

December 16, 2022

Via Email

Dear Tribal Leader:

As the Department of the Treasury's Point of Contact for Tribal Consultation, I invite you to attend a Tribal consultation on the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Compliance and Reporting Guidance for Tribal Entities. The consultation will be held **Tuesday, January 17**, **2023, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time**.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 established the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund and provides \$100 million for Tribal governments 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 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). In accordance with the statute, each eligible Tribal government received an allocation of \$167,504. Tribal governments must have submitted a CPF application by October 14, 2022, to participate in the program.

Treasury held <u>Tribal consultation</u> on April 13, 2021 to receive input from Tribal Nations on program guidelines, allocation methodology, and eligible uses.

Treasury is currently formulating CPF Compliance and Reporting Guidance for Tribal Entities. The Compliance and Reporting Guidance provides recipients with information needed to fulfill their reporting requirements and compliance obligations. Data will be submitted to Treasury using a web-based portal and in accordance with specific data requirements.

Project and expenditure reports must be submitted annually for the duration of the period of performance for Tribal governments. The project and expenditure report contains a set of standardized questions to ascertain the recipient's use of funds received as of the date of reporting, as well as the status of individual projects and a free-form written narrative for Tribal governments to describe performance to-date.

We respectfully request that each Tribal government register one primary leader or designee to provide comments. All others are welcome to register as listen-only participants. Please note that each consultation can host 500 participants. **The deadline to submit written comments is Tuesday, January 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Alaska Time. Written comments should be sent to tribal.consult@treasury.gov.**

Consultations are off the record and not for press purposes.

Register here for the Tuesday, January 17, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time session.

Specifically, we hope to receive your input on the following questions:

- 1. What type of data should Treasury collect from Tribes regarding Tribal CPF projects to include in the Tribal reporting guidance?
- 2. What equitable factors should Treasury take into consideration in development of the Tribal reporting guidance?
- 3. What additional factors should Treasury consider, if any, in developing the Tribal reporting guidance?

If you have any questions, please email <u>tribal.consult@treasury.gov</u>. We look forward to hearing your feedback on the CPF Compliance and Reporting Guidance for Tribal Entities and its implementation to ensure Tribal governments and communities are integrated into the work of our department.

Sincerely,

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