



FEMA

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) remains committed to its responsibility to engage in consultation and collaboration with tribal officials, consistent with [Executive Order 13175](#), *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, reaffirmed by President Biden's "[Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#)."

The [2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan Goal 1.2](#) includes a commitment to removing barriers to FEMA programs through a people first approach. The [2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy Goal 1.4](#) further commits FEMA to increase Tribal Nation's access to FEMA programs and resources by affecting policy change.

In 2016, FEMA published the first edition of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG). The guide combined all Public Assistance (PA) policy into a single document which provides an overview of the PA Program with links to other publications and documents that provide additional process details. FEMA will make updates to this guide as necessary and conduct a comprehensive review every three years. The PAPPG version 4 and other PA guidance documents are available on the [Public Assistance Resource Library](#).

Tribal Nations are able to access Public Assistance funding after they receive a Presidential tribal disaster declaration for Public Assistance, or they become a recipient or subrecipient under a state disaster declaration for Public Assistance. Tribal Nations during previous tribal consultations have called on FEMA to consult on the PAPPG to improve Tribal Nation access to FEMA Public Assistance resources.

Consistent with our responsibilities and commitments, FEMA invites Tribal Nations to participate in a series of government-to-government listening sessions and tribal consultations in the coming months to gather Tribal Nation input on revisions and updates to the PAPPG. FEMA will also post the PAPPG version 5 to the federal register for public comment before final publication and welcomes Tribal Nations to submit comments during the public comment period.

Future Tribal Listening Sessions and Consultations on the PAPPG:

In Person Tribal Listening Session at the [2024 Tribal Nations Training Week](#)

Day/Time: March 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. CST

Location: Center for Domestic Preparedness, Anniston, Alabama

Additional tribal consultations will be scheduled at a later date and will be posted on the [FEMA Tribal Consultations webpage](#).

Tribal Nations can submit their written comments and any questions via email with the subject line “PAPPG V5 – Written Comments” to fema-tribal@fema.dhs.gov.

We look forward to your participation and receiving comments and feedback as we work to support Tribal Nations before, during, and after disasters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Bink', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anne Bink
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cc: Tribal Emergency Managers