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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING
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SUBJECT: Tribal Consultation on CDBG-DR

Dear Tribal Leader:

Section 504 of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act (RTHA), which became law on July 11, 2026, authorizes the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program (CDBG-DR) and directs HUD to publish proposed rules within six months of enactment and a final rule within one year of enactment.

The program provides assistance to Tribes, states, and local government grantees to rebuild disaster-impacted areas and support long-term recovery and mitigation efforts. This is the first time CDBG-DR has been authorized by statute as a standalone program, and it does not replace the Indian Community Development Block Grant – Imminent Threat (ICDBG-IT) program that Tribes use today

Because it is disaster-specific funding appropriated by Congress, CDBG-DR carries a heavier administrative framework than Tribes may be used to, built around four things: up-front planning to justify the use of funds, written rules for carrying out the work, federal compliance requirements, and ongoing reporting throughout the life of the grant.

In accordance with HUD's Tribal Consultation Policy, we are seeking Tribal input throughout the rulemaking process, from proposed rule to final rule. This DTL letter offers you an opportunity to shape policies before enactment. We welcome feedback on the questions below, plus any ideas on how to better enable Tribes to use CDBG-DR funding effectively.

1. **Top priority:** What's the most important requirement or standard you want included in the CDBG-DR regulations?
2. **Required Flexibilities:** What regulatory flexibilities should be codified in the CDBG-DR rules, and why are they important for Tribal grantees?
3. **Additional Perspectives:** Are there things about the CDBG-DR program that will be beneficial for HUD to consider during the rulemaking process?
4. **Tribal-Specific Provisions:** What provisions should be included to address unique Tribal needs during CDBG-DR development and implementation, particularly to:
    - Support long-term recovery and revitalization in disaster-impacted areas
    - Address unmet needs remaining after FEMA, SBA, and other federal assistance is exhausted

- Rebuild housing, infrastructure, and communities in low-income Tribal areas that may otherwise struggle to recover

5. **Capacity Support:** What assistance is needed to help Tribes meet award eligibility and compliance requirements (e.g., hazard mitigation plans, financial controls, action plan development, duplication of benefits determinations)?

6. **Additional Feedback:** Any other input to help ensure CDBG-DR succeeds in Tribal communities?

Please submit all comments to consultation@hud.gov. Please include "Tribal Consultation on CDBG-DR" in the subject line with your submission. HUD will consider all consultation comments received within 30 days of this letter. HUD will develop a proposed rule and publish it in the Federal Register for public comment in the near future.

This Tribal consultation is separate from the formal rulemaking comment process. Once HUD publishes the proposed rule in the Federal Register, the public — including Tribes — will have a 90-day period to submit comments. Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of HUD's programs.

Sincerely,

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