November 6, 2018

Dear Tribal Leaders and Representatives:

The United States Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) invites you to participate in a Listening Session regarding how potential future tribal set-aside funding from the federal Crime Victims’ Fund should be administered. An informational paper is attached that will provide relevant background and questions for you to consider in advance of the session.

The **OVC Tribal Listening Session on Potential Future Tribal Set-Aside Funding** will be held Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. (with on-site registration held from 12:30-1:30 p.m.), one day prior to the commencement of the 16th National Indian Nations Conference. The Listening Session will be held in the convention center at the Renaissance Hotel, located on the reservation of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, near downtown Palm Springs, California. To register for the Listening Session and/or indicate your interest in speaking at the Listening Session, please visit [http://www.cvent.com/d/hbqskz](http://www.cvent.com/d/hbqskz) and click the “Register” button in the upper or lower right corner. You can also register on-site December 4 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the Listening Session in-person, we strongly encourage you to submit written comments to OVC. We will accept written comments from tribal leaders until 5 pm, EDT on January 31, 2019. Please submit your comments by e-mail at: ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov. Tribes may also submit comments by first-class mail to:

Office for Victims of Crime
Office of Justice Programs
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, DC 20531
Attn.: Allison Turkel

If you have any questions or concerns about the Listening Session process, please email ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov. We hope that you will be able to participate in providing feedback to the Department on this very important topic.

Sincerely,

Darlene Hutchinson
Director
Office for Victims of Crime