

Tribal Access Program (TAP) Application

The purpose of this application is to provide some basic information to the Tribal Access Program about your federally recognized Tribe. The term “Tribe”, within the context of this application, includes intertribal consortia that perform governmental functions delegated to it by federally recognized Tribes. This application will prompt the Tribe to describe some of its current processes and tools, how it envisions implementing TAP, and what information gaps TAP may help to fill. TAP provides access to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) databases for the following entities:

Criminal Justice

- Law Enforcement
- Criminal Court
- Prosecutor’s Office
- Pretrial Services
- Corrections/Detention
- Probation/Parole

Non-Criminal Justice/Civil

- Sex Offender Registry
- Civil Court
- Housing
- Child Protective Services
- Social Services
- Child Support Enforcement
- Human Resources

Federal law limits access to specific types of entities for specific purposes. TAP is not authorized to provide access outside of what federal law provides, which excludes access for gaming or election purposes, among others. TAP also does not yet have full mobile capability; however TAP is exploring mobile options.

TAP is funded by the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Tribes must use TAP for one of the following primary purposes: Law enforcement; sex offender registries authorized by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act; non-criminal or criminal court issuance of protection orders, or entry of misdemeanor convictions for domestic violence; foster care placement; or child abuse/neglect investigations. Tribes will be selected based on their need to accomplish one or more of these purposes. For Tribes accepted into TAP, deployment will not begin until those Tribal agencies have met all the onboarding and vetting requirements (which include all documentation requirements).

Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Tribes: Tribes that have been found to have substantially implemented SORNA or are working towards implementation of SORNA may be required to use TAP for the purpose of sex offender registration. The SMART Office can inform Tribes if this requirement pertains to their Tribal jurisdiction.

Instructions

The TAP application is divided into four sections: (I) Demographic Information, (II) Community Resources and Using TAP, (III) Other TAP Requirements, and (IV) Required Resolution and Signatures.

It is important that all sections are completed as thoroughly as possible. Section II contains agency specific questions. If the Tribe does not have that particular type of agency, please respond “No” and proceed to the next agency.

The signature pages in Section IV can be signed electronically by either inserting a scanned image of a signature, or printed and signed. If scanned images of signatures are inserted, it is advised that the signature pages be submitted as a PDF.

There is a checklist at the end of this application to assist with planning and marking items as complete.

Public Burden Statement

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The final application can be submitted as a PDF or saved as a word document and submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, August 31, 2026 to TAP.App@usdoj.gov. Please include the applicant Tribe’s name as part of the file name (e.g. [Tribe Name] – TAP Application).

I. Demographic Information

1. **Name of Federally Recognized Tribe:** Click here to enter text.
2. **Mailing Address:** Click here to enter text.
3. **Current Tribal Leader:** Click here to enter text.
4. **General Form of Tribal Government:** Click here to enter text.
5. **Tribe's Land Base:** Click here to enter text.
6. **Number of Enrolled Members:** Click here to enter text.
7. **Total Population Living on Tribal Land:** Click here to enter text.
8. **Number of Enrolled Members Living on Tribal Land:** Click here to enter text.
9. **Does the Tribe have a significant number of visitors to Tribal Land:**
 - ☐ Yes, please describe Click here to enter text.
 - ☐ No
10. **How do you currently access FBI CJIS databases and how will TAP help improve public safety for the Tribe? (please limit to 500 words)**
Click here to enter text.
11. **Please indicate what your primary use(s) for TAP will be (check at least one):**
 - ☐ Sex offender registration
 - ☐ Law Enforcement activities (e.g. inquiries that pertain to investigations, arrests, criminal history disposition updates, entry of warrants, entry of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence, maintenance of records that are entered)
 - ☐ Entry of orders of protection
 - ☐ Fingerprint-based record checks for foster care placement
 - ☐ Investigations into child abuse/neglect/exploitation

II. Community Resources and Using TAP

Criminal Justice:

A. Law Enforcement

1. **Does the Tribe have a law enforcement agency that enforces Tribal, Federal, and/or State criminal laws?**

☐ Yes
☐ No (if no, go to B. Criminal Court)

2. **Name of the law enforcement agency(s):** [Click here to enter text.](#)

3. **Is the law enforcement agency composed of:**

☐ Tribal officers
☐ Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Justice Services (OJS) officers
☐ Hybrid/Both
☐ Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

