The proposed DWG will allow disaster-relief employment of eligible individuals to fill two humanitarian positions, who will be aiding 37 communities in following the CDC sanitation guidelines. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the rural communities which rely on the tourism industry. Many businesses will not be able to employ individuals who work in this industry, and many will need aid in implementing new strategies to deal with the pandemic.

Disaster Relief Employment

The Dena Nena Henash dba Tanana Chiefs Conference Covid-19 Employment Project has identified two strategies that will provide cash income to the rural tribal communities. In each of the 37 communities, two positions will be hired to help in the sanitation area, as well as the delivery of supplies used for sanitation purposes. Guidelines will be implemented to sanitize all public buildings, including the tribal hall, the tribal office store, post office, and washeteria. The Sanitation Specialist will be responsible for implementing CDC cleaning strategies for all public buildings, and for training community members in CDC cleaning protocols, to limit the spread of Covid-19. The second position will be a half-time delivery person, responsible for delivering cleaning supplies from the airstrips to the sanitation specialists, elders, community members, and tribal offices. The individuals hired in this position will also be responsible for distributing the sanitation supplies as well as food to the villages located along the road system.

Eligible Participants

Workers laid-off due to quarantine orders or business closures related to disruptions caused by the outbreak, are eligible participants. Also eligible are workers unable to go to their regular workplace due to social distancing requirements, as well as those missing work to care for a family member.

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