



September 8, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a [Notice and Request for Information](#) (RFI) to seek public input on simplifying and streamlining its preparedness grant process to improve the efficiency and accessibility of its suite of preparedness grant programs. Preparedness grants support our citizens and first responders to ensure we work together as a nation to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate terrorism and other high-consequence disasters and emergencies.

FEMA requests Tribal Leader feedback to improve management and administration of grant programs by simplifying application processes and improving customer service, while ensuring greater accessibility and equity. Learning from our Tribal Nations and Tribal Organizations is vital to understanding the best strategy for improving the administration and management of preparedness grant programs for our Tribal partners.

We invite you to attend our virtual tribal consultation on Sept. 20, 2023, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). During this consultation, we will seek tribal input on improving grants administration.

This tribal consultation will be hosted by FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD). Topics include:

- How GPD can simplify the administration of grant programs
- How GPD can better engage with Tribal Nations and Tribal Organizations relating to the suite of preparedness grant programs
- How GPD can decrease obstacles for Tribal Nations when applying for and accessing preparedness grant programs
- How GPD can improve the overall customer experience for Tribal Nations

This virtual tribal consultation will be conducted on the Zoom for Government platform on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023. Below are the webinar details:

- Time: 3-4:30 p.m. ET
- [Register to Attend](#)
- Zoom Meeting ID: 160 558 8138
- Passcode: 385766
- Join by phone: (669) 254-5252

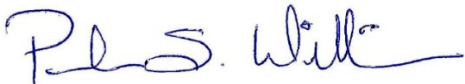
A framing paper with questions for Tribal Leader consideration will be available on the FEMA website at [www.fema.gov/about/tribes/consultations](http://www.fema.gov/about/tribes/consultations). The consultation period will remain open after the virtual session for Tribal Leaders to submit feedback. Final feedback and

comments will be due on Tuesday, Nov. 7 2023, to [FEMA-Grants-Feedback@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Grants-Feedback@fema.dhs.gov).

We also promote responding to the RFI with input regarding the simplification of preparedness grant programs. Interested persons may submit comments responsive to this RFI electronically through the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#). Follow the instructions for submitting comments and use Docket ID: FEMA-2023-0024. Submitting this information makes it public; you may wish to read the [Privacy and Security Notice](#). Comments are due no later than 5 p.m. ET on Nov. 7, 2023.

We look forward to your participation and feedback as we work in partnership to support Tribal Nations' access to FEMA's grant programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P.S. Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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cc: Tribal Emergency Managers, FEMA Regional  
Tribal Liaison Specialists