

June 2, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), I invite you to participate in a tribal consultation on Thursday, July 6, 2023, from 3 – 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) about the new Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund (Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF) program.

Federally recognized tribes that received a major disaster declaration are eligible to apply for funding as an entity in this new program. Tribal entities may provide a loan to any authorized tribal organization, including a sub-component within their respective governmental structures. Additionally, Indian tribes located within a participating entity (such as a state or territory) may also apply for a loan under a participating entity's revolving loan fund.

To better serve Tribal Nations, FEMA would like to use this tribal consultation to provide an overview of the new Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program and gather feedback from Tribal leaders to inform program implementation for future funding opportunities.

The virtual tribal consultation will be held on the Zoom for Government platform and phone.

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023; 3 – 5 p.m. ET Register to attend: <u>Launch Meeting - Zoom (zoomgov.com)</u>

Meeting ID: 161 845 3556 Passcode: 806723

Join by phone: +16692545252,1618453556# US (San Jose) +16692161590,1618453556# US (San Jose)

An agenda and framing paper with questions for Tribal leader consideration will be provided prior to the session date. All information will be published on the <u>FEMA Tribal Consultation</u> webpage.

The official record will remain open for 32 days after the tribal consultation for Tribal Nations to submit written comments to <u>FEMA-STORMRLF@fema.dhs.gov</u>. Tribal Nations' written comments are due by Monday, August 7, 2023.

We look forward to hearing from you and incorporating your input as we work to enhance Tribal Nations' grant funding access and support you in your efforts to prepare and build resiliency to disasters.

Sincerely,

Victoria Inéz Salinas Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy Administrator for Resilience

cc: Tribal Emergency Managers, FEMA Regional Tribal Liaisons