



April 7, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), I invite you to participate in a tribal consultation on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET, on FEMA’s and CBP’s implementation of the Shelter and Services Program (SSP), which was enacted as part of the FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act. This tribal consultation is a follow up to the listening session held at the National Congress of American Indians’ Executive Council Winter Session on February 23, 2023.

The FY [2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act \(P.L. 117-328\)](#) establishes the SSP. The grant program aims to support the sheltering and related activities provided by non-federal entities in support of relieving noncitizen overcrowding in short-term holding facilities operated by CBP. FEMA and CBP will administer grants or cooperative agreements with Tribal Nations, state and local governments, as well as non-governmental organizations. FEMA and CBP will work with these governments and organizations to fund eligible costs of providing temporary shelter and related services to individuals released from Department of Homeland Security custody.

The purpose of this consultation is to provide an overview of the SSP and gather feedback from Tribal leaders to inform FEMA’s and CBP’s implementation of SSP in order to better serve Tribal Nations.

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

- Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023; 3:00 p.m. ET
- [Register to attend](#)
- Meeting ID: 161 698 3369
- Passcode: 706889
- Join by phone: (669) 254 5252

An agenda and framing paper with questions for Tribal leader consideration will be provided prior to the session date. All information will be available on the FEMA website at: www.fema.gov/about/tribes/consultations.

The official record will remain open for 30 days after the tribal consultation a Tribal Nations to submit by written comments to gpd-comms@fema.dhs.gov. Tribal Nation’s written comments are due by Thursday, May 25, 2023.

We look forward to your participation and receiving both your verbal and written comments as we work to support Tribal Nations’ access to grant funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P.S. Williams".

Pamela S. Williams,
Assistant Administrator
Grant Programs Directorate

cc: Tribal Emergency Managers