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Below are links to various FEMA guidance for your assistance:

- [Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance](#) (January 2017)
- [Dear Tribal Partner letter from FEMA](#) (March 19, 2020)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID -19\): FEMA Assistance for Tribal Governments](#) (March 26, 2020)

Below are the FEMA contacts for assistance in the development of your PA Administrative Plan and/or for any other questions you may have to help you navigate this process.

- FEMA Lead Tribal Liaison for COVID-19, Christopher Poehlmann, [christopher.poehlmann@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:christopher.poehlmann@fema.dhs.gov).
- FEMA Declarations Coordinator, Emily Baumgartner, [emily.baumgartner@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:emily.baumgartner@fema.dhs.gov).
- FEMA Public Assistance Officer for COVID-19, Grace Tebarwa, [grace.tebarwa@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:grace.tebarwa@fema.dhs.gov).

The graphic features a dark teal background with a subtle pattern of light spots. In the top left corner is the USET/USSET logo. The main title is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title is the date. A white box contains the main heading. The body text is in white, with several paragraphs providing detailed information about FEMA assistance for Tribal Nations. The bottom of the graphic has a decorative light flare.

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**TRIBAL NATIONS ACCESS TO FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Tribal Nation governments can request Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) as a Direct recipient to FEMA, or as a sub recipient of a State, to access emergency funding/resources under the National Emergency Declaration for the COVID-19 pandemic. Tribal Nations are required to have a FEMA-Tribal Nation Agreement, Emergency Plan, and a variety of other required forms and documentation.

Tribal Nations are also able to request direct Federal Disaster Assistance. Tribal Nations approved for Federal Disaster Assistance PA (Part B) are required to have a FEMA-approved PA Administrative Plan to access disaster funding/resources.

Tribal Nations must express their intent to seek FEMA PA by notifying their FEMA Regional Administrator by April 13, 2020, and indicate that their Tribal Emergency Plan has been executed.

Tribal Nations electing to be a sub recipient of their respective state PA must submit a "Request for Public Assistance" to the state by June 11, 2020.

For reference, FEMA has issued guidance for Tribal Nation governments seeking PA for emergency and disaster COVID-19 efforts. Please also contact FEMA for assistance in the development of your PA Administrative Plan and/or any other questions you may have to help you navigate this process in a timely manner.