



## **Tabletop Exercise Grant Program 2025-2026 Program Description**

### **Introduction:**

Tribal-ISAC is launching a cybersecurity tabletop exercise (TTX) grant program for its members, with up to \$80,000 allocated to fund the program. The intent of this program is to eliminate cost and lack of resources and expertise as a barrier for tribes or tribal enterprises to deliver their own TTX exercise. Current Tribal-ISAC Member tribes or tribal enterprises are eligible to apply. Twenty or more individual awards are expected to be available.

Tribal-ISAC has negotiated services and awarded TTX program service delivery to Baker Hostetler in 2026. Baker Hostetler has agreed to deliver all grant awardees pre-planning services and a tailored virtual TTX with an estimated value of over \$10,000 each. Baker Hostetler's TTXs will be tailored for each awarded tribe or tribal enterprise and are expected to include:

#### § Pre-Exercise Coordination -

- Intake form to be completed by the tribe/tribal enterprise to better understand the Members' organization, identify key team members for involvement and tailor a TTX exercise around specific environment
- 30 minute call scheduled by Baker Hostetler: Call to go over the intake form with the tribe or tribal enterprise for discussion and more detailed creation of the TTX scenario to be delivered by Baker Hostetler
- 2 hours prep by Baker Hostetler: Creation of the final TTX exercise and all associated documentation to be used / shared by Baker Hostetler

#### § Delivery of virtual TTX exercise by Baker Hostetler -

- 15 minutes: Background on cybersecurity trends, key terms, biggest risk areas, etc.
- 15 minutes: Discussion on expected roles of key players and decision makers during a major cybersecurity event especially those outside of IT (i.e. executives, marketing, PR, gaming commission, etc.)
- 45 minutes: Virtual walk-thru of the potential cybersecurity scenario prepared beforehand by Baker Hostetler and scenario focused discussions on preparedness, reactions, to-dos, and the probable effect on employees, customers, and operations
- 15 minutes: Further discussion, next steps



## § Post-TTX Exercise –

- Brief TTX exercise summary report with key findings completed by Baker Hostetler and shared with grant awardee
- High Level Summary of exercise completion and list of all awardee attendees and contact information provided to Tribal-ISAC for follow-up communications and completion of post exercise survey questions.

Baker Hostetler will provide each awardee their valuable time, experience, and expertise in preparing and delivering the TTX exercise. The total time expected from the awarded tribe or tribal enterprise will be a minimum of 2 hours per engaged TTX attendee to complete the exercise.

### **Eligibility:**

- ONLY Tribal-ISAC Members will be considered.
- ANY Tribal-ISAC Member will be considered.
- Maximum of ONE award per Tribal-ISAC member tribe or tribal enterprise in a given award year.

### **Grant Award Selection Criteria:**

- Inclusion and engagement of a diverse set of departments including decision making leadership is **strongly encouraged** (e.g. Senior Executives and/or Board Members, IT, Marketing, Legal, Insurance carrier, HR, Public Relations, etc.). A quorum of the representatives you define in your application will be required to conduct the TTX. Proxies are encouraged to fill roles in the event that someone cannot attend.
- A sub-committee of the Tribal-ISAC will review all applications for completeness, readiness and desired outcomes. When possible, preference will be given to tribes or tribal enterprises with the greatest need of assistance.

### **Eligible Activities:**

Funds are restricted to providing tribes and tribal enterprises with the limited virtual TTX exercise services to be delivered by Baker Hostetler as specifically contracted with Tribal-ISAC. The Tribal-ISAC will receive an invoice from and directly pay Baker Hostetler directly upon completion of each approved and awarded TTX.

### **Grant Submission Requirements:**

- Applications must be submitted by an eligible Tribal-ISAC member (on the roster) and are due by the submission date listed below.



### **Grant Award Process, Schedule and Deadlines:**

Based on submissions, the Tribal-ISAC expects to award up to \$80,000 in individual member awards in 2026. A waiting list will also be maintained of grant submissions received and not awarded, which may receive approval in the event that one or more of the initial grant awardees are unable to meet the “Post Initial Award Requirements” listed below or in the case that additional funding becomes available.

