

FEMA to Host Tribal Consultation on Simplifying FEMA Preparedness Grants Request for Information

FEMA will host a virtual consultation with Tribal Nations to discuss the Notice and Request for Information on simplifying FEMA preparedness grants on September 20, 2023, at 3 p.m., Eastern Time.

Consultation Overview

FEMA aims to improve the management and administration of its preparedness grant programs to continue to assist the nation and first responders in building, sustaining and improving our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate terrorism and other high-consequence disasters and emergencies. FEMA is issuing 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.

FEMA will host a virtual tribal consultation to discuss the benefits and burdens of FEMA's preparedness grant programs, including feedback on regulations, information collections and policies. Senior leadership from FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) will lead the consultation. GPD provides grants to prepare state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and first responders, as well as non-profit organizations and port and transit systems owners/operators, to measurably improve capability and reduce the risks from manmade and natural disasters. Topics of discussion include:

- Any administrative burdens, program requirements, information collection burdens, waiting time, or unnecessary complexity in FEMA's grant processes;
- Meaningful and helpful engagement that have been, or should have been provided to enhance the knowledge and accessibility of FEMA's preparedness grant programs;
- Specific data that documents the costs, burdens and benefits of existing requirements to the extent they are available; and
- Ways to improve the grants customer experience for Tribal Nations and their partners.

Participation:

The virtual tribal consultation will be hosted on the Zoom for Government platform.

- Date: Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023
- Time: 3-4:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)
- [Register to attend](#)



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- Zoom Meeting ID: 160 558 8138
- Passcode: 385766
- Join by phone: (669) 254-5252

Attached is the tribal leader notification letter, framing paper, and agenda. All products are posted on: www.fema.gov/about/tribes/consultations.

Written Comments:

To submit questions in advance of the consultation, please email GPD at FEMA-Grants-Feedback@fema.dhs.gov or contact a [FEMA Regional Tribal Liaison](#).

To submit comments in response to the Sept. 20th consultation, please email GPD at FEMA-Grants-Feedback@fema.dhs.gov or contact a FEMA Regional Tribal Liaison on or before Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA Office of External Affairs:

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