

## Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

Office of Native Affairs and Policy

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

This is a reminder than the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) is requesting that states, political subdivisions, Indian Tribes, or villages or regional corporations submit information on their jurisdiction's authority to collect 988 fees or charges, the amount of revenue collected from the 988 fee or charge, and how the revenue collected from the 988 fee or charge was used, covering the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The WCB released a <u>Public Notice</u>, seeking this information on April 18, 2024.

In 2020, Congress enacted the 988 Act designating 988 as the universal telephone number within the United States for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system. The 988 Act also provided that States, political subdivisions, Indian Tribes, or villages or regional corporations established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, may impose and collect a fee for 988-related services, including (1) efficient and effective routing of calls made to 988 to an appropriate crisis center; and (2) personnel and acute mental health, crisis outreach, and stabilization services to respond to 988 calls. The 988 Act also mandated that FCC submit an Annual report to Congress on 988 fees. The 988 fee collection information will be used by the FCC in its Annual report to Congress.

The requested 988 fee information must be provided through a fillable questionnaire, available for download at <u>https://www.fcc.gov/988-feereports-and-reporting</u>, and be submitted to 988feereport@fcc.gov <u>no later than July 17, 2024</u>. Tribal and other entities are asked to download and complete the questionnaire, even if they are not collecting or distributing 988 fees, and submit via email to the FCC at <u>988feereport@fcc.gov</u>.

The FCC hosted a Tribal Webinar in April 2023 that provides helpful underlying information about the 988 fee questionnaire and explains how valuable Tribal input is to the FCC's efforts to collect accurate data. The webinar is available on the FCC's website, <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2023/04/fcc-tribal-webinar-988-fee-accountability-report">https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2023/04/fcc-tribal-webinar-988-fee-accountability-report</a>.

For further information please contact Jaime McCoy or Merry Wulff at <u>988feereport@fcc.gov</u>. You are also welcome to contact the Office of Native Affairs and Policy at <u>native@fcc.gov</u>.

Thank you for your continued support.

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