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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Office of National Tribal Liaison (ONTL) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) greatly values its partnerships with Tribal Nations and communities. We would like to inform Tribes of two funding opportunities APHIS will announce totaling \$30 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to further our understanding and ability to address SARS-CoV-2 in animals. The funding opportunities include \$25 million for cooperators within U.S. States and territories, including State and Federal agencies, Tribal nations, universities, nongovernmental organizations, and private entities and \$5 million specifically for Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or organizations working on behalf of Tribes or Tribal organizations.

We want to invite you and members of your staff to attend our Tribal Webinar: "American Rescue Plan Funding for Tribes Webinar Series," on November 29, 2022 and December 13, 2022, at 1:00 pm EDT.

In March 2021, USDA was provided \$300 million through the American Rescue Plan Act to conduct monitoring and surveillance of susceptible animals for SARS-CoV-2. APHIS is currently leveraging that funding to conduct multiple projects aimed at understanding how the SARS-CoV-2 virus behaves in different animals, how it moves between animals and people and what can be done to interrupt transmission.

This latest funding opportunity is part of APHIS' multi-pronged approach to support SARS-CoV-2 research in animals. In June, APHIS committed up to \$24 million for research grants through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID) programs. In 2022, APHIS initiated 18 projects that incorporate animal surveillance, testing, research and preventative efforts. APHIS is strategically targeting this funding to projects that will:

- Address gaps in surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 in animals.
- Determine susceptibility of target animal species to SARS-CoV-2.
- Help us understand potential roles of transmission for SARS-CoV-2 in animals.
- Develop strategies to rapidly detect and characterize new SARS-CoV-2 variants.
- Develop prevention and intervention strategies for SARS-CoV-2 in animals.

The [tribal](#) funding announcement will be open for 90 days, from Nov. 1, 2022, to Jan 31, 2023. Opportunities will be posted to [Grants.gov](#) and applications will be accepted through the ezFedGrants system for non-federal entities and by email for federal entities. For more information on this and other funding opportunities, check out APHIS' [One Health](#) website.



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We appreciate your ongoing partnership in safeguarding the Nation's agriculture and natural resources and hope you will join us for this event. If you have questions about the webinar, please contact ONTL Program Analyst Denise Salvetti at denise.salvetti@usda.gov. You can also reach out to the Travis Weger, Travis.Weger@usda.gov.

Details of the webinar are on page 3.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry W. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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ARP Funding for Tribes Webinar Series

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/hxnbQH8Y5g>

Date	Meeting Information
Tuesday 11/29/22 1:00 PM EDT	Meeting ID: 161 186 1405 Web Link: https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/join/1611861405?pwd=YXlrOHlrGjZ3VZk3ZUVE50OUg5QT09 Zoom Link: https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/j/1611861405?pwd=YXlrOHlrGjZ3VZk3ZUVE50OUg5QT09 Meeting Password: dRgnhpqf\$ Dial-in information: +1 669-254-5252 US +1 646-828-7666 US
Tuesday 12/13/22 1:00 PM EDT	Meeting ID: 161 186 1405 Web Link: https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/join/1611861405?pwd=YXlrOHlrGjZ3VZk3ZUVE50OUg5QT09 Zoom Link: https://coreshield.zoomgov.com/j/1611861405?pwd=YXlrOHlrGjZ3VZk3ZUVE50OUg5QT09 Meeting Password: dRgnhpqf\$ Dial-in information: +1 669-254-5252 US +1 646-828-7666 US

ARP General Funding Webinar Series

Date	Meeting Information
Monday 11/7/22 12:00 PM EDT	General Interest Registration, APHIS American Rescue Plan Funding Opportunity General Outreach Webinar [Recording link will be posted when available]
Monday 11/14/22 11:30 AM EDT	General Interest Registration, APHIS American Rescue Plan Funding Opportunity General Outreach Webinar [Recording link will be posted when available]