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## Agenda

### Listening Session on IRA Discrimination Relief

Nov. 9 | 7 PM (MT) | [Online via Zoom](#)

### Event Overview

The Intertribal Agriculture Council, the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative as a research partner, and the Native American Agriculture Fund are hosting a listening session for Tribal farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners regarding the Inflation Reduction Act's (IRA) discrimination provisions.

This listening session is intended to provide a forum for Tribal producers to discuss their experiences with USDA lending programs, ask questions about the IRA's discrimination provisions, and advise how the IRA's discrimination provisions should be implemented. This listening session is not associated with USDA's listening sessions but is offered as a place for Tribal producers to engage with each other.

Issues highlighted during the session will inform the comments that the respective host organizations will submit to USDA by November 14, 2022.

### Issues for Discussion

#### *Topic 1: Identifying those who are eligible*

- How should USDA identify those who have experienced discrimination under the USDA farm loan programs?
- What kind of documentation or evidence should be submitted in support of a determination of discrimination?



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*Topic 2: For those eligible, factors that should be considered in determining the amount and type of financial assistance provided*

- Should USDA attempt to estimate only economic losses or also non-economic losses of those who have suffered discrimination in USDA farm loan programs when calculating the amount of financial assistance provided? Alternatively, should USDA apply a fixed, uniform formula for calculating the amount of financial assistance provided? In any case, how should that calculation be done?
- Should previous payments received for past claims of discrimination be considered in determining financial assistance available under section 22007?
- Are there forms of non-monetary equitable relief that can be used in conjunction with the financial assistance provided under section 22007 for those who have experienced discrimination and who continue to farm or continue to participate in USDA farm loan programs?
- How, if at all, should USDA consider the recency of the discrimination as determined by the Secretary when determining appropriate level of financial assistance?

*Topic 3: Administration of the financial assistance program, including the role of the third-party entity (or entities) versus the role of USDA, selection of the third-party entity (or entities), and key components relating to the process of determining delivery of financial assistance*

- What specific functions should the third-party entity (or entities) perform in assisting USDA in delivering financial assistance provided for under section 22007 to those who suffered discrimination under the USDA farm loan programs?
- What criteria should USDA use in the selection of the third-party entity (or entities)?
- What guidance should USDA provide to the selected entity (or entities)?



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*Topic 4: Linkage or leveraging, if any, between the financial assistance provided in this program and other USDA programs*

- How should USDA use programs, funding, financial support, and other authorities, in conjunction with section 22007 financial assistance, to provide support for those who have experienced discrimination under the USDA farm loan programs?

## [Register for this event](#)

Intertribal Ag Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: IAC/IFAI/NAAF Host IRA Section 22007 Discrimination Listening Session w/ Tribal Producers

Time: Nov 9, 2022 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUldOypqDsuHtWZibC5fu8zG-R8sGLOnj>