



August 2, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) remains committed to our responsibility under Executive Order 13175, *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, reaffirmed by President Biden's [January 26, 2021, "Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships,"](#) and reflected in [FEMA's Tribal Consultation Policy](#), to engage in meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials. FEMA is also committed to responding to requests for consultation from Tribal Nations.

In response to the letter FEMA received from the Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Coalition (ITEMC) Chairman, we invite you to attend an in-person tribal consultation on August 22, 2024, during the ITEMC Summit to discuss FEMA grant programs. The purpose of the tribal consultation is to gather feedback on how FEMA can support increasing Tribal Nation access to its grant programs.

The tribal consultation will be hosted by FEMA leadership. Topics include:

- FEMA grant program processes and applications;
- Tribal barriers and challenges, including the accessibility of FEMA grants; and
- Other tribal needs related to grant programs at FEMA.


The tribal consultation will be in-person.

- Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024; 11:00 a.m. CT
- ITEMC Summit; River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa, OK

A framing paper with questions for Tribal Leader consideration is attached. All information will be available on the FEMA website at: www.fema.gov/about/tribes/consultations. The consultation record will remain open for 60 days after the last session for Tribal Leaders to submit feedback or comments to gpd-comms@fema.dhs.gov. Final feedback and comments are due by October 25, 2024, at 5:00 pm ET.

We look forward to your participation and receiving comments and feedback as we work to support Tribal Nations' access to grant funding.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tribal Emergency Managers