

Re: USET SPF Alert: Treasury Announces January 12 Deadline for Tribal Emergency Rental Assistance  
January 8 2021

Dear USET SPF Membership,

This evening the Department of the Treasury announced that it will be holding a Tribal Consultation Listening Session on the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program with Tribal Leaders or their designees, Tribally-designated housing entities, and Tribal stakeholders. According to Treasury's ERA [website](#) [link], applications are still due by 11:59pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. USET SPF will keep you informed if this deadline is changed. To submit an application to receive ERA funds, please [click here](#) [link].

The Tribal Consultation Listening Session is scheduled for **Thursday, January 14, 2021** from **2:30pm to 4:00pm Eastern Time**. Tribal Leaders, or their designees, will be given priority to comment and raise concerns regarding the ERA program and its upcoming \$800 million disbursement to Tribal Nations or their Tribally-designated Housing entities.

Dial-in information to participate in the Tribal Consultation is below—

**Call-in number: 1 888 455-7136 or 1 773 799-3680**

**Passcode: 7751893**

**Conference number: 1936250**

If you have difficulty joining the call or have any questions regarding the Tribal Consultation Listening Session, please email [tribal.consult@treasury.gov](mailto:tribal.consult@treasury.gov) [link]. Questions or comments on the ERA program can be emailed to [EmergencyRentalAssistance@Treasury.gov](mailto:EmergencyRentalAssistance@Treasury.gov) [link].

Thank You,  
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**From:** Brian Howard

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**Subject:** USET SPF Alert: Treasury Announces January 12 Deadline for Tribal Emergency Rental Assistance

Dear USET SPF Membership,

On January 6, 2021 the Department of the Treasury announced a short deadline for Tribal Nations, or the Tribally-designated housing entity of a Tribal Nation, to apply for and receive Emergency Rental Assistance funds under [H.R. 133](#) [link], the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260). Tribal

Nations, or the Tribally-designated housing entity of a Tribal Nation, must apply for relief under the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program by 11:59pm Eastern Time on January 12, 2021.

H.R. 133 provided \$800 million in rental assistance specifically for Tribal Nations and mandated that such funds should be expended within 30-days following enactment of the statute. However, the statute has provided an exception for Tribal Nations that opted out of receiving a grant allocation under the Native American Housing Block Grants program formula for fiscal year 2020. Those Tribal Nations must provide payment information and an executed copy of the award terms no later than 11:59pm on January 26, 2021.

For more information on the Emergency Rental Assistance program please [click here](#) [link], and to submit an application to receive ERA funds, please [click here](#) [link].

Assistance with technical issues for submitting applications can be directed to [caresITforms@Treasury.gov](mailto:caresITforms@Treasury.gov) [link], and questions regarding the ERA program should be directed to [EmergencyRentalAssistance@Treasury.gov](mailto:EmergencyRentalAssistance@Treasury.gov) [link].

USET SPF appreciates the expeditious award of ERA funds and understands that these funds are bound to 30-day expenditure timeline due to H.R. 133's statutory mandate. However, the Department of the Treasury should have initiated immediate Tribal Consultation efforts following the statute's enactment on December 27, 2020.

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