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Dear Tribal Leader:

We are pleased to invite you to a Nation-to-Nation Tribal consultation with the Department of Justice on funding for Tribal public safety and criminal justice systems. The Department administers many grant opportunities available to Tribes. In response to concerns raised by Tribes about aspects of the Department’s funding mechanisms, the Department assembled a working group to examine options for improving funding opportunities for Tribes, including consideration of potential legislative proposals. This working group identified several suggestions the Department has received from Tribes and advocates on potential pathways for improvement. A framing paper outlining issues for discussion and providing background information accompanies this letter.

Please note that the Tribal consultation will be closed to the press to protect confidential information that may be discussed during the sessions. To allow the sessions to run more smoothly, please [register](#) if you plan to attend a session on the list below. We look forward to speaking with you at one or more of the following sessions:

Date & Time	Location	Notes
October 22, 2024, 2:30-4:00 PM Alaska Time	Southcentral Foundation, Mt. Ahklun Building Gathering Room 4501 Diplomacy Dr. Anchorage, AK 99508	This consultation session will be held in coordination with the Alaska Intertribal Technical Assistance Working Group meeting . Up-to-date information can be found on the meeting information page, linked above.
October 30, 2024, 12:45-2:15 PM PT	MGM Grand Las Vegas Las Vegas, Nevada	This consultation session will be held in coordination with the National Congress of American Indians 81 st Annual Convention & Marketplace , please check above link for up-to-date information.
November 4, 2024, 3:00-5:00 PM ET	Virtual	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 992 705 570 911 Passcode: 8giGbU
November 6, 2024, 3:00-5:00 PM ET	Virtual	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 992 641 662 771 Passcode: gM3HHd
November 19-21, 2024 Tribal leaders have the option of addressing the enclosed framing paper in their oral testimony at this annual consultation under the Violence Against Women Act.	Santa Fe, New Mexico	This consultation session will be held in coordination with the 19th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation . In addition to oral testimony at the event, Tribal leaders may provide written comments by the deadline below.

We also welcome your written comments, which can be submitted either by email to OTJ@usdoj.gov or by mail to Office of Tribal Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001 by November 25, 2024.

The Department acknowledges that we generally give 30-days advanced notice prior to holding a Nation-to-Nation consultation and for a written comment period following the final consultation session. Given this consultation responds to existing robust engagement with Tribes on the critical issue of Tribal public safety and criminal justice funding and due to timing considerations, we provide the above consultation schedule, which offers multiple opportunities and platforms for Tribes to engage in the consultation over several weeks throughout the months of October and November.

The Department seeks Tribal views on what changes to funding programs and methods would best meet the current public safety and criminal justice needs of Tribes. The attached framing paper provides a few questions to orient the discussion, but we welcome additional topics during the consultation.

If you have any questions regarding this Tribal Consultation series, or need any accommodations for the sessions, please contact OTJ at OTJ@usdoj.gov, or by phone at 202-514-8812. We look forward to your participation in these important Nation-to-Nation consultation sessions.

Sincerely,

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