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New TTAP Website Launched

The new Tribal Technical Assistance Program [website](#) has launched. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Innovative Program Delivery's Center for Local Aid Support recently established a national Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) as a one-stop transportation resource for tribal communities across the country.

The TTAP Center provides comprehensive transportation training and technical assistance to tribal communities. The center helps communities build skills and expertise to ensure the safety and maintenance of tribal roads and the continuous professional development of tribal transportation workforces.

FHWA invites you to participate in a webinar to share the TTAP 2018 training plan. The one-hour webinar is scheduled for March 15, 2018. The presentation will identify

regional locations, dates and the training topics that will be provided between March 2018 and December 2018.

If you are unable to participate at the scheduled time, the webinar will be recorded and made available (complete replay with presentation slides) on the Center for Local Aid Support. To participate, please connect using the following information:

March 15, 2018 (encore)

Time: 3:00 pm EST (2:00 pm CST, 1:00 pm MST, 12:00 pm PST, 11:00 am AKST)

Teleconference Toll Free Number: 866-434-5269

Participant Passcode: 1171779

To join the meeting: <https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/clas/>

For more information, visit the Center for Local Aid Support website at https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local_aid/.

NTICC Early Bird Registration

The 2018 National Transportation in Indian Country Conference Planning Committee is seeking dynamic, engaging, and knowledgeable presenters for the 2018 NTICC. The conference will be held in Duluth, MN, Sept. 17-20, 2018.

All details and presentation requirements can be found at the [Call for Presentation](#) link.

The second round has been opened so if you have not yet submitted a presentation proposal, you still have a chance. Selected presentations will be announced in early April.

Please visit the newly renovated [website](#) for additional event details and to register. The early bird specials remain open through April.

Please [email me](#) your suggestions and content requests. *Note that suggestions/requests will be reviewed and forwarded to the committee, but that does not guarantee confirmation of any kind.*

Accepting applications for tribal scholarship

The Tribal Transportation Scholarship at North Dakota State University will recognize outstanding Native American Students who will be enrolling at NDSU with an interest in engineering, economics or agriculture. Funding for the \$2,000 scholarship will be provided by the Mountain-Plains Consortium through the University Transportation Centers Program of the USDOT. The scholarship will be awarded in two parts: \$1,000 to an incoming freshman and then a second \$1,000 if the student maintains GPA of 3.0 or higher. Scholarship applications will be accepted until May 31 and the first award will be made for fall semester of 2018. The scholarship winner will be recognized at the NDSU Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) Annual Awards Banquet. For more information on the scholarship and to apply, please visit UGPTI's [education webpage](#).

Upcoming Events



NDSU/UGPTI will be representing our tribal outreach effort at a few events, in April. The following events include:

- April 10-11th - [ND Asphalt Conference](#) - offering [TWO FREE tribal registrations](#)
- April 17-19th - South Dakota Transportation Workshop - Sioux Falls, SD

Additionally, FHWA is hosting a series of webinars to deliver shared goals, training and technical assistance through the Center for Local Aid Support. The following information can be used to access the webinar:

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For more information on any one of these events, please [contact us](#).

Federal grant funding now open

The U.S. Department of Justice has funding available to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities. The 2018 competitive grant announcement is available through the USDOJ [Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#) (CTAS). One caveat is that ONLY federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply. There are a few exceptions, however:

- COPS office: Applicants who have an established law enforcement agency, as of March 20, 2018, or who currently receive LE services with BIA, state or local agencies, may apply.
- OVW Tribal program: Applicants who have an established Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) tribal government program, may apply with a tribal resolution.
- OVC Tribal program: Applicants who have an established Office for Victims of Crime, may apply with a tribal resolution.

The deadline for submitting applications is **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**. From a transportation safety perspective, public safety and community policing would be a strong asset to fund, but all victim service funding opportunities are greatly needed in each tribal community. One such option is funding a program to improve services to prevent human trafficking but to also assist trafficking victims. [Native American women and children remain at a high risk for trafficking victimization.](#)

This funding could cover strategic planning, staffing, victim services, interventions, training and travel, prevention, equipment and supplies, cultural and traditional practices (i.e. talking circles, healing ceremonies, etc.), as well as programming for under-served populations.

For more information and to get started with your application please visit the [online application site](#). If you need direction or assistance in developing this grant application, we can offer some assistance.

About Us

Mission:

The UGPTI's Tribal Outreach effort improves safe transportation of people and goods on tribal reservations to enhance livability, community and cultural values through increased accessibility to employment, workforce development opportunities, education, healthcare and housing.

Vision:

The Tribal Outreach effort will be a leader in facilitating improvements in tribal transportation to enhance livability, community and cultural values for reservation residents.

Currently, the effort offers outreach in:

- funding opportunities
- grant writing assistance
- training (workforce development, youth, education, technology)
- program/resource assistance
- partnership/collaborative opportunities
- outreach task force
- monthly newsletter

Other resources and services will be offered as they become available. Please visit us on the web to [apply for assistance](#).

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