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**Subject:** FCC Announces Upcoming Filing Window for Applications for Low Power FM Radio New Station Construction Permits

Greetings from the Office of Native Affairs and Policy at the Federal Communications Commission

On July 31, 2023, the Federal Communications Commission released a Public Notice announcing the opening of an application filing window for new Low Power FM (LPFM) radio stations. This upcoming filing window provides Tribes, among others, the opportunity to apply for a new LPFM station that can cover a localized service area in need of radio service.

The [Public Notice](#) provides an overview of the application procedures, filing requirements, and comparative selection process that will apply to the upcoming filing window for LPFM new station construction permits. A construction permit is required before an applicant is allowed to construct an LPFM station and a license is required before operation of an LPFM station can begin. This will be the first LPFM filing window since 2013. Potential applicants should carefully review the application procedures and filing requirements in the Public Notice.

**The FCC will accept LPFM applications for the entire FM band (channels 201-300) during the filing window, which opens at 12:01am ET on November 1, 2023, and closes at 6:00 pm ET on November 8, 2023.** Applicants must file their applications electronically through the FCC Media Bureau's [Licensing and Management System](#). The filing window deadline will be strictly enforced, so applicants are encouraged to file early during the window to ensure proper and timely submissions. The LPFM construction permit application is now available to applicants so they may begin preparing their applications to submit during the upcoming filing window.

Only Tribal Nations or Tribally-controlled entities, nonprofit educational organizations, and state or local governments or a non-government entity that will provide a noncommercial public safety radio service are eligible to file LPFM applications. In the LPFM context, a Tribally-controlled entity is a private, nonprofit entity that is 51 percent or more owned or controlled by a Tribe or Tribes.

Tribes or Tribally controlled entities, in particular, are strongly encouraged to apply to take advantage of the FCC's Tribal Priority when applying for an LPFM construction permit. Tribal applicants proposing to locate their transmitting antenna site on their Tribal lands are awarded a preference point during the comparative selection process. Tribal applicants may not file more than two applications in the filing window.

To submit an LPFM application, an applicant must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN). Accordingly, interested applicants who do not have an FRN must register for one at the [FCC's CORES webpage](#).

If you have any questions, please contact ONAP at [Native@fcc.gov](mailto:Native@fcc.gov).

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