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The Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) is a part of the government of the State of Arizona. Our mission is to protect Arizona by providing strategic direction and access to resources that will enable all of the state’s homeland security stakeholders to achieve our collective goals of:

- Preventing terrorist attacks in Arizona
- Enhancing Border Security
- Reducing Arizona’s vulnerability to all critical hazards
- Enhancing the capacity and expertise to plan for, mitigate, respond to and recover from all critical hazards that affect the safety, well-being and economic security of Arizona
- Building the resiliency of Arizona

AZDOHS administers and manages federal homeland security grants related to terrorism prevention, border security and protecting Arizona from all hazards.

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Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Encourage Tribal representation on the five Regional Advisory Councils (RAC).	Inform Tribal communities within the designated homeland regions of vacancies on a RAC.	Today, all Regional Advisory Councils have Tribal representatives. RAC members serve a 3-year term. As vacancies occur, AZDOHS’s Tribal Liaison will work with AZDOHS planners to recommend and reach out to potential Tribal representatives to serve on the RACs.
Work cooperatively with Arizona Tribes to decrease the vulnerability of the State.	Ensure Tribal Leaders and Public Safety personnel are aware of Homeland Security funding opportunities available to Tribes.	December 2014—Performed outreach to AZ Tribal stakeholders to attend AZDOHS’s Grant Information Seminars to learn about the FFY 2015 AZDOHS Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) application process.
		January 2015 – Shared FEMA’s announcement on the availability of Technical Assistance Tools for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants. This information helps Tribal Fire and Emergency Management personnel prepare a more effective application.
		April 2015 – Sent Tribal Public Safety representatives a notification regarding the start of the FFY 2015 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) application period. Encouraged them to apply for this Tribal “only” preparedness Homeland Security grant program. This year, Tribal communities received a total of \$3.6 Million dollars through the THSGP representing 36% of the total Nationwide Allocation! (\$10M)
		April 2015 – Notified AZ Tribal Stakeholders about FEMA’s solicitation for FFY 2015 THSGP peer reviewers. This is an important opportunity for Tribal representatives to participate in the peer review process to learn about the decision making

		metrics that apply to the THSGP awards.
Provide notification of training programs to Tribal officials and Tribal staff whenever possible.	Ensure Tribal personnel are aware of Homeland Security related training opportunities.	July 2014 – Informed AZ Tribal Public Safety entities about FEMA Region IX’s Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and State Preparedness Report technical assistance focused on enabling Tribal communities to comprehensively complete a THIRA (a required component to maintain eligibility for the THSGP).
		September 2014 and March 2015 – Encouraged Tribal grantees to participate in Non-Disaster Grants System training. This training helps grantees complete the required steps to complete an application, submit it correctly and learn about award performance report submission guidelines.
		January 2014 – Provided information to current Tribal FEMA grant sub-recipients regarding FEMA Grant Program Directorate E705 Fundamentals of Grants Management Course in Emmitsburg MD. This course is designed to improve collaboration amongst Tribal stakeholders and FEMA Staff to integrate grants management functions, apply proven business practices, and prepare for Federal monitoring and sub-recipient monitoring.
Share appropriate technical information and data with Tribes.	Ensure Tribal Public Safety agencies are aware of Homeland Security matters to include grant program requirements, updates, and changes.	October 2014 – Attended the Indian Country Intelligence Network’s (ICIN) meeting at the Hualapai Tribe. AZDOHS’s Tribal liaison assisted the AZ FirstNet team with their Tribal outreach regarding the nationwide FirstNet system.
		May 2015 – Traveled to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe with the AZ FirstNet team to provide a presentation to the Tribe’s Public Safety Chiefs regarding FirstNet’s implementation. We also gathered useful information regarding their current communications capabilities to be considered in Arizona’s FirstNet implementation plan.
Foster coordination and collaboration among the Tribes and local and state jurisdictions to increase emergency preparedness and response capabilities.	Provide liaison services (direct and electronic outreach) and facilitate Tribal outreach efforts by other State agencies conducting Homeland Security related business.	August, 2014 – AZDOHS’s Tribal Liaison attended the National Native American Law Enforcement Association (NNALEA) Conference in Las Vegas Nevada and networked with subject matter experts on topics affecting Tribes in the Southwest.
		November 2014 – Hosted ICIN officials at AZDOHS and provided an overview of the HSGP and THSGP grant programs. The overview provided information on how to apply for funding through these programs to pay for the salaries of Tribal specific intelligence analysts for the benefit of ICIN.
		January 2015 – The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison staffed an informational booth in the exhibition area of the 22nd Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Capitol. The purpose was to create awareness on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (U.S. DHS) preparedness programs as well as AZDOHS services and resources.
		February 2015 – Provided a presentation at an ICIN Tribal Law Enforcement meeting. The presentation described the status of U.S. DHS preparedness grant programs and included an invitation to AZDOHS’s future Human Trafficking Seminar.
		February 2015 – Attended the U.S. Department of Justice, training on Human Trafficking. Networked with Tribal representatives in attendance and noted unique aspects of the training for implementation in AZDOHS Human Trafficking Seminar planned for June 2015.
		April 2015 – Attended the Arizona Division of Emergency Management annual Tribal Summit designed to stimulate

		<p>networking between Tribal Emergency Managers and Health Personnel. The summit provided collaboration opportunities on topics affecting Tribal communities. AZDOHS's Tribal Liaison networked with the emergency personnel in attendance and discussed AZDOHS services relating to U.S. DHS preparedness grant programs.</p>
		<p>June 2015 – AZDOHS performed its annual Tribal Seminar. This year's seminar was titled "Human Trafficking in Native Communities." AZDOHS and various subject matter experts provided information to the 65 Tribal representatives in attendance regarding Human Trafficking. The seminar covered an overview of the issue, its effects on a Tribal community, law enforcement tactics to stem the problem, investigative techniques, and effective treatment options recommended for health and human services personnel. The seminar included representatives from nine different Tribal communities.</p>

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