



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

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Dear Tribal Leaders:

The Biden-Harris Administration remains committed to conducting regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal Nations, as discussed in the January 26, 2021, [Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#).

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), I am writing to invite you to take part in the upcoming Consultation on the Tribal Set-Aside from the Crime Victims Fund (TVSSA) for Fiscal Year 2023.

The Consultation on OVC's administration of the TVSSA will be held on Wednesday, November 9th from 2:00–4:00 p.m., eastern time. An informational framing paper and a report on the management of the Tribal Set-Aside will be provided in advance of the Consultation for your consideration. To register, visit [this link](#).

Consultation testimony can be provided by:

- an elected Tribal leader,
- an appointed Tribal leader, or
- someone designated by an elected or appointed Tribal leader. (Designation must be provided in writing.)

When registering for the teleconference via the link above, you will be asked to provide your name, email, Tribal leadership position, Tribal affiliation, and whether you would like to provide written and/or verbal testimony. If you are a Tribal leader's designee to provide testimony, we ask that you provide a Delegation of Authority letter signed by the elected or appointed Tribal leader on Tribal letterhead or have the elected or appointed Tribal leader send an email to ovctribalsetaside@usdoj.gov to confirm your authorization to testify on behalf of the Tribe. Additional instructions for how to submit your testimony will be available after you register. Written testimony will be accepted until December 16, 2022.

In addition to the virtual Consultation, OVC plans to host an in-person Listening Session before the [17th National Indian Nations Conference](#) scheduled for December 6–9, 2022, at the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in Palm Springs, CA. This session will be held on December 6, 2022, from 9:00–11:30 a.m., and will provide interested persons an opportunity to offer feedback about the TVSSA program, and other matters to enhance services for victims of crime within Tribal communities. Information about the Consultation and other

upcoming events is available on the OVC website at: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal/tribal-victim-services-set-aside>.

To submit written testimony or the delegation of authority to testify:

- please **EMAIL** ovctribalsetaside@usdoj.gov;
SUBJECT LINE: FY 2023 Tribal Set-Aside Consultation Testimony
- Or by **POSTAL MAIL** to:
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OVC values and respects the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Tribal governments, and thanks Tribal leaders for their support, input, and engagement as we continue our work to improve services for victims of crime in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Sincerely,



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Director