



May 24, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

FEMA's [2022-2026 Strategic Plan Goal 1.2](#) includes a commitment to transform our service to tribal nations to acknowledge tribal sovereignty and respond to the needs of each tribal nation. Over the past few decades, FEMA has received tribal feedback about the lack of access to DHS/FEMA preparedness grant funding, including the [Emergency Management Performance Grant \(EMPG\)](#) and [the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program \(THSGP\)](#). This lack of access compounds pre-existing and historical inequities for tribal nations.

We invite you to attend a virtual tribal consultation on June 22 on DHS/FEMA preparedness grant programs. The purpose of the tribal consultation is to review the tribal feedback FEMA has received and gather additional feedback on how FEMA can support increasing tribal access to its preparedness grant programs.

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

- Tribal emergency preparedness grant funding needs;
- Tribal barriers and challenges, including the accessibility of EMPG and THSGP funds under the Homeland Security Act of 2002; and
- Other tribal needs related to building resilience.

The virtual tribal consultation will be on Zoom.

- Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022; 1:30-3 p.m. ET
- [Register to attend](#)
- Meeting ID: 161 441 1420; Passcode: 135389
- Join by phone: (669) 254-5252

A framing paper with questions for tribal leader consideration prior to the session date is attached. All information will be available on the FEMA website at: [www.fema.gov/about/tribes/consultations](http://www.fema.gov/about/tribes/consultations). The consultation record will remain open for 30 days after the virtual session for tribal leaders to submit feedback or comments to [gpd-comms@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:gpd-comms@fema.dhs.gov). Final feedback and comments are due by Friday, July 22, 2022.

We look forward to your participation and receiving comments and feedback as we work to support tribal nations' access to grant funding before, during, and after disasters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria Salinas".

Victoria Salinas,  
Deputy Administrator for Resilience (Acting)  
cc: Tribal Emergency Managers