



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

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**ATTENTION: TIME SENSITIVE CONSULTATION INFORMATION**  
**ALL-TRIBES CONSULTATION CALL**  
**RE: CARES ACT TITLE VI, CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND**

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, provides additional funding to assist Tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to coronavirus. The CARES Act includes a Coronavirus Relief Fund (CVF) that includes an \$8 billion set aside for Tribal governments, to be distributed no later than April 26, 2020.

Together with the U.S. Department of Treasury, I seek your input on developing a methodology or formula to allocate this \$8 billion to Tribal governments, as outlined in the CARES Act, and guidance on what qualifies as necessary expenditures incurred due to the coronavirus public health emergency. A compressed timeline is necessary, so that we may distribute the funds as soon as possible to address your needs in these unprecedented and uncertain times. I invite you, as the official leader of your Tribe, to join Indian Affairs and representatives of the U.S. Department of Treasury on two following scheduled consultation sessions:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time (Eastern Time)</b>	<b>Call-In Information</b>
Thursday, April 2, 2020	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Phone number: 888-950-5924 Participant Code: 1682452
Thursday, April 9, 2020	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Phone number: 888-950-5924 Participant Code: 1682452

In the event you are unable to make the consultation call, please provide written comments and submit to [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov) and [tribal.consult@treasury.gov](mailto:tribal.consult@treasury.gov) **no later than Monday, April 13, 2020.** I appreciate your input and leadership as we work together to ensure these funds provide the maximum protection and relief for your communities.

Sincerely,

Tara Sweeney  
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs