



Feb. 3, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) remains committed to our responsibility outlined in [FEMA's Tribal Consultation Policy](#) to engage in meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials. FEMA is also committed to responding to requests for consultation from Tribal Nations.

In response to the letter FEMA received from the Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Coalition (ITEMC) Chairman, we held an in-person tribal consultation on Aug. 22, 2024, during the ITEMC Summit to discuss FEMA grant programs. The purpose of the tribal consultation was to gather feedback on how FEMA can support increasing Tribal Nation access to its grant programs. We are following up with a virtual consultation to continue gathering this feedback.

The tribal consultation on March 6, 2025 will be hosted by FEMA leadership. Topics include:

- FEMA grant program processes and applications;
- Tribal barriers and challenges, including the accessibility of FEMA grants; and
- Other tribal needs related to grant programs at FEMA.

The tribal consultation will be virtual.

- Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025; 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET
- [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

A framing paper with questions for Tribal Leader consideration 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 60 days after the last 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 May 9, 2025, at 5:00 pm ET.

We look forward to your participation and receiving comments and feedback as we work to support Tribal Nations' access to grant funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P.S. Williams'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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cc: Tribal Emergency Managers