



Tabletop Exercise Grant Program 2027 Request for Application

Tribal-ISAC is reopening the application window for the second round of its **Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise (TTX) Grant Program for 2027**.

This program is designed to remove cost, resource, and expertise barriers that may prevent federally recognized sovereign tribal nations and tribal enterprises from conducting cybersecurity tabletop exercises, helping strengthen preparedness, coordination, and response capabilities.

Current Tribal-ISAC member tribes and tribal enterprises are eligible to apply.

What is a Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise (TTX)?

A cybersecurity tabletop exercise (TTX) is a facilitated, discussion-based session where your leadership team walks through a realistic cyber incident scenario.

Participants, including IT, executives, legal, HR, public relations, and other key functions, work through how they would respond to an incident, identify gaps, and strengthen coordination across the organization.

TTXs are one of the most effective ways to:

- Test incident response readiness
- Clarify roles and decision-making
- Strengthen cross-functional coordination
- Identify actionable next steps to improve security posture

What You Receive

Each selected tribe or tribal enterprise will receive a customized, virtual TTX experience. Tribal-ISAC has contracted with Baker Hostetler to deliver the TTX Grant Program.

Each award includes:

- Pre-exercise planning and scenario development
- A facilitated, tailored cybersecurity scenario
- Expert guidance from cybersecurity and legal professionals
- A post-exercise summary with key findings and recommendations

Estimated value: \$10,000+ per award

Participants should plan for approximately **2 hours of engagement per attendee** for the actual TTX.



Grant Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a current Tribal-ISAC member organization in good standing throughout the program period
- Submit the application through an individual listed on the official Tribal-ISAC membership roster
- Be limited to one (1) award per Tribal-ISAC membership per award year

For purposes of this program, “good standing” means:

- Membership is current and fully paid
- All required membership agreements are executed and on file

Selection Considerations: Preference may be given to applicants demonstrating:

- Strong organizational need
- Readiness to participate in the program within required timelines
- Potential to drive meaningful organizational impact through the exercise

Grant Award Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

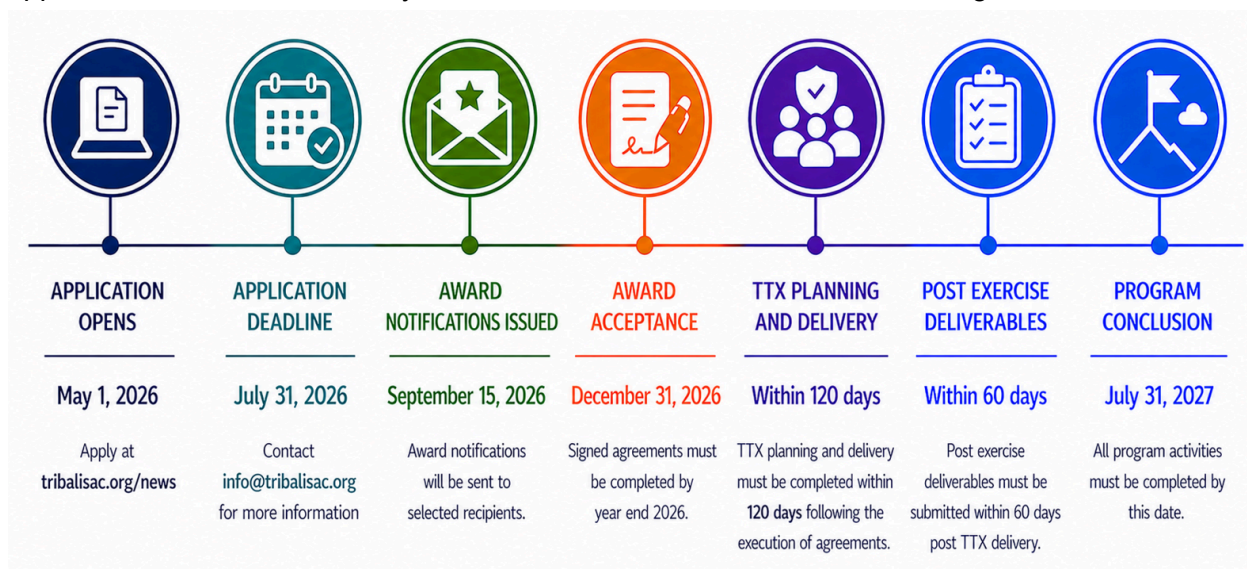
- Inclusion of cross-functional leadership (e.g., executive leadership, IT, legal, HR, public relations, finance, public safety, etc.)
- Organizational readiness and commitment to participate
- Clarity of expected outcomes and benefits
- Potential impact on cybersecurity preparedness

Program Details

- Grant supports delivery of the virtual TTX only
- Tribal-ISAC pays the provider directly
- No funds are distributed to awardees

Application & Timeline

Applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Tribal-ISAC Steering Committee.





Post-Award Requirements

Awardees are expected to actively support the successful planning and execution of their tabletop exercise. As a condition of the award, recipients must:

- **Execute required agreements** - Enter into a grant agreement with Tribal-ISAC and a services agreement with BakerHostetler.
- **Coordinate and engage participants** - Identify, invite, and confirm participation from a cross-functional group of leaders and stakeholders (e.g., executive leadership, IT, legal, communications, operations, etc.) and serve as the primary point of contact for scheduling and communications.
- **Participate in all phases of the TTX process** - This includes a required pre-planning call where the primary point of contact must provide information to customize the exercise and coordinate scheduling, as well as participation in the exercise and post-exercise debrief.
- **Complete the exercise within the program timeframe** - Ensure all activities are completed within the defined program period.

Apply Now

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For questions, reach out to info@tribalisac.org.

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