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#2/May 2025

*Spring Ahead with WTTAP!*

**Dear Tribal Communities,**

Happy Spring!

With our mission in mind, WTTAP remains steadfast in staying abreast of executive orders and administrative requests that may impact services. We are pleased to inform you that at this time, our services remain intact and with that, we have new developments blooming for you this spring.

This May the WTTAP will showcase a variety of online training sessions. We hope you will be able to join us.

The following Road Safety Champion Program Core Modules will be offered:

- Introduction to Road Safety
- Understanding Human Factors
- Introduction to Traffic Safety Culture

Courses that are coming soon:

- Flagger Certification
- Overview of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- Intersection of Transportation with Public Health and Law Enforcement
- Reading the Roadway
- Safety Analysis Process

As we collect more responses to our needs assessment, we will continue to add desired courses throughout the year. To ensure your tribe's needs are met, please complete our [needs assessment](#) online or reach out to us by email or phone directly. Contact information is available at the end of this publication.

Respectfully,  
Carrie Brown, MSML  
WTTAP Director



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## Help Us Help You: Complete our Needs Assessment!

The WTTAP wants to hear from you! What are your tribal transportation program needs? [Take a 5-minute survey](#) and help us help you!

Your feedback is valuable and impacts the development of our training and technical assistance programs for tribal communities across the Western region. What training topics do you desire most?

- What is your preferred method of communication for opportunities in your area?
- What type of technical assistance do you seek?
- What time of year is best for you to attend training?

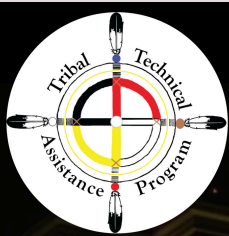
To access the survey and provide impactful insights, click [here](#) or scan the QR Code!



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## National Grant Writing Workshop



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August 18-20, 2025

*Las Vegas, Nevada*

Hotel Information:

Group:	National Grant Writing Workshop
Group Dates:	August 18-20, 2025
Group Code:	NAT0413
Cut Off Date:	7/27/25
Weblink:	<a href="https://be.synxis.com/?HOTEL=11548&amp;ARRIVE=08-17-25&amp;GROUP=NAT0413&amp;ROOMS=1&amp;SRC=NT0413">https://be.synxis.com/?HOTEL=11548&amp;ARRIVE=08-17-25&amp;GROUP=NAT0413&amp;ROOMS=1&amp;SRC=NT0413</a>

Please use the weblink for your attendees to make reservations



SCAN ME

Join us in Las Vegas for WTTAP's first National Tribal Grant Writing Workshop. This comprehensive workshop will equip you with the essential skills and knowledge to navigate the world of tribal grants. This workshop features specialized tracks on grant searches, eligibility, match requirements, submission portals, and community readiness. The varying sessions will be led by industry experts and peers who will share their unique knowledge and experience in securing grants for Indian Country.

To register, become a sponsor or an exhibitor, visit:  
<http://surveys.appliedpavement.com/s3/grantworkshop>

For hotel reservations, visit:  
<https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2025-08-17&chain=6903&child=0&currency=USD&depart=2025-08-18&group=nat0413&hotel=11548&level=hotel&locale=en-US&productcurrency=USD&rooms=1>

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## *Transportation Research Board: Standing Committee on Native American Transportation Issues*



Photo: Spotlight on Equitable Tribal Transportation Research: Insights from the TRB National Tribal Peer Exchange. (2024). Photograph, <https://www.cspace.csulb.edu/news/article/spotlight-on-equitable-tribal-transportation-research-insights-from-the-trb-national-tribal-peer-exchange>

On January 7th, 2025, Western TTAP attended the Annual Transportation Research Board (TRB) Conference in Washington, D.C., representing tribes throughout the western region in partnership with the Standing Committee on Native American Transportation issues.

The Committee is focused on research and transportation related practices that affect tribal lands, communities, and cultural and historical properties. This comprehensive approach focuses on all modes of transportation and the relevant governmental agencies, including tribal, state, federal, regional, and local entities. It also examines the relationships and processes between these governmental bodies in developing, planning, administering, coordinating, and implementing transportation laws, policies, plans, programs, and projects.

At the meeting, new research topics were presented including bridging data gaps in Indian Country, community readiness models for initiative implementation, and the intersection between public health and transportation.

For more information on the committee, the committee's goals, and how to get involved and TRB, visit:

<https://sites.google.com/view/trbame30/home?authuser=0>

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## *U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Reports High-Risk Areas of Programs Serving Tribes*

On February 3rd, 2025 the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported out to the North Coast Tribal Transportation Commission (NCTTC) on the identification of high-risk programs. Some of the high-risk programs included, but are not limited to, roads on tribal lands, disaster assistance for tribes, and telecommunications on tribal lands.

With respect to tribal transportation, GAO examined the extent to which the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI) and Deferred Maintenance Reporting (DMR) systems provide useful data about road conditions on tribal lands, any challenges to improving and maintaining these roads, and what is known about the connection between road condition and essential services, like education and healthcare. Their findings show that inaccuracies in data sets limit the usefulness of some Bureau of Indian Affairs data on tribal roads. Tribes have been seeking new partnerships and bundling grant opportunities to tackle challenges they face with their roadways. The report sites various challenges to improving roads on tribal lands including funding constraints, jurisdictional issues, and adverse weather conditions. To view the full report, visit <https://www.gao.gov/search?keyword=GAO-17-423>.

GAO plans to conduct further research by request of the US Senate on tribal transit programs including topics on funding, accessibility of transit services for elders, challenges in meeting transit needs and coordination efforts.

If you have questions, additional information, or an opportunity to participate in future research, contact Nalylee Padilla, Assistant Director at [padillan@gao.gov](mailto:padillan@gao.gov) or 202-512-6797.

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## *Grant Opportunities*

- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program - Application Deadline: April 4th, 2025
- Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration - Notice of Intent April 15th, 2025
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) - Application Deadline: April 18th, 2025
- Bridge Investment Program - Application Deadline: August 1st, 2025
- Spark Good Local Grants - Application Deadline: May 1st, 2025
- WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program - Application Deadline: May 20th, 2025

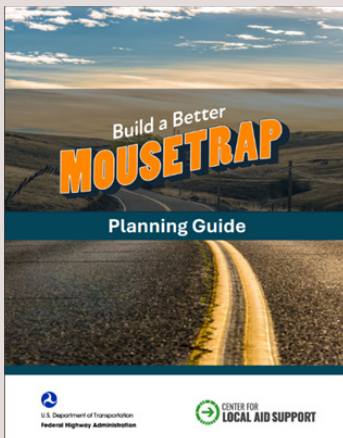


## *On-Demand Technical Assistance*

If you have any technical assistance questions on pavements, program development, asset management, plans, asphalt, grant writing, safety, and more, reach out to us.

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## *Build a Better Mousetrap*

Do you have a roadway practice that has assisted your tribe in overcoming an everyday challenge? Your roadway solution could be nationally recognized and help other tribes and local agencies who face similar challenges.

Categories for submission:

- Innovative Project
- Bold Steps
- Smart Transformation
- Pioneer

For more information, download the [Build a Better Mousetrap](#) booklet or contact Carrie Brown at 775-432-4438 or [cbrown@appliedpavement.com](mailto:cbrown@appliedpavement.com).