

# Newsletter

#3/August 2025



*Beat the Heat with Summer Training Opportunities!*

**Dear Tribal Communities,**

Happy Summer!

As temperatures rise, so do the opportunities to build skills and strengthen your programs. WTTAP remains committed to keeping pace with executive orders and administrative developments that come our way. We're happy to report that our offerings remain fully available-and with that, we have exciting new developments heating up this season.

Throughout July, August, and September WTTAP will offer a range of online training sessions designed to meet your evolving needs. We hope you'll join us and take advantage of these opportunities to stay informed, connected, and prepared.

The following training sessions will be offered:

- OSHA 10 for Construction
- Road Safety Champion Core Module #5: Intersection of Public and Law Enforcement
- Road Safety Champion Core Module #7: Safety Analysis Process
- Road Safety Champion Core Module #6: Reading the Road
- Public Health and Transportation
- Tribal Grant Writing Workshop

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 Biennial 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 are you seeking?
- 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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## *Technical Assistance Highlight: Tribal Transportation Safety Plan*

The Western TTAP is available to provide a plethora of technical assistance to tribes. One most recent assistance was feedback on a tribal transportation safety plan.

**What is a transportation safety plan?** Transportation safety plans provide a systemic framework to identify, analyze, and prioritize roadway safety initiatives, capital improvement projects, and address community transportation concerns and needs.

WTTAP can assist in drafting, revising, and formatting your plan in addition to the development process that includes:

- Identifying Stakeholders
- Analyze Safety Data
- Determine Emphasis Areas
- Identify Strategies
- Prioritize and Incorporate Strategies
- Evaluation
- Provide Suggested Updates



Photo: Federal Highway Administration. "Local Road Safety Plan."  
YouTube video, 2:32, published June 25, 2018. Accessed June 25, 2025.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wzdm798Mo18>

**How does a tribal transportation safety plan benefit tribal communities?** A transportation safety plan establishes a blueprint for the community that provides a safe and healthy way to assist local businesses. With smooth and dependable transportation initiatives in place, communities can count on plans that improve their daily life and make it a better place for all. On an organizational level, having a transportation safety plan in place with data-driven emphasis areas, a tribe can potentially unlock impactful funding opportunities.

For more resources on tribal transportation safety plans, visit [Tribal Transportation Safety for Tribes](#) website and view their [Safety Planning Resources](#) page. For one-on-one support, reach out to [Western TTAP](#) and/or join us for the upcoming online training for [Safety Analysis Process](#) and [Reading the Road](#).

If you have a technical assistance question, feel free to reach out to Luis Sibaja at [lsibaja@appliedpavement.com](mailto:lsibaja@appliedpavement.com) or 775-762-4743.

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## National Grant Writing Workshop



Western Tribal Technical Assistance Program

## Tribal Grant Writing Workshop

*Las Vegas, Nevada*

August 18-20, 2025

### 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=1SRC=NT0413">https://be.synxis.com/?HOTEL=11548&amp;ARRIVE=08-17-25&amp;GROUP=NAT0413&amp;ROOMS=1SRC=NT0413</a>

Please use the weblink for your attendees to make reservations. Scholarships for travel are available, but limited. Contact Carrie Brown at [cbrown@appliedpavement.com](mailto:cbrown@appliedpavement.com) for information.

To register: click the or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME

Join us in Las Vegas for WTTAP's first [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 sessions on grant searches, eligibility, proposal development, budgeting, reporting and more.

### Registration:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8336750/Tribal-Grant-Writing-Workshop>

### Hotel Reservations:

<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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## *Flagger Certification Expands Tribal Transportation Workforce Opportunities*



This June, Western Tribal Technical Assistance Program was pleased to deliver a Flagger Certification course to the Karuk Tribe and Trinidad Rancheria. This 4.5-hour course covers topics on standards-based flagging operations, key elements of proper flagging, flagger communication techniques, nighttime operation considerations, and basic flagger safety. At the end of the course, participants can earn certification as a roadway flagger. As a result, the Karuk Tribe now has eight ATSSA Certified Flaggers, and Trinidad Rancheria has 14 certified individuals.

Flagger certification empowers tribes to hire and train their own members for basic work zone flagging services, strengthen their transportation programs, and contribute to the local economic growth.

If your tribal agency is interested in Flagger Certification training or developing other transportation-related skills, we're here to support you. Please contact [Carrie Brown](#) to learn more!

