



Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships

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Purpose

- HUD is implementing President Biden's January 26, 2021 Memorandum.
- The Memorandum directs each agency to submit a detailed plan of actions to implement the policies and directives of Executive Order 13175 "Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments."
- The Action plan is due to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by April 26, 2021 with annual progress reports submitted annually.
- Your feedback and comments will help HUD develop its action plan and inform any updates to our consultation policy.

HUD Consultation Policy

- HUD's current policy was last amended in 2016, after President Obama issued a similar Presidential Memorandum.
- The policy applies to all HUD departments.
- Most recently the Office of Housing Counseling has hosted consultation sessions; and, ONAP has held multiple consultations on Section 184 regulations and Tribal HUD-VASH.
- Tomorrow, Community Planning and Development (CPD) will host a consultation to design procedures for Tribes to participate in the Continuum of Care program.

Last Session

- The last session yielded lots of helpful comments going towards HUD's Action Plan.
- Examples:
 - Maintain a regular, consistent tribal consultation schedule.
 - Train other offices within HUD (and other inexperienced Federal Agencies) on what Tribal consultation is and how it should operate.
 - Incorporate cultural history and sensitivity training.
 - Create regional representative positions.
 - Keep track of comments and how/if they are integrated into policies.
 - Creation of a standing Tribal Advisory Committee.
- We are looking forward to more today.

Discussion Session

- What ideas do you have on how we can more effectively consult and strengthen communications and relationships?
- Are there any best practices from other federal agencies that you suggest we review?
- How can we as an agency provide consistent consultation across programs?
- How can we better prepare HUD staff to understand the consultation responsibilities and the government-to-government relationship?
- Are there ways we can better use technology to solicit tribal feedback on policies?

THANK YOU

Please send comments to: TribalConsultationPolicy@hud.gov

Deadline for Comments: April 5, 2021