

## State of Arizona Department of Homeland Security

Tribal Consultation Report July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020



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The Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) was established in 2006 by the Arizona State Legislature to support the mission of providing strategic direction and access to federal homeland security grant program resources that will further enable the stakeholders' collective goals to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks and other critical hazards that affect the safety, well-being and economic security of Arizona.

AZDOHS and all of the State's homeland security stakeholders are striving to achieve our goals of:

- Preventing terrorist attacks in Arizona
- Enhancing Border Security
- Heightening cybersecurity efforts
- 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.

GOAL	OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES
Encourage Tribal representation on the five Regional Advisory Councils (RAC).	Inform Tribal communities within the designated homeland regions of vacancies on a RAC.	At the end of FY 2019, all Homeland Security Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) had Tribal representatives. RAC members serve a 3- year term and help to determine funding priorities for the grant programs administered through the AZDOHS. As vacancies occur, AZDOHS's Border and Tribal Liaison works with AZDOHS Strategic Planners to recommend and reach out to prospective Tribal representatives.
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.	January 2020 – Tribal communities were informed of the State Homeland Security Grant Program, Grant Information Seminars. These seminars outline the application process for the upcoming grant cycle.
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 2019 – Tribal communities received notification of the training opportunities available: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Division, <i>Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities</i> ; National Tribal Emergency Management Council, <i>Interdiction for the Protection of</i> <i>Children</i> ; <i>AMBER Alert training</i> sponsored by Fort McDowell.
		<b>August 2019</b> – National Native American Law Enforcement Association, Collaborative training event scheduled for August 27-29.

		October 2019 – Resiliency Training & Innovation Center Training Bulletin listing multiple training opportunities; <i>Jurisdictional Threat and</i> <i>Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment</i> offered by Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Emergency Management Division; Orders of Protection training delivered by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission.
		<b>December 2019</b> – Resiliency Training & Innovation Center training bulletin – Sport Event Risk Management, EOC Management & Operations, Response Tactics for Critical Infrastructure & In-progress Crime, Search Warrants AZ, and Marijuana DUI Investigations.
		January 2020 – Department of Justice, <i>Domestic Violence Fatality</i> <i>Review Team</i> training – opportunity forwarded to tribal communities.
		<b>February 2020</b> – Hazardous Waste Operator & Emergency Response training – opportunity forwarded to tribal communities.
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.	August 2019 – Tribal communities notified of 2018 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment/Stakeholder Preparedness Review Workshop. THIRA/SPR is a requirement for the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program.
		March 2020 – Informed Tribal stakeholders of Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance of funds available to tribes for Cold Case Murder.
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.	July 2019 – June 2020 – National Native American Law Enforcement Association newsletters were forwarded to the tribal communities. These newsletters contain articles on current events as well as provide information on training opportunities.

## Agency Challenge:

Since the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program was implemented several years, more Tribes have opted to apply directly to FEMA under that program. We continue to look for opportunities to enhance tribal partnerships via outreach as well as attending Tribal seminars, conferences or other events.

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