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## *Occupant Safety: Access to Safety in Rural Communities*

By: Monte Yazzie (Western TTAP Subject Matter Expert)



Western TTAP supports indigenous communities in managing and enhancing their transportation infrastructure on tribal lands through training, technical assistance, community engagement, and technology transfers and innovation implementation.

Some areas of need include continued support for child passenger safety training, recertification prerequisites for child passenger safety technicians, and engagement with tribal communities in rural areas. In rural settings, tribal partners with child passenger safety training are spread thin over large areas, and many lack necessary resources such as car seats, that would greatly contribute to community engagement and education. When it comes to accommodating the need for education and car seat distribution, another challenge may be that a singular technician is trying to stretch the 8-hour day to fit 10-hours' worth of service. Keeping children safe while traveling among their community is a never-ending task.

One of the most rural communities in Arizona is the Tohono O'odham Nation. Located in southern Arizona and encompassing a land base of 2.8 million acres and 4,460 square miles, the Tohono O'odham Nation is the second largest reservation in Arizona, both in population and geographical size.

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## *Occupant Safety: Access to Safety in Rural Communities Continued:*

In April 2025, Western TTAP partnered with Tohono O'odham Community member and Ak-Chin Injury Prevention Program Child Passenger Safety Instructor, Teri De La Cruz, to coordinate a joint effort with local Tohono O'odham Community in the FIRST EVER child passenger car seat check-up event. This event included free car seat distributions to qualifying families coupled with education on correct car seat use. Organizing efforts in Sells, Arizona, at the Bashas grocery store parking lot training was underway. This first-time event for the community provided critical training on child passenger safety to expectant parents, concerned grandparents, and relatives.

This event, which demonstrated the importance of community engagement and collective smart goal-sharing efforts, engaged with 28 families and distributed 39 brand-new car seats to families in need.

Reinforcing the 5 E's of traffic and child passenger safety: **education** provide by subject matter experts in the field in Arizona, **engagement** with positive culturally appropriate intent to a tribal community in need, **enforcement** with the utilization of local authority figures who assisted in creating a safe environment, engineering with local businesses in utilization of effective traffic pathways within a business center, and **evaluation** after the event to coordination of efforts and learn from event success and barriers.

This task force of committed child passenger safety champions helped establish a bridge of accessibility to safety training for the rural community of Tohono O'odham Nation. Western TTAP is proud to have assisted in this successful event and plans to continue coordinated efforts to maintain an annual event for child passenger safety.

If your tribal community is interested in providing a Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Course, please contact Carrie Brown at [cbrown@appliedpavement.com](mailto:cbrown@appliedpavement.com) or 775-432-4438.

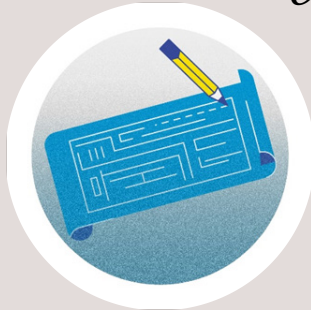
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## Grant Opportunities

Grant Title	Application Due Date
<a href="#">Spark Good Local Grants</a>	August 1, 2025
<a href="#">2023 through 2026 (Year two through five) National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program</a>	August 23, 2025
<a href="#">Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas-Fiscal Year 2025 Release</a>	August 28, 2025
<a href="#">Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund Program</a>	September 30, 2025
<a href="#">Fiscal Year 2024 Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift current</a>	January 15, 2026
<a href="#">2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration</a>	May 26, 2026

## 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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**Carrie Brown** MSML/WTTAP Director - [cbrown@appliedpavement.com](mailto:cbrown@appliedpavement.com)

## Training Trail

Join us for training! If you have a specific training need feel free to reach out to us!

Training Title	Platform	Date
<a href="#">Road Safety Champion Program-Module 5: Intersection of Transportation with Public Health and Law Enforcement</a>	Virtual	July 15
<a href="#">OSHA 10 for Construction</a>	In-Person	July 15-16
<a href="#">Road Safety Champion Program-Module 7: Safety Analysis Process</a>	Virtual	July 29
<a href="#">Road Safety Champion Program-Module 6: Reading the Road</a>	Virtual	August 5
<a href="#">Public Health and Transportation</a>	Virtual	August 14
<a href="#">Tribal Grant Writing Workshop</a>	In-Person	August 18-20