

How do I submit an application for TAP for FY2019?

Federally recognized tribes interested in participating in TAP must submit an [application to TAP.App@usdoj.gov](mailto:TAP.App@usdoj.gov) no later than midnight Eastern Time, October 1, 2018. Tribes that are selected for participation will be notified by October 15, 2018, and activities towards deployment will begin shortly thereafter, with deployment to all tribes completed by September 30, 2019. The application must have tribal approval and not be just on behalf of one single tribal agency. Here is the link to the TAP application for 2019.

What other criteria besides tribes who have either a Sex Offender Registry pursuant SORNA and/or a tribal law enforcement agency which is not a federal Bureau of Indian Affairs police department are you looking for?

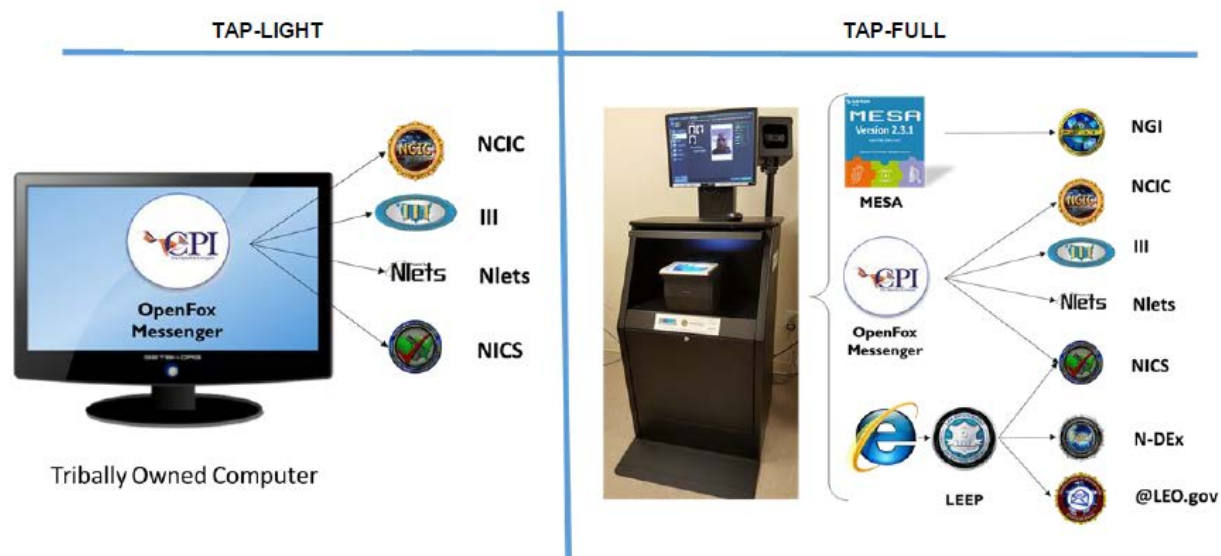
In addition to the above, we are also looking at:

- Demonstrated willingness to use TAP for multiple purposes
- Tribe meets IT criteria by having high speed internet access
- Diversity of tribes in terms of size and geographic location
- Demonstrated need for access
- Prior application for TAP that was unable to be funded previously

How many tribes do you plan to provide access to in 2019?

With current funding levels our goal is to select 10 TAP-LIGHT and 15 TAP-FULL tribes

- TAP-LIGHT: DOJ provides software that provides full access (both query and entry capabilities) to national crime information databases such as National Criminal Information Center (NCIC), the Interstate Identification Index (III) and the International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets) for criminal and civil purposes (does not have fingerprint capability)
- TAP- FULL: DOJ provides the same basic capabilities as TAP-LIGHT listed above, –and also provides an additional hardware/software solution in the form of a kiosk workstation that provides the ability to submit and query fingerprint-based transactions via FBI’s Next Generation Identification (NGI) for both criminal and civil purposes



Should tribes who applied for a TAP previously but were not selected, apply again?

- Yes. Every tribe that that wants to be considered must submit an application

Can Tribes who are currently participating in TAP LIGHT apply for TAP FULL?

- Yes. These tribes must still meet the base requirements (listed above) and submit an application to be considered.

Will TAP replace our current live scan system purchased using SMART funds several years ago?

- No. If you are currently using a live scan purchased with SMART funds, you are connected to CJIS using a state CSA and you can continue that process. TAP however, is a self-contained system (software, computer, integrated camera, live scan system, printer, and flatbed scanner) and operates through DOJ as the CSA. TAP is a separate program for which all tribes who wish to participate must apply, including those who have a live scan purchased using SMART funds.

