEAUTIFUL BALD EAGLE
Boxes of frozen meat are stockpiled throughout the reservation. The Tribe began amassing beef in case a food shortages occurs due to the coronavirus pandemic.



EAGLE PHOTO BY ALAINA BEAUTIFUL BALD EAGLE
Six cows are penned at the Cheyenne River Rodeo Arena as the Tribe awaits an opening at one of the slaughter houses where the cows will be taken for processing.

West River Eagle
Advertising and Legal Deadlines:
Fridays @ 5:00 p.m.

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YOU might be eligible for the
**Tribal Lifeline and
Linkup Program**

What is Lifeline?

Discounted Telephone Service

What is Linkup?

Reduction for connection (installation charges)
for basic home telephone service

You may be eligible if you are receiving assistance
from any one of the following programs:

- Food Stamps/SNAP
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) *Not the same as Social Security Benefits*
- Veterans Pension & Survivors Benefits Program
- Tribal Head Start (Those meeting the Income qualifying standard)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance programs
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Income based eligibility - 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

How Do You Apply?

For an application and/or more information call:

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
(605) 964 2600

100 Main Street • P.O. Box 810 • Eagle Butte, SD 57625





A "Chipmunk," a World War II plane used to train pilots, was the oldest plane at the Fly-In.

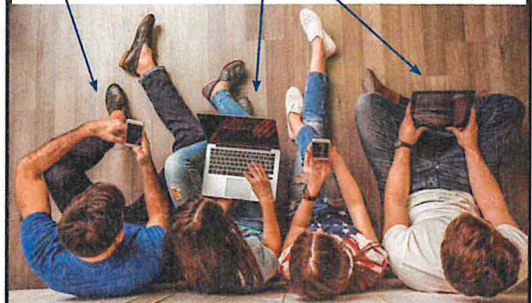
Second Annual Isabel Fly-In

ABOVE: Lots of locals came out for breakfast Sunday morning and to see all the airplanes coming in and out of the normally sleepy Isabel airport.

More than a dozen pilots flew in from Lemmon, Belle Fourche, Mobridge, Lantry, Dupree, Faith, Eagle Butte, Timber Lake, Sturgis and Spearfish.

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- Veterans Pension & Survivors Benefit Program
- Tribal Head Start (Those meeting the Income qualifying standard)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance programs
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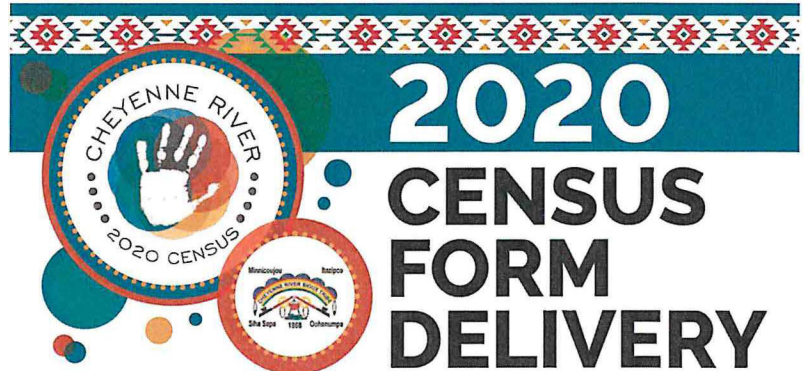
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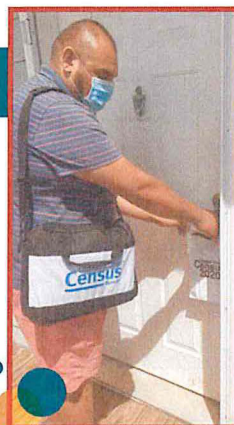
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Eagle Butte, SD 57625



Since you receive your mail at a P.O. Box or perhaps describe your address as "the first house on the gravel road past the junction," Census workers will need to drop off your 2020 Census Form.



