The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) issued the Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance in January 2017. The Guidance governs procedures and criteria for a tribal government chief executive to request a presidential emergency or disaster declaration under the Stafford Act. DHS tribal grants have long been underfunded and recent grant programs may provide flexibility for tribal participation. This is an opportunity for tribal leaders to discuss with FEMA representatives the step by step analysis and differences of the previous declaration policy to the revised tribal declaration process. DHS officials will discuss the status of DHS tribal programmatic and policy updates including tribal specific grants.

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