Applications will be ranked by a Sub-Committee of Tribal-ISAC Steering Committee Members using resilience building prioritization methods to determine the potential level of impact that TTX completion will have upon the applicant tribes and tribal enterprises. The Sub-Committee will recommend individual awardees to the Steering Committee for approval and initial award notifications. *Applications will be kept confidential outside the Steering Committee.* Applications will be evaluated and awards will be granted according to the following schedule:

1. Request for Application Begins: September 15, 2025
2. Application Due: December 31, 2025
3. Initial Award Announcement: TBD Early 2026
4. *Initial Awardees complete post initial award requirements within 45 days of receipt of the Initial Award Announcement*
5. TTX Delivery Period Begins: Upon completion of individual “Post Initial Award Requirements”
6. TTX Grant Program Conclusion: December 31, 2026

### **Post Initial Award Requirements:**

Failure to complete these requirements in a timely manner will result in the revocation of the initial grant award.

- The awarded tribe or tribal enterprise will be required to enter into a grant award agreement with Tribal-ISAC.
- The tribe or tribal enterprise receiving the initial award notification will be required to execute a services agreement directly with Baker Hostetler (the Tribal-ISAC selected grant TTX provider) including any vetting process required.
- The awarded tribe or tribal enterprise will be required to coordinate and engage TTX participants as detailed in their approved grant application.
- The awarded tribe or tribal enterprise is required and must agree to actively engage and participate in all aspects of the TTX pre-planning, design, delivery, and debrief process with Baker Hostetler to achieve the maximum benefit of this grant award.



In order to be funded all awarded TTX grants must have all TTX services delivered completed by the grant funding program conclusion date listed above.

**Applicants must use the online application, which will include the following:**

**Apply here:** <https://form.jotform.com/252454310879057>

1. Full Name of Individual Submitting the Application:
2. Job title:
3. Email:
4. Physical Address:
5. Tribe Name:
6. Tribal Enterprise / Division (If for a sub-department, division or enterprise of tribe):
7. Inclusion and engagement of a diverse set of organizational leadership in your exercise is **strongly encouraged**. Departments and/or leaders that will participate in your TTX exercise include (select all that apply):
  - a. Tribe or Enterprise Executives
  - b. IT
  - c. Marketing
  - d. Legal
  - e. Insurance carrier
  - f. HR
  - g. Public Relations
  - h. Public Safety
  - i. Finance
  - j. Other: (please specify)
8. How do you expect your tribe or tribal enterprise will benefit from a cybersecurity TTX exercise?  
(Paragraph answer.)
9. Why do you believe your tribe or tribal enterprise should receive this grant award?  
(Paragraph answer.)
10. Has your tribe or tribal enterprise previously completed any type of cybersecurity tabletop exercise?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No



11. Is your tribe or tribal enterprise able to fund a cybersecurity tabletop exercise on their own in the next 12 months if you did not receive this award?

- a. Yes
- b. No

12. I have read and understand the Post Initial Grant Award Requirements and if awarded, commit to working quickly to meet the requirements and complete the grant funded TTX exercise.

- a. Yes
- b. No

*Tribal-ISAC may request additional information from individual applicants for clarification purposes.*

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**Contact:** For questions about this grant opportunity contact [info@tribalisac.org](mailto:info@tribalisac.org).

**About:**

The Tribal Information Sharing and Analysis Center (Tribal-ISAC), a division of not-for-profit Tribal Share, Inc., is the platform for cyber threat information sharing, threat prevention, protection, community response, and a managed and trusted collaboration with other government agencies and industry ISACs for the nation's tribal governments and their operations and enterprises. Visit the Tribal-ISAC website for more information: <https://tribalisac.org/>.

Baker Hostetler's Digital Assets and Data Management Practice Group is nationally recognized as a leader in privacy and cybersecurity and stands apart as the only law firm with attorneys dedicated to advising Native American governments and their enterprises on these critical issues. [Partner Kimi Gordy](#) and her team combine deep cybersecurity experience with a thorough understanding of Native American law to help clients reduce risk and improve preparedness.

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