STARTING ON:

June 15th, 2020

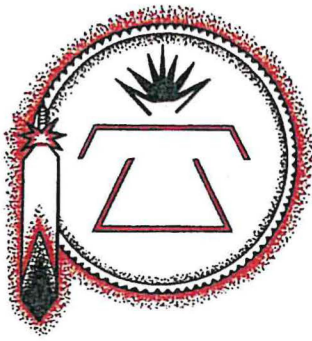
Census workers will leave the 2020 Census Form at your home, contact-free, and be on their way.

ONCE YOU RECEIVE YOUR FORM
YOU WILL NEED TO RESPOND
BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ ONLINE
- ☐ BY PHONE
- ☐ BY MAIL
- ☐ BY IN-PERSON INTERVIEW

It's easy, safe, and important. Our community is depending on you!

Please contact Connie Corwitt at 832-329-3572 or Lance Frazier at 605-850-9767 for any questions or concerns.



C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

2020 ANNUAL LIFELINE LETTER

Dear C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority Customer,

Please read this letter carefully.

Individuals who reside on tribal lands and meet the eligibility criteria may qualify for discounts [on the telephone bill] through **Tribal Lifeline** and **Tribal Link Up** programs. Tribal lands are defined as any federally-recognized Indian tribe's reservation, pueblo or colony; Indian Allotments; and areas that fall outside the boundaries of existing Tribal lands but have been designated by the Federal Communications Commission as Tribal lands for the purpose of receiving Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support.

Tribal Lifeline helps eligible residents of tribal lands save up to \$32.25 on their monthly phone bill. The discount applies to wireline or wireless residential telephone service plans and is limited to one line per household. **Tribal Link Up** provides a one-time discount for the connection or activation charge for new telephone service at the applicant's primary residence. The discount is a 100 percent reduction, up to \$100, of the customary charge to initiation of service (up to \$200) on a deferred schedule, interest free.

Eligible consumers may also be able to sign up for free toll blocking or toll limitation service that either blocks or limits long-distance calls from your phone.

Both programs have eligibility requirements. You may qualify if you, one or more of your dependents, or your household participates in any of the following programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps)
- Medicaid (example, Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension & Survivors Benefits Programs
 - Tribal Specific Programs
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs(BIA) General Assistance
 - Tribal Head Start (only households that meet the income qualifying standard)
 - Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

| 2020 Federal Service Poverty Guidelines | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Number in Residence | 135% Guideline (Annual) |
| 1 | \$17,226 |
| 2 | \$23,274 |
| 3 | \$29,322 |
| 4 | \$35,370 |
| 5 | \$41,418 |
| 6 | \$47,466 |
| 7 | \$53,514 |
| 8 | \$59,562 |
| For each additional person add \$6,048. | |

To apply for the Lifeline benefit, you can: (1) apply online by going to the National Verifier consumer portal at [CheckLifeline.org](https://www.CheckLifeline.org) and creating an account; (2) you can send an application by mail to Lifeline Support Center, PO Box 7081, London, KY 40742; or (3) you can come to C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority to apply.

Important information

- Not all telephone providers in South Dakota offer the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts.
- Tribal Lifeline is available on only one line per household. A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals living together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. A household may include related and unrelated persons.
- Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts cannot be applied to past due telephone bills.
- It can take up to two months for the discounts to show up on your bill as credit. You must pay the bill until that time.
- Tribal Link Up will not cover the cost of a phone or wiring your home.
- You must notify C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority when you no longer qualify for the program.

Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up Telephone Assistance Programs

Proof of Eligibility

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on income, you will be required to provide proof of your income. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- Last year's state, federal or tribal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub
- A Social Security statement of benefits
- A Veterans Administration statement of benefits
- A retirement/pension statement of benefits
- An Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits
- A federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- A divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information

If the prospective subscriber presents documentation of income that does not cover a full year, such as current pay stubs, the prospective subscriber must present the same type of documentation covering three consecutive months within the previous 12 months.