What record check abilities does TAP provide?

TAP LIGHT provides:

- Law Enforcement
 - conduct name-based criminal history checks from III; containing arrest, disposition, and NCIC warnings
 - query state level databases such as driver's license, vehicle registration, and state criminal databases
 - conduct name-based queries in III for employment purposes
 - query international criminal information databases such as the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) and Interpol
 - conduct checks to determine if a person is prohibited from purchasing or possessing weapons. Useful in determining if a weapon may be returned after seizure
 - enter and query sex offender through the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR)

- enter and query stolen property, including vehicles, boats, articles, guns, securities in NCIC
- conduct name-based criminal histories for the purpose of adjudicating Tribal public housing applicants (on behalf of Public Housing Agencies)
- access criminal investigative databases through the National Data Exchange (N-DEx)
- Probation and Parole
 - conduct name-based criminal history checks from III; containing arrest, disposition, and NCIC warnings
 - enter and query conditions of release into NCIC
 - access criminal investigative databases through the National Data Exchange (N-DEx)
- Tribal Courts (Criminal)
 - conduct name-based criminal history checks from III, containing arrest, disposition, and NCIC warnings
 - enter and query protection order in NCIC
 - enter and query warrants in NCIC
 - enter mental health or drug/alcohol prohibitors into the National Instant Criminal Background Checks System (NICS), used by Federal Firearms Licensees to determine if a person is eligible to purchase or possess a weapon
- Tribal Courts (Civil)
 - conduct name-based criminal history checks from III; containing arrest, disposition, and NCIC warnings, in cases of domestic abuse or stalking
 - enter and query civil protection order
 - enter mental health or drug/alcohol prohibitors into the National Instant Criminal Background Checks System (NICS), used by Federal Firearms Licensees to determine if a person is eligible to purchase or possess a weapon
- Corrections/Detention
 - conduct name-based criminal history checks from III, containing arrest, disposition, and NCIC warnings
- Child Protective Services (CPS)
 - conduct name-based criminal history checks from III; containing arrest, disposition, and NCIC warnings, in cases of child abuse, neglect or exploitation

TAP-FULL – All capabilities listed above, plus:

- Law Enforcement
 - Perform fingerprint-based arrest bookings and submit booking information to national systems, so that they are combined into the arrestee's full criminal history
 - Perform fingerprint-based inquiries on unknown or uncooperative detainees to confirm and identification and access their criminal history
 - Perform fingerprint-based background checks for employment purposes
 - Conduct fingerprint-based Sex Offender Registration submissions
- Probation and Parole

- Perform fingerprint-based inquiries on new parolees to verify identification and access their criminal history
- Tribal Courts (Criminal)
 - Perform fingerprint-based background checks for employment purposes
 - Perform fingerprint-based dispositions (if conducted as part of a joint booking/disposition process)
- Corrections/Detention
 - Perform fingerprint-based arrest bookings and submit booking information to national systems, so that they are combined into the arrestee's full criminal history
 - Perform fingerprint-based inquiry to verify detainee identity and access criminal history
- Agencies with Personnel who have Contact with or Control over Indian Children (including Human Resources, Social Service Agencies, Foster Care)
 - Conduct a fingerprint-based record check for tribal employees, prospective employees, or volunteers in positions that involve regular contact with, or control over, Indian children to include checks for child placement or foster care, healthcare, after school programs, daycare, or schools under Public Law 101-630
- Tribal Public Housing Agencies
 - Perform fingerprint-based background checks for adult applicants or tenants receiving housing assistance for the purpose of screening, lease enforcement, or eviction

Can we perform fingerprint-based checks for any purpose we want?

- No. Federal law only provides the legal authority for records checks for the purposes listed above. Other checks for things such as gaming, elections, general human resources hiring, etc. are not authorized, as there is no federal law authorizing them to be done.

Are tribes in Public Law 280 states eligible for TAP?

- Yes, tribes in PL 280 states are eligible to apply for TAP. Since tribes in PL-280 states do not have Adam Walsh Sex offender Registries, the tribe must have a law enforcement agency in order to be eligible.

Why are tribes that have neither a sex offender registry nor law enforcement not eligible for TAP?

- TAP is currently funded by the SMART and COPS, and thus their funding requires that it be used only for tribes who have either a sex offender registry or tribal law enforcement.