

April 5, 2021

Via Email

Dear Tribal Leader:

As the Point of Contact for Tribal Consultation for the U.S. Department of the Treasury, I invite you to attend a Tribal Consultation on the \$100 million in Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for Tribal governments to be used to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Treasury recognizes that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Department of Commerce conducted extensive engagement on the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) in February 2021. The Consolidated Appropriations Act also provides new sources of tribal broadband funding that can assist in mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Treasury is working in partnership with NTIA to review written and public comments from Tribal governments made in February and consider them during consultation on the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund.

The Department of the Treasury is seeking your input on the following:

- 1. How should Treasury implement a program to ensure that the priorities of tribal nations are represented?
- 2. What types of projects or uses should be eligible? Are there any uses that should be excluded?
- 3. What should Treasury consider that will improve the efficiency of its program relative to other federal funds?
- 4. How can Treasury establish reporting requirements that sufficiently inform the public on how federal funds are used and how much more federal funding is needed?

The Department will conduct a consultation on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET to hear from Tribal leaders or their designees. We respectfully request that each Tribe register one primary leader or designee leader to provide comments by Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. All others are welcome to register as listen-only

participants. Please note that each consultation can host 1000 participants. The deadline for written comments is 11:59 p.m. ET, Wednesday, April 14,2021. Comments can be sent to tribal.consult@treasury.gov.

## Consultations are off the record and not for press purposes.

Register here.

An agenda will be sent by Monday, April 12, 2021.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this important discussion and value your participation.

Sincerely,

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