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on **program-based eligibility**, you may be asked to provide proof of your eligibility. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- The current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying assistance program
- A notice or letter of participation from a qualifying assistance program
- Program participation documents
- An official document demonstrating the prospective subscriber, one or more of the prospective subscriber's dependents or the prospective subscriber's household receives benefits from a qualifying assistance program.

Sincerely,

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority



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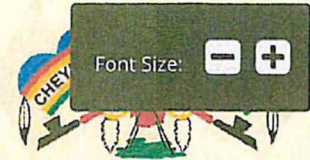
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TRIBAL LIFELINE AND LINKUP PROGRAM

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR DISCOUNTED TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Qualifying customers who reside within the boundaries of the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. This program can decrease your local monthly telephone service by as much as \$34.25 per month.

On January 01, 1998, the basic Lifeline and Linkup program was implemented. This program was designed to assist low-income consumers with the cost of basic telephone service. On October 01, 2001, the Enhanced Lifeline and Link-up rules were implemented. This "enhanced" program applies to low income consumers living on tribal lands.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

This low income federal telephone assistance program is available to eligible subscribers that are participating in at least one of the following public assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Tribal Programs (and live on federally-recognized Tribal lands)

TRIBAL LIFELINE

Tribal Lifeline takes up to an extra \$25 off your monthly bill, for a total Lifeline discount of up to \$34.25 per month.

You can get Tribal Lifeline if you live on Tribal lands. Tribal lands include any federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation, Pueblo, or colony, including former reservations in Oklahoma, Alaska Native regions, Hawaiian Home Lands, or Indian Allotments.

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If you live on Tribal lands, you can qualify for Lifeline if you or someone in your household participates in:

- Any of the federal assistance programs listed above
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Head Start (only households meeting the income qualifying standard)
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Show a card, letter, or another document as proof that you participate in one of these programs when you apply for Lifeline, and tell them you're applying for Tribal Lifeline.

2020 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES POVERTY GUIDELINES

If your household's income is at 135% or less than of the federal poverty guidelines, you may be eligible for a Lifeline Program discount.

The table below reflects 135% of the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Phone and internet companies must begin using the updated guidelines by the end of Q1 2020 (Tuesday, March 31, 2020).

| Number in Residence | 48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Territories | Alaska | Hawaii |
|--|---|----------|----------|
| 1 | \$17,226 | \$21,533 | \$19,818 |
| 2 | \$23,274 | \$29,093 | \$26,771 |
| 3 | \$29,322 | \$36,653 | \$33,723 |
| 4 | \$35,370 | \$44,213 | \$40,676 |
| 5 | \$41,418 | \$51,773 | \$47,628 |
| 6 | \$47,466 | \$59,333 | \$54,581 |
| 7 | \$53,514 | \$66,893 | \$61,533 |
| 8 | \$59,562 | \$74,453 | \$68,486 |
| For each additional person after 8, add: | \$6,048 | \$7,560 | \$6,953 |

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Table updated on website annually.

Source: U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines Used to Determine Financial Eligibility for Certain Federal Programs, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, January 15, 2020. The federal poverty guidelines are typically updated at the end of January.

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HOW TO APPLY:

For an application and/or more information please call:

1-888-587-7035

If you are eligible, you will be mailed a Lifeline/Link-Up Application from Solix, Inc.

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C – EB, Dupree, Takini & Tiospaye Topa Valedictorian and Salutatorian each receive a \$250 Scholarship Award for the Higher Education Institution they are enrolled at.

CRST Telephone Authority Scholarship

Applications for this one-time scholarship are awarded each year between June and July and awards range from \$250 - \$1,500

LOCAL LINKS

- [Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe](#)
- [Cheyenne River Health Center](#)
- [CRST Game, Fish & Parks](#)
- [CRST Cultural Preservation](#)
- [CR Chamber Of Commerce](#)
- [Four Bands Community Fund](#)
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