DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Tribal Listening Sessions on Climate Change and Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal listening sessions.

SUMMARY: The Department invites representatives of federally recognized Tribes to participate in three upcoming virtual listening sessions focused on climate change and Tribal Nations and two upcoming virtual listening sessions focused on Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) discretionary grants for Tribes. The Department also invites Tribal youth to the first scheduled climate listening session, which is focused on Tribal youth and climate. Climate change, equity, and environmental justice are among this Administration’s top priorities. The Department would like to ensure that its efforts and the initiatives it develops to meet these priorities are shaped and designed based on feedback and information received from across Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages.

DATES: Please see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice for dates of the sessions.

ADDRESSES: Please see the website for updates https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-climate-resilience-program for information on joining the Tribal climate sessions. Please see the website https://www.doio.gov/ppa/equity/13985 for updates and information on joining the Tribal discretionary grants sessions.

For more specific questions please contact Tribal.Climate@bia.gov.

Aswathi Zachariah, General Counsel.

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The Inter-American Foundation is holding this meeting under the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

Aswathi Zachariah, General Counsel.

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1. How is climate change impacting your Tribal Nation and your community?
2. How can you help connect people of all generations to work together to solve community problems and address climate challenges with honor & respect for the land and environment? And how can DOI help empower you and your Tribal Nation in these efforts?

Session 2: Part I—Tribal Climate Adaptation and Mitigation
Date: October 28, 2021
Time: 12 p.m.–1 p.m. ET

Questions for discussion:
1. What are your top priorities surrounding climate adaptation, mitigation, and implementation, and what are the science needs to support these priorities?
2. Do you have a climate adaptation plan(s) for your Tribe/Tribal Program? How are they being implemented? What are the barriers to implementing them?

Session 2: Part II—Relocation, Managed Retreat, Protect-in-Place for Lower 48 Tribes
Date: October 28, 2021
Time: 2 p.m.–3 p.m. ET

Questions for discussion:
1. Is your Tribe dealing with more frequent and severe climate change impacts (e.g., flooding, erosion, sea level rise, etc.) that are likely to require partial or complete infrastructure relocation?
2. If so, what are the resources (financial, technical, etc.) needed to assist the process? What are the barriers?

Session 3: Relocation, Managed Retreat, and Protect-in-Place Issues in Alaska
Date: To be held during the BIA Providers’ Conference week of November 29, 2021
Time: To be announced (see https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-climate-resilience-program for updates)

Questions for discussion:
1. What resources have you successfully obtained thus far? What successes have you had?
2. What challenges have you experienced? What assistance do you need from the Federal government to address this issue?

Sessions 4 & 5: Tribal Discretionary Grants
Date: October 20, 2021
Time: 8 p.m.–10 p.m. ET

Questions for discussion:
1. If you have applied for a discretionary grant administered by DOI in the past, what has been your experience?
2. If you have not applied for discretionary grants administered by DOI, why not? What would make it easier for you access grant opportunities with DOI?
3. What are the barriers to applying for grant opportunities with DOI?
4. How can DOI remove or reduce barriers that Tribal Nations and communities face when they participate or attempt to participate in DOI-administered grant opportunities?

Session 5: Tribal Discretionary Grants
Date: October 27, 2021
Time: 5 p.m.–7 p.m. ET

Questions for discussion:
1. If you have applied for a discretionary grant administered by DOI in the past, what has been your experience?
2. If you have not applied for discretionary grants administered by DOI, why not? What would make it easier for you access grant opportunities with DOI?
3. What are the barriers to applying for grant opportunities with DOI?
4. How can DOI remove or reduce barriers that Tribal Nations and communities face when they participate or attempt to participate in DOI-administered grant opportunities?

Bryan Newland,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Indian Gaming Commission

Notice of Approved Class III Tribal Gaming Ordinances

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of Class III tribal gaming ordinances approved by the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

DATES: Applicable Date: This notice is applicable October 6, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) 25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq., established the National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission). Section 2710 of IGRA authorizes the Chairman of the Commission to approve Class II and Class III tribal gaming ordinances. Section 2710 (d) (2) (B) of IGRA, as implemented by NIGC regulations, 25 CFR 522.8, requires the Chairman to publish, in the Federal Register, approved Class III tribal gaming ordinances and the approvals thereof.

IGRA requires all tribal gaming ordinances to contain the same requirements concerning tribes’ sole proprietary interest and responsibility for the gaming activity, use of net revenues, annual audits, health and safety, background investigations and licensing of key employees and primary management officials. The Commission, therefore, believes that publication of each ordinance in the Federal Register would be redundant and result in unnecessary cost to the Commission.

Thus, the Commission believes that publishing a notice of approved Class III tribal gaming ordinances in the Federal Register is sufficient to meet the requirements of 25 U.S.C. 2710 (d) (2) (B). Beginning September 30, 2021, the NIGC will publish the notice of approved gaming ordinances quarterly, by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year.

Every approved tribal gaming ordinance, every approved ordinance amendment, and the approval thereof, will be posted on the Commission’s website (www.nigc.gov) under General Counsel, Gaming Ordinances within five (5) business days of approval. Also, the Commission will make copies of approved Class III ordinances available to the public upon request. Requests can be made in writing to the Office of General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Tearanie McCain, C/O Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS #1621, Washington, DC 20240.

The following constitutes a consolidated list of all Tribes for which the Chairman has approved tribal gaming ordinances authorizing Class III gaming.

1. Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indian of Oklahoma
2. Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
3. Ak-Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa Indian Reservation
4. Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town
5. Alturas Indian Rancheria
6. Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
7. Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck Indian Reservation
8. Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
9. Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians