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To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: CARES Act Community Service Block Grant Wellness Program

The CARES Act has awarded expanded funding to the Community Service Block Grant Program to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to the spread of COVID-19.” One of the most effective ways to prepare for and/or respond to COVID-19 is through the strengthening of our immune systems which can be accomplished through an effective wellness program. Exercise and nutrition are key elements of any wellness program, and a healthy workforce is key towards supporting our economy and providing quality government services to our business community.

As such, the Department of Commerce is accepting proposals to support ASG Departmental or Agency Wellness programs to help improve the health & fitness of our workforce. Funding is being provided to pay for services provided through locally licensed fitness businesses and/or other well-established local fitness programs.

While funding is limited, it is my hope that this will encourage all departments to take serious steps towards improving workforce wellness.

To ensure your department’s participation and inclusion, please contact Territorial Planner Michael McDonald at michael.mcdonald@doc.as or 633-5155. A zoom meeting will be coordinated as soon as possible to further explain the program and address any questions you may have.


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