



# State of Arizona Department of Homeland Security



**Tribal Consultation Report  
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021**

Governor Douglas A. Ducey

Director Tim Roemer

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
<b>Encourage Tribal representation on the five Regional Advisory Councils (RAC).</b>	<i>Inform Tribal communities within the designated homeland regions of vacancies on a RAC.</i>	At the end of FY 2020, there were Tribal representative vacancies on two of the five Homeland Security Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). AZDOHS is currently in the process of appointing Tribal representatives to fill those vacancies. 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 Strategic Planners conduct outreach to prospective Tribal representatives.
<b>Work cooperatively with Arizona Tribes to decrease the vulnerability of the State</b>	<i>Ensure Tribal Leaders and Public Safety personnel are aware of Homeland Security funding opportunities available to Tribes.</i>	<b>February 2021</b> – Tribal communities were informed of the State Homeland Security Grant Program and the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunities.  In FY2020, the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program provided funding to the following Arizona tribes to support the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities to enable tribes to strengthen their capacity to prevent, protect against and respond to potential terrorist attacks: Cocopah Indian Tribe (\$1,766,830), Colorado River Indian Tribe (\$600,297), Gila River Indian Community (\$840,000), Pascua Yaqui Tribe (\$1,049,048).

<p><b>Provide notification of training programs to Tribal officials and Tribal staff whenever possible.</b></p>	<p><i>Ensure Tribal personnel are aware of Homeland Security related training opportunities.</i></p>	<p><b>July 2020</b> – Tribal communities received notification of the training opportunities available: Domestic Violence in Indian Country/Investigations and Prosecution Options (August 17, 2020), Mental Awareness Webinar Series for Law Enforcement and Families/Empowering Support Systems to Recognize, Identify and Act on Concerning Behavior.</p>
		<p><b>August 2020</b> – Notification regarding Hazardous Materials Incident Response Operations training planned for 8/31/20</p> <p>DOJ Office on Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation (10/27-30/20)</p>
		<p><b>September 2020</b> – Shared Navajo Nation Virtual Town Hall with Dr. Antony Fauci (9/21/20) with Tribal communities.</p> <p>NNALEA – Forwarded information on the 2020 Training Event/Annual Conferenced scheduled for December 8-10, 2020.</p>
		<p><b>October 2020</b> – Native Health Newsletter forwarded to Tribal contacts. NNALEA – Forwarded information on the 2020 Training Event/Annual Conferenced scheduled for December 8-10, 2020.</p>
		<p><b>November 2020</b> – Native Health November Newsletter forwarded to Tribal contacts.</p> <p>Reminder of NNALEA - Forwarded information on the 2020 Training Event/Annual Conferenced scheduled for December 8-10, 2020.</p>
		<p><b>December 2020</b> – Native Health December Newsletter forwarded to Tribal contacts.</p> <p>Forwarded information regarding training opportunity: Behavioral Health and Public Safety: A Partnership Model to Support our Protectors (12/4/20)</p>
		<p><b>January 2021</b> – Shared information regarding the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day (January 13, 2021)</p>
		<p><b>February 2021</b> – NNALEA Conference Rescheduling Update (September 24-26, 2021)</p>
		<p><b>March 2021</b> – NNLEA March Newsletter forwards to Tribal communities</p>
		<p><b>May 2021</b> – NNLEA March Newsletter forwards to Tribal communities. Forwarded information regarding the Arizona Tribal broadband Workshops to be conducted June 9, 2021</p>
<p><b>June 2021</b> – NNLEA March Newsletter forwards to Tribal communities. Shared information regarding the Law Enforcement Summit scheduled for July 13-15.</p> <p>Forwarded information regarding active shooter training on Tribal land sponsored by the LSU National Center for Biomedical Research and Training scheduled for June 29.</p>		

<b>Share appropriate technical information and data with Tribes</b>	<i>Ensure Tribal Public Safety agencies are aware of Homeland Security matters to include grant program requirements, updates, and changes.</i>	<b>August 2020</b> – Tribal communities notified of 2020 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment/Stakeholder Preparedness Review. THIRA/SPR is a requirement for the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program.
<b>Foster coordination and collaboration among the Tribes and local and state jurisdictions to increase emergency preparedness and response capabilities.</b>	<i>Provide liaison services (direct and electronic outreach) and facilitate Tribal outreach efforts by other State agencies conducting Homeland Security related business.</i>	<b>July 2020– June 2021</b> – 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 years ago, 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 to support emergency preparedness.

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