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In an effort to assure Alaska Native people and communities have access to adequate COVID-19 relief funding, today the ANCSA Regional Association (ARA) and the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) filed a motion to intervene in the U.S. District Court case between several tribal organizations and the U.S. Treasury Department.

The District Court ruling issued on April 27, 2020 resulted in a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction on the disbursement of CARES Act Tribal Relief Funding to Alaska Native corporations.

Our organizations believe it is imperative to preserve and protect the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) definition of 'Indian tribe', which includes Alaska Native corporations and has been acknowledged for decades. This court decision could have unintended consequences that would negatively impact Alaska Native people.

For background on ANCs and the CARES Act, please go to <https://ancsaregional.com/cares-act/>.

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