4. **Does the law enforcement agency have arrest authority under Tribal, State, or Federal law?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please check all that apply:

☐ Tribal
☐ State
☐ Federal

5. **Does the law enforcement agency provide dispatch services?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please check all that apply and indicate number of dispatch personnel:

☐ Tribal [Click here to enter text.](#)
☐ BIA OJS [Click here to enter text.](#)
☐ Hybrid/Both [Click here to enter text.](#)
☐ Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

6. Does the law enforcement agency have sworn patrol officers?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please check all that apply and indicate number of sworn patrol officer personnel:

☐ Tribal [Click here to enter text.](#)

☐ BIA OJS [Click here to enter text.](#)

☐ Hybrid/Both [Click here to enter text.](#)

☐ Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

7. Does the law enforcement agency have sworn Criminal Investigators/Detectives?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please check all that apply and indicate number of criminal investigator/detective personnel:

☐ Tribal [Click here to enter text.](#)

☐ BIA OJS [Click here to enter text.](#)

☐ Hybrid/Both [Click here to enter text.](#)

☐ Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

8. Does the law enforcement agency have management/administration personnel?

☐ Yes, how many of these are sworn? [Click here to enter text.](#)

☐ No

9. Does the law enforcement agency(s) currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, which personnel have access to FBI CJIS databases (check all that apply):

☐ Dispatchers

☐ Sworn Patrol Officers

☐ Criminal Investigators/Detectives

☐ Management/Administrative Personnel

If yes, describe which databases and how law enforcement personnel access them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access the law enforcement personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

10. Does the Tribe intend to have the law enforcement agency(ies) use TAP?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, indicate which personnel the Tribe intends will use TAP:

- ☐ Dispatchers
☐ Sworn Patrol Officers
☐ Criminal Investigators/Detectives
☐ Management/Administrative Personnel

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the law enforcement agency:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

B. Criminal Court

1. Does the Tribe have a criminal court?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (if no, go to C. Prosecutor's Office)

2. Does the Tribe have a criminal code that provides imprisonment as a possible penalty?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

3. Does the criminal court currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please describe which databases and how the criminal court accesses them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access the criminal court has (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

4. Does the Tribe intend to have the criminal court use TAP?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the criminal court:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

C. Prosecutor's Office

1. Does the Tribe have a prosecutor's office?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (if no, go to D. Pretrial Services)

2. Does the prosecutor's office currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please describe which databases and how the prosecutor's office personnel access them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access the prosecutor's office personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

3. Does the Tribe intend to have the prosecutor's office use TAP?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the prosecutor's office:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

D. Pretrial Services

1. Does the Tribe have a pretrial services office?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (if no, go to E. Corrections/Detention/Jail)

2. Do pretrial services personnel currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please describe which databases and how pretrial services personnel access them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access pretrial services personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

3. Does the Tribe intend to have the pretrial services office use TAP?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for pretrial services:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

E. Corrections/Detention/Jail

1. Does the Tribe have its own correctional/detention/jail facility?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No, continue to question 2 below

If yes, does every inmate or detainee undergo a fingerprint-based booking?

- ☐ Yes, all inmates and detainees undergo a booking
☐ No, only certain inmates and detainees undergo a booking depending on their charge
☐ No, inmates and detainees do not undergo a fingerprint-based booking.

For those inmates or detainees who undergo a fingerprint-based booking, is that information submitted to FBI CJIS?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2. If the Tribe does not have its own tribal detention facility, do Tribal arrestees or detainees undergo a fingerprint-based booking at another facility?

- ☐ Yes, indicate where (e.g. county jail) [Click here to enter text.](#)
☐ No

If yes, indicate which ORI Tribal arrestees are booked under:

- ☐ State Issued Tribal ORI (Attributable to the Tribe)
☐ State/County/Local ORI (Attributable to the State or Local Law Enforcement Agency)

- 3. Does the Tribe's correctional/detention/jail facility currently have access to submit a name-based record check to FBI CJIS databases?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please describe how corrections/detention personnel access FBI CJIS databases (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access corrections/detention personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 4. Does the Tribe intend to have the Tribal correctional/detention/jail facility use TAP? (choose all that apply)**

☐ Yes, for fingerprint-based bookings

☐ Yes, for name-based record checks

☐ Yes, for fingerprint-based identification and receipt of criminal history

☐ No (If no, go to F. Probation/Parole)

If yes to using TAP as stated in the above section, please indicate the Agency Director for the correctional/detention/jail facility:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

F. Probation/Parole

- 1. Does the Tribe have a probation/parole department?**

☐ Yes

☐ No (if no, go to the Non-Criminal Justice/Civil Section)

- 2. Does the probation/parole department currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please describe which databases and how probation/parole personnel access them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access probation/parole personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

3. Does the Tribe intend to have the probation/parole department use TAP?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the probation/parole department:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Non-Criminal Justice/Civil

A. Sex Offender Registry

1. Does the Tribe have a sex offender registry authorized under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No, (if no, go to B. Civil Courts)

2. Which system does the Tribe use as their electronic sex offender management system and sex offender registry public facing website?

- ☐ Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System (TTSORS)
☐ Offender Watch
☐ State System
☐ Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

3. How does the Tribe submit sex offender fingerprints and palm prints to the FBI?

- ☐ Inked Card sent to State
☐ Electronic Scan sent to State
☐ Inked Card sent directly to FBI
☐ Electronic Scan sent directly to FBI
☐ Not at all
☐ Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

4. How does the Tribe submit sex offender entries to the FBI National Criminal Information Center (NCIC) National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR)?

- ☐ Through State system via access to a State terminal
☐ Form sent to State, County, Local for entry into NCIC/NSOR on Tribe's behalf
☐ Tribe does not submit to NSOR

☐ Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

5. Do tribally registered sex offenders appear in FBI CJIS databases under the Tribe's State Issued Tribal ORI or the servicing agency's (State, County, Local) ORI?

- ☐ State Issued Tribal ORI (Attributable to the Tribe)
- ☐ Servicing Agency ORI (Attributable to the State, County, or Local Law Enforcement Agency)
- ☐ Don't Know/Unsure

6. Does the Tribe intend to use TAP to support the sex offender registration process? Check all that apply:

- ☐ Yes, to submit fingerprints and palmprints
- ☐ Yes, to enter records into NCIC NSOR
- ☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the sex offender registry:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Name of Agency/Department: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

B. Civil Court

1. Does the Tribe have a civil court that issues orders of protection in domestic violence/stalking cases and/or adjudicates cases regarding mental health?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (if no, go to C. Tribally-Designated Housing Entities (Housing))

2. Does the civil court currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please describe which databases and how civil court personnel access them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access civil courts personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

3. Does the Tribe intend to have the civil court personnel use TAP for entry of orders of protection in domestic violence/stalking cases and/or adjudications in cases regarding mental health?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the civil court:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

C. Tribally-Designated Housing Entities/Tribal Housing Departments

- 1. Does the Tribe have a Tribally-designated housing entity or a housing department that is part of the Tribal government that receives funds under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act and needs to perform background checks on applicants for employment or current and prospective tenants for purposes of applicant screening, lease enforcement, and/or eviction?**

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (if no, go to D. [Child Protective Services](#))

- 2. Does the Tribally-designated housing entity/Tribal housing department have a policy on how and when background checks are performed?**

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, describe the policy: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- 3. Briefly describe how the Tribally-designated housing entity/Tribal housing department currently conducts background checks.**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 4. Does the Tribally-designated housing entity/Tribal housing department currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?**

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please describe which databases and how the Tribally-designated housing entity/Tribal housing department personnel access them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access the Tribally-designated housing entity/Tribal housing department personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 5. Does the Tribe intend to have the Tribally-designated housing entity/Tribal housing department use TAP?**

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the Tribally-designated housing entity/Tribal housing department

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

D. Child Protective Services (responsible for child abuse/neglect investigations)

1. Does the Tribe have a child protective services agency?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (if no, go to E. Child Social Services (Foster Care))

2. Does the child protective services agency currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please describe which databases and how child protective services personnel access them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access child protective services personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

3. Does the Tribe intend to have the child protective services agency use TAP?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the child protective services agency:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

E. Social Services (Foster-Care)

1. Does the Tribe have a social services agency that conducts record checks on prospective foster parents?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (if no, go to F. Health Care Facility)

2. Does the social services agency currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please describe which databases and how the social services agency personnel access them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access the social services agency personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

3. Does the Tribe intend to have the social services agency use TAP?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the social services agency:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

F. Child Support Enforcement

1. Does the Tribe have a child support enforcement agency?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (if no, go to I. [Human Resources](#))

2. Does the child support enforcement agency currently have access to driver's license and vehicle registration information?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please describe how the child support enforcement agency personnel have access (i.e., through County, State, Local systems).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

3. Does the Tribe intend to have the child support enforcement agency use TAP for access to the International Justice and Public Safety Network(Nlets) for this purpose?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the child support enforcement agency:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

G. Human Resources

- 1. Does the Tribe have a Human Resources agency that conducts record checks on Tribal employees, prospective employees, or volunteers who have contact with or control over children?**

☐ Yes

☐ No (if no, go to Section III, Other TAP Requirements)

- 2. Does the Human Resources agency currently have access to FBI CJIS databases?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please describe which databases and how Human Resource personnel access them (i.e., through County, State, Local systems) and the type of access Human Resource personnel have (query/entry).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

If yes, please describe how the Tribe submits fingerprints now?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 3. Does the Tribe intend to have the Human Resources agency use TAP for this purpose?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please indicate the Agency Director for the Human Resources agency:

Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

III. Other TAP Requirements

A. Adherence to the CJIS Security Policy

We agree that we will adhere to the [CJIS Security Policy](#) and understand that misuse may result in access being discontinued. We agree that each agency within the Tribe that participates in TAP will assign and maintain a Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) to oversee CJIS systems access and adherence to the CJIS Security Policy. We also understand that CJIS systems access will be subject to audit by DOJ every three years.

B. Low/Non-Use

We agree that low or non-use of TAP may result in access being discontinued.

C. Tribal Executive Point of Contact

We agree to assign a Tribal point of contact who will remain involved in the TAP onboarding and vetting process through final deployment and continued use of the program. This individual needs to have the authority to make decisions across agencies and bring issues to higher level executives as needed. That person is identified below:

POC Name/Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone and Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

D. FBI CJIS MOU

We agree to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with FBI CJIS and pay the standard national user fees associated with fingerprint-based background checks for non-criminal justice purposes (user fees are not charged for the submission of sex offender registrations).

E. Documentation and Policies

We agree to provide necessary documentation and establish appropriate policies to adhere to the CJIS Security Policy and all relevant DOJ policies and agreements.

F. Individual User Requirements

We agree to ensure individual users of TAP establish appropriate accounts, take required training, successfully complete fingerprint-based background checks, and obtain necessary certification.

G. Participation in Deployment Day Training

We agree to ensure users of TAP participate in deployment training.

H. Compliance with Policy Requirements

We agree to comply with, and adhere to, all auditing and policy requirements as well as all personnel, physical, and technical security requirements.

I. High Speed Internet Access

We agree to provide high-speed Internet access.

J. Tribally Owned Computer

We agree to provide a Tribally-owned Computer(s) that meets the necessary specifications for the installation of DOJ's application to access NCIC.

☐ **Tribe agrees to all of the requirements in Section III. This application will not be considered without the Tribe agreeing to all of the above requirements.**

IV. Required Resolution and Signatures

This application requires the consent of the Tribal Leadership and/or Tribal Executive and a resolution authorizing this application. **The Tribe's application may not be considered without these two items.**

Does the Tribe have consent of the Tribal Leadership and/or Tribal Executive? ☐ Yes

Is the Tribe's resolution attached? ☐ Yes

Tribal Leadership and/or Tribal Executive **Signature:**

Name

Signature

Title

Agency Signatures for Consent

All Agency Directors that plan to use TAP must sign below.

_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Law Enforcement/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Criminal Court/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Prosecutor's Office/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Pretrial Services/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Corrections/Detention/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Probation/Parole/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ SORNA Officer/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Civil Court/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Housing/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Child Protective Services/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Social Services /Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Child Support Enforcement/Title
_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Human Resources/Title

TAP Application Checklist

☐ Section I: Demographic Information

☐ Section II: Community Resources and Using TAP

Criminal Justice Agencies

- A. ☐ Law Enforcement
- B. ☐ Criminal Court
- C. ☐ Prosecutor's Office
- D. ☐ Pretrial Services
- E. ☐ Corrections/Detention/Jail
- F. ☐ Probation/Parole

Civil Agencies

- A. ☐ Sex Offender Registry
- B. ☐ Civil Court
- C. ☐ Housing
- D. ☐ Child Protective Services
- E. ☐ Social Services (Foster Care)
- F. ☐ Child Support Enforcement
- G. ☐ Human Resources

☐ Section III: Other TAP Requirements

☐ Section IV: Required Resolution and Tribal Leadership and/or Tribal Executive Signature

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