



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. [Executive Order 14112](#), *Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations to Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination*, directs all federal agencies including FEMA to remove barriers that Tribal Nations face when accessing federal resources.

The Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG) was last published in 2020. This guide combines all Public Assistance policy into a single document which provides an overview of the Public Assistance 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 5, can be found in the federal register website: <http://www.regulations.gov>, identified by Docket ID: [FEMA-2024-0010-0001](#).

Tribal Nations can access Public Assistance funding after they receive a Presidential tribal disaster declaration for Public Assistance, or if 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 updates to the PAPAG, Version 5.

**Future Tribal Listening Sessions and Consultations on the PAPPG:**

Virtual Tribal Consultation

Day/Time: August 7, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST

Location: Zoom [Registration Link](#)

Virtual Tribal Consultation

Day/Time: August 8, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

Location: Zoom [Registration Link](#)

**Past Tribal Listening Sessions and Consultations on the PAPPG:**

In Person Tribal Listening Session at the 2024 Tribal Nations Training Week

Day/Time: March 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. CST

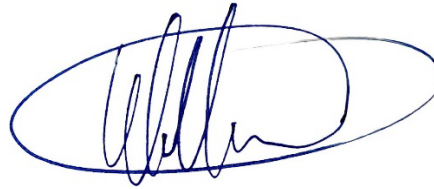
Location: Center for Domestic Preparedness, Anniston, Alabama

All consultation materials may be found at [Tribal Consultations | FEMA.gov](#). Tribal Nations can submit their written comments in the federal register website: <http://www.regulations.gov>, identified by Docket ID: [FEMA-2024-0010-0001](#) until **August 19, 2024**. Please note that written comments submitted to the Federal Register will be made public.

If you or other Tribal Nations have any questions about these consultations, please reach out to our FEMA Tribal Affairs team at [fema-tribal@fema.dhs.gov](mailto: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,



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cc: Tribal Leaders, Tribal Emergency Managers, FEMA Regional Tribal Affairs Teams, FEMA Tribal Affairs