



MEMORANDUM ON TRIBAL CONSULTATION

On January 26, 2021, President Biden released a memorandum to Executive Departments and Agencies reaffirms the Biden Administration's commitment to Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000. The memorandum can be found [here](#).

FCC SEEKS COMMENT

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is seeking comments on a new Emergency Broadband Benefit Program created under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, which would provide eligible households with a discount off the cost of broadband service and certain connected devices during the COVID-19 pandemic. Comments are due on February 16, 2021. More information [here](#).

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COVID-19 VACCINES NEWS AND UPDATES

On January 28, 2021, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report finding that vaccine distribution, supply chain issues, and testing issues remain. The GAO is making a total of 44 recommendations regarding the COVID-19 response and urges swift action. The report can be accessed [here](#).

Energy and Commerce's Health Subcommittee will have a hearing on the COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and medical supply chain on **Wednesday, February 3 at 11 AM (EST)/8 AM (PST)**. To watch the hearing, visit this livestream link [here](#).

California is currently in Phase 1B, Tier One of the vaccination schedule, which means the following people are eligible for the vaccine, individuals 65 and older, those at risk of exposure at work in the education/child care, emergency services, and food and agriculture sectors. More about California's response can be found [here](#).

California recommends all residents sign up for notifications when they are eligible for the vaccine. To sign-up, go to myturn.ca.gov.

DATA: To date, there has not be a public release of data regarding how many Native Americans in California have received the vaccine. The CDC has general statewide information (link [here](#)) and California releases information by county (link [here](#)). No data is currently released regarding population data.

ROUND 2 & 3 OF FUNDING OFR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)

California's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability under the CDBG Program. Currently, there is \$2.71 million set aside for federally recognized tribes and \$1.11 million for non-federally recognized tribes.

This Round 2 of CDBG Program CARES ACT (CDBG-CV20) funding can be used to boost tribal governments' economic development, help businesses and microenterprises avoid job losses and closures, increase public services, provide rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, acquire real property to be used for COVID-19 treatment and recovery, improve public facilities, and more. Visit the CDBG website [here](#) for more information.

At this time, HCD will be hosting an "Office Hour" for tribes to ask questions, discuss their application, and receive feedback on potential activities. Register for the "Office Hour" by clicking the dates below:

[Wednesday, February 3 at 1:00 - 2:00 PM](#) or
[Tuesday, February 9 at 10:00 - 11:00 AM](#).

NAFOA WEBINAR: OMB UNIFORM GUIDANCE - FEBRUARY 3, 2021

On February 3, NAFOA will be hosting a webinar on the [2020 Compliance Supplement](#), which was released on August 18, 2020, and the [2020 Compliance Supplement Addendum](#), which was published December 2020.

The webinar will also provide an overview of how recent legislation impacts COVID-19 programs and other compliance information about Coronavirus Relief Fund, Provider Relief Fund, Indian Community Development Block Grant, and FFATA Changes.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

EMERGENCY TRIBAL PREPAREDNESS

GRANT: Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) for Federally Recognized Tribes

Due Date: February 26, 2021

The EMPG is created to assist federally recognized tribes in preparing for, mitigating against, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters.

Learn more about EMPG by reading the RFP [here](#). Submit your Tribe's Notice of Interest by emailing the [completed form](#) to

Yer.Yang@caloes.ca.gov.

Website for the grant is [here](#).

NCAI Webinar Series - Tribal Disaster Declarations Pilot Guidance

This week the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) hosted a three-part webinar series on tribal preparedness efforts. The webinar intends to walk tribes through the [2017 Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance](#) to ensure tribes were read for emergency disasters on their communities.

The first two webinars occurred on January 27 and January 28, but NCAI has posted the recordings to their YouTube channel and are linked below:

[January 27 recording](#)

[January 28 recording](#)

For more info about the series, contact Kelbie Kennedy at kkennedy@ncai.org