



## United States Department of the Interior

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Pacific Regional Office  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, California 95825

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Dear Tribal Leader,

The Fiscal Year 2022 budget formulation process is getting underway for the Pacific Region through Kickoff meeting sessions in November, as follows:

- November 5, 2019 – 10am-12 noon – Pacific Regional Office, Sacramento
- November 6, 2019 – 10am-12 noon – Cher-Ae Heights, Trinidad
- November 7, 2019 – 10am-12 noon – No. California Agency, Redding
- November 19, 2019 – 10am-12 noon – So. California Agency, Riverside
- November 20, 2019 – 10am-12 noon – Pala Tribal Office, Pala
- November 21, 2019 – 10am -12 noon – Graton Resort & Casino, Rohnert Park

The goal is to gain more Tribal participation by providing a presentation at each training session on the Formulation Ranking Tool and to facilitate gathering on-site responses to increase last year's response rate. Tribes are welcome to attend as many sessions as they would like, however, the same information will be presented at each session and you may choose a location that is convenient for you. The Department is continuing the use of the Tribal Preferred Program Ranking Tool, one response to the Ranking Tool to be submitted per Tribe. Attached you will find:

- 2022 Formulation Guidance
- Attachment A – Formulation Timeline
- Attachment B – Central Office Budget Priority Template
- Attachment C – Regional Budget Priority Template
- **Attachment D – Tribal Preferred Program Ranking Tool**

The tool entitled, "IA 2022 Tribal Budget Formulation - Preferred Program Ranking Tool" will again outline the tribe's top 10 funding preferences within these eight different strategic funding categories:

1. Strengthening Tribal Communities;
2. Trust Natural Resources Management;
3. Trust Land & Water Rights Management;
4. Public Safety and Justice;
5. Economic Development;
6. Education;
7. Construction;
8. Resource Management Construction

The tribe will rank up to top ten programs within each strategic category, as applicable. There are budget lines outlined that support the overall accomplishment of that strategy. Each budget line also includes a brief

description of the activities/projects/work supported by the funding provided on that budget line and a drop down menu that allows each line to be ranked according to tribal preference.

Tribes are not required to rank all lines. They can rank one line, all lines within the category, or any portion of the lines that apply. Additionally, they are not required to do rankings within all categories, only those categories that they feel apply to their tribe. The survey response information will be weighted to determine which budget lines in each category rank highest. The information will be weighted and totaled by category, first by tribe, then consolidated to the regional level then on a national scale. No program should be duplicated; and no amounts are needed to complete the Ranking Tool of the formulation process.

To assist our consolidation effort and eliminate any duplicate responses, please have only one tribal staff person identified to complete the Ranking Tool. Please provide that staff person's information to your Agency Superintendent as soon as possible.

You may download a copy of the IA FY 2022 Budget Formulation information referenced in the second paragraph of this letter, on our BIA Pacific Region website at:

<https://www.bia.gov/regional-offices/pacific>

Once completed the Ranking Tool response can be emailed to: [TribalFormulations.TIBC.Budget@bia.gov](mailto:TribalFormulations.TIBC.Budget@bia.gov)

Tribal Ranking Tool responses can also be printed and mailed to:

Pacific Regional Office  
2800 Cottage Way W-2820  
Sacramento, CA 95825.

The Pacific Region target date to accept the Ranking Tool responses will be **January 31, 2020**.

We anticipate scheduling a Pacific Region Statewide meeting to present the Ranking Tool response rankings and allow Tribes to deliberate and adjust as needed. The proposed scheduled date and location will be provided at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (916) 978-6029 or email Connie Wilkie, Regional Budget Analyst at [connie.wilkie@bia.gov](mailto:connie.wilkie@bia.gov). Thank you.

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