



Universal Service  
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Tribal Outreach

## Celebrating National Native American Heritage Month

November 25, 2020

Dear Tribal Leader,

During this National Native American Heritage Month, the [Universal Service Administrative Company](#) (USAC) highlights our ongoing commitment to engaging Tribal stakeholders in our mission to provide universal service. We celebrate our Tribal stakeholders' diverse cultures and rich history. Below are some of the recent and upcoming highlights of the USF programs:

Recently, USAC has launched a specific [Tribal Nations](#) web page for Tribal stakeholders.

The [Schools and Libraries \(E-rate\) Program](#) is in the midst of conducting its training season for applicants with all experience levels. The [E-rate Tribal Training](#) web page contains links to recordings from this year's four-part virtual information series for Tribal applicants and the nine-part E-rate training series with a post-training session for Tribal applicants.

The [Lifeline Program](#) offers an additional discount benefit of up to \$34.25 for eligible customers living on Tribal lands. A [Lifeline Tribal Toolkit](#) containing recommended articles, social media posts, and a two-page informational flyer for Tribal customers is now available on the [Lifeline Support](#) website.

The [High Cost Program](#) is processing requests from Tribal governments for access to the annual FCC Form 481 filing submitted by telecommunications carriers that serve their lands with support from the High Cost Program. Tribal governments interested in requesting access should send an email to [Form481@usac.org](mailto:Form481@usac.org).

The [Rural Health Care Program](#) is comprised of two primary programs: the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program and the Telecommunications (Telecom) Program. On April 2, 2020, the FCC created the new [Connected Care Pilot Program](#) that will provide up to \$100 million over a three-year period for selected pilot projects to help defray the eligible costs of providing connected care services, with an emphasis on providing those services to low-

income patients and veterans. The application filing window is open until December 7, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Our Tribal Liaison, Kraynal Alfred, welcomes questions and recommendations from our Tribal stakeholders. If you have not met Kraynal yet, she is a member of the Navajo Nation and has worked at USAC for over a year. You may reach her at [TribalLiaison@usac.org](mailto:TribalLiaison@usac.org).

Sincerely,  
Radha Sekar  
Chief Executive Officer

### **About USAC**

USAC is an independent not-for-profit designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to administer the Universal Service Fund. USAC collects and delivers funding, under the guidance of FCC policy, through four programs focused on places where broadband and connectivity needs are critical. Almost \$10 billion is available annually to make universal service possible for people in rural, underserved, and difficult-to-reach areas.

### **Questions or Suggestions?**

Contact USAC Tribal Liaison, **Kraynal Alfred**, at [TribalTraining@usac.org](mailto:TribalTraining@usac.org) or (202) 572-5733.