



**Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor**  
*Jen Paul Schroer, Cabinet Secretary*  
*Sarah Jacobs, Deputy Secretary*  
*Antoinette Vigil, Deputy Secretary*

May 6, 2024

Dear Tribal Leaders,

Addressing the needs of New Mexico's Native American Tribal elders is one of our agency's top priorities. Aging & Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD), through its Office of Indian Elder Affairs (OIEA) is here to provide valuable resources and information that benefit your community. You will be hearing from us often in the coming months and we look forward to working together.

Currently, we are wrapping up fiscal year 2024 (FY24) and we are providing a recap for specific Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) funding.

Other current news:

- The deadline to apply for ALTSD Capital Outlay funding for next fiscal year (FY25) is Friday, May 24, 2024.
  - Regarding, the State Assessment Provider Survey that was re-sent on April 26, 2024, this survey is to assess the needs of Older Adult Services and Programs across the state. The survey due by May 31, 2024 and we welcome responses from Tribal Administration and Tribal Senior and Adult Day Service Center Directors. It is not necessary to forward this survey to community elders. Your participation is optional. If you opt not to participate, please send a note to Melissa Sanchez, OIEA Director, at [melissa.sanchez@altsd.nm.gov](mailto:melissa.sanchez@altsd.nm.gov).
  - Enclosed you will also find the notification letter sent August 22, 2023, to both the All Pueblo Council of Governors Chairman Mark Mitchell and Indian Affairs Department Secretary Governor James Mountain that announced the appointment of Cabinet Secretary Jen Paul Schroer to ALTSD.
  - Next, we shift our attention to fiscal year 2025 (FY25) Intergovernmental Agreements. The IGA contracