

August 2022 Federal Register Update

APII tracked the following Federal Register notices affecting Indian Country for the month of August 2022. This list includes notices published between July 25, 2022 and August 26, 2022.

1. [Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska-2022-23 and 2023-24 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations](#)

- Published July 26, 2022.
- This final rule establishes regulations for seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means related to the taking of wildlife for subsistence uses in Alaska for the 2022-2023 and 2023-24 regulatory years.
- This rule is effective July 26, 2022.
- For further information contact Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attention: Sue Detwiler, Assistant Regional Director, Office of Subsistence Management; (907) 786-3888 or subsistence@fws.gov

2. [Special Diabetes Program for Indians](#)

- Published July 29, 2022.
- New funding is available to provide diabetes treatment and/or prevention activities and/or services to Tribal communities.
- Application Deadline Date: October 7, 2022.
- The application package and detailed instructions for this announcement are available at <https://www.Grants.gov>.
- For further information please email DGM@ihs.gov

3. [Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program](#)

- Published July 29, 2022.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service announces the availability of up to \$1 billion in grant funding, appropriated under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, for the establishment of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CDWG) Program.
- For Tribes/Alaska Native Corporations, search for the following grant opportunity Number in grants.gov and follow the included instructions: USDA-FS-2022-CWDG-TRIBES. Please note that Indian Tribes/Alaska Native Corporations can apply through either this specific grant opportunity or the applicable regional notice.
- Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM ET on October 7, 2022.
- For further information contact Sheila Walker, Fire and Aviation Management by phone at 503-313-2784 or email at Sheila.Walker2@usda.gov

4. [Rate Adjustments for Indian Irrigation Projects](#)

- Published July 29, 2022

- The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is issuing notices of adjusted irrigation assessment rates at several irrigation projects and facilities to reflect current costs of administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation.
- The 2023 Irrigation Assessment Rates are effective on January 1, 2023.
- For further information contact David Fisher, Chief, Division of Water and Power, (406) 657-5985.

5. **Nondiscrimination in Health Programs and Activities**

- Published August 8, 2022.
- The Department of Health and Human Services is issuing this proposed rule on Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) (Section 1557). Section 1557 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in certain health programs and activities.
- The Office for Civil Rights solicits input from Tribal officials as they develop the implementing regulations for Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act.
- The Tribal consultation meeting will be held on August 31, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET. To participate, you must register in advance at https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsfu-rqzksEI2T8gUp_IDrWBqkU0223CY.
- For further information contact Dylan Nicole de Kervor, (202) 240-3110 or (800) 537-7697 (TDD), or via email at 1557@hhs.gov, for matters related to Section 1557.

6. **Rural eConnectivity Program**

- Published August 4, 2022.
- The Rural Utilities Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, is issuing a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to announce that it is accepting applications for the second funding round in fiscal year 2022 for the Rural eConnectivity Program.
- Beginning on September 6, 2022, applications can be submitted through the RUS on-line application portal until 11:59 a.m. Eastern on November 2, 2022.
- Applications must be submitted electronically through the RUS on-line application portal located at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>. This FOA will also be made available on Grants.gov.
- For general inquiries regarding the ReConnect Program, contact Laurel Leverrier, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), email laurel.leverrier@usda.gov, telephone: (202) 720-9554.

7. **Solicitation of Nominations for the Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Billing Area Representative.**

- Published August 15, 2022.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Tribal Government Relations, is seeking nominations of qualified

candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs to represent the Indian Health Service, Billings Area.

- All nomination packages (Application, should be mailed to the Office of Tribal Government Relations, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 915H (075), Washington, DC 20420 or email to tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov
- For further information contact Ms. Stephanie Birdwell and David “Clay” Ward, Office of Tribal Government Relations, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Ste 915H (075), Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 461-7400.
- Please refer to the full federal register notice for a complete list of eligibility criteria.

8. 2020 Census Tribal Consultation; Virtual Public Meeting

- Published August 18, 2022.
- The Census Bureau will conduct a Tribal consultation on the second and final 2010 Demonstration Data Product for the Demographic and Housing Characteristics File (DHC) on September 19, 2022, via a national webinar. Feedback on this demonstration data product will help to determine the final parameter and settings for the 2020 DHC.
- The Census Bureau will conduct the Tribal consultation webinar on Monday, September 19, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT. Any questions or topics to be considered in the Tribal consultation meetings must be received in writing via email by Monday, September 12, 2022 at 2020DAS@census.gov
- The Census Bureau tribal consultation webinar meeting will be held via the Microsoft Teams platform at the following link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/registration/8RanOlnzkGIMEfRgxPGAaw,TIJcpXM2nESpQgaKulF03g,rT1DtLbTwkezvnebFVFaoQ,iUFZ8p48HkiUQKd6kUDang,Eg0luHKaP0K4SQLrkwJpg,STi-JWx-hUaO3gRjCnuT8Q?mode=read&tenantId=3aa716f1-e559-41ce-a530-47d18313c603&webinarRing=gcc>.
- For further information contact Dee Alexander Tribal Affairs Coordinator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Intergovernmental Affairs Office, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233; telephone (301) 763-6100; or email at ocia.tao@census.gov

9. National Tribal Broadband Grant; Solicitation of Proposals

- Published August 18, 2022.
- The Secretary of the Interior, through the Office of Indian Economic Development, Division of Economic Development, solicits proposals from eligible federally recognized Tribes for the National Tribal Broadband Grant to support feasibility studies for installation or expansion of high-speed internet.
- Grant application packages must be submitted to [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) no later than 5 p.m. ET, on October 17, 2022.
- For further information contact Mr. Dennis Wilson, Grant Management Specialist, Office of Indian Economic Development, telephone: (505) 917-3235; email:

dennis.wilson@bia.gov If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Ms. Jo Ann Metcalfe, Grant Officer, telephone (410) 703-3390; email: jo.metcalfe@bia.gov

10. [Tribal Tourism Grant Program: Solicitation of Proposals](#)

- Published August 24, 2022.
- The Secretary of the Interior, through the Office of Indian Economic Development, Division of Economic Development, is soliciting proposals from eligible federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations for the Tribal Tourism Grant Program. The grant funding will be used to support Tribal tourism by providing Tribes and Tribal organizations funding to obtain technical assistance to perform feasibility studies or develop Tribal tourism business plans.
- Grant application packages will be accepted until 5 p.m. ET, on October 24, 2022.
<https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/Applicants/HowToApplyForGrants.htm>.
- For further information contact Mr. Dennis Wilson, Grant Management Specialist, Office of Indian Economic Development, telephone: (505) 917-3235; email: dennis.wilson@bia.gov. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Ms. Jo Ann Metcalfe, Grant Officer, telephone (401) 703-3390; email jo.metcalfe@bia.gov

11. [Annual Meeting of Federal Partners and Tribal 477 Workgroup Under Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 2017](#)

- Published August 26, 2022.
- The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, announces the annual meeting of Federal agencies and Tribes that participate in the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Act of 2017 also known as the “Public Law 477 Work Group.” The meeting will be conducted virtually via MS Teams and by telephone.
- The annual Federal Partner and Tribal 477 Work Group meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).
- Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 25, 2022 to Johnna Blackhair, Acting Deputy Bureau Director, Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 849 C Street NW, MS-3645-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; or by email to Johnna.Blackhair@bia.gov. Please reference the Public Law 477 Work Group in the subject line of your email.
- To join and participate in the virtual meeting, please use the following connection information:
 - Virtual (via MS Teams):
https://teams.microsoft.com/join/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWQ0Njc0YzAtNjk3NS00NGI3LTljZTQtNzgxMDc2ZDM4ZTAz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%220693b5ba-4b18-4d7b-9341-f32f400a5494%22

[%2c%22Oid%22%3a%228c3cb591-9152-407a-a266-1d4d82c42be6%22%7d](#)

- Meeting ID: 266 231 890 013
- Passcode: aiNWGU
- For further information contact Johnna Blackhair, Acting Deputy Bureau Director, Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Johnna.Blackhair@bia.gov, (202) 513-7640.

12. Advisory Board of Exceptional Children

- Published August 26, 2022.
- The Bureau of Indian Education is announcing that the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children will hold a two-day in-person and virtual meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to meet the mandates of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 for Indian children with disabilities.
- The BIE Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); and Friday, September 16, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).
- The public meeting will be held at the 7th floor South Penthouse room, located between the 7200 and 7300 corridors, at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.
- To access the two-day in-person and virtual meeting (Thursday, September 15, 2022 and Friday, September 16, 2022) you can join through any of the following means.
 - Join Meeting by webinar:
 - <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1618293969?pwd=VWItN0lvYVRtQTRGTE1HMy9QVUMrdz09>.
 - Meeting ID: 161 829 3969.
 - Passcode: 982875.
- For further information contact Jennifer Davis, Designated Federal Officer, Bureau of Indian Education, 2600 N Central Ave., 12th floor, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Jennifer.davis@bie.edu, or (202) 860-7845.

13. Tribal Consultation for Ownership and Control and Contractual Assistance; Requirements for the 8(a) Business Development (BD) Program and other Planned 8(a) BD Program Regulatory Proposals.

- Published August 26, 2022.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration announces that it is holding tribal consultation meetings in Anchorage, Alaska, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Washington, DC, as well as a Listening Session in Honolulu, Hawaii, concerning forthcoming proposed revisions to the 8(a) Business Development (BD) program regulations. Additionally, SBA requests comments and input on how best to propose several program policies the Agency is contemplating that would impact Alaska Native Corporations (ANC), tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and 8(a) Participants owned by such

entities. Testimony presented at these tribal consultations will become part of the administrative record for SBA's consideration when the Agency deliberates on approaches to changes in the 8(a) BD program regulations.

- The Tribal Consultation meeting dates are as follows, please see the full federal register notice for exact meeting locations.
 - Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (AKDT), Anchorage, Alaska. Pre-registration for this Tribal Consultation meeting is requested by September 9, 2022.
 - Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (MDT), Albuquerque, New Mexico. Pre-registration for this Tribal Consultation meeting is requested by September 16, 2022.
 - Thursday, September 22, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (CDT), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Pre-registration for this Tribal Consultation meeting is requested by September 19, 2022.
 - Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT), Washington, DC. Pre-registration for this Tribal Consultation meeting is requested by September 30, 2022.
 - The Listening Session will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (HST), Honolulu, Hawaii. Pre-registration for this Listening Session is requested by September 23, 2022.
- Pre-registration: Send pre-registration requests to attend and/or testify to Chequita Carter of SBA's Office of Native American Affairs, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Washington, DC 20416; Chequita.Carter@sba.gov; or Facsimile to (202) 481-2177.
- For further information contact Chequita Carter, Program Assistant for SBA's Office of Native American Affairs, at Chequita.Carter@sba.gov or (202) 205-6680 or by facsimile to (202) 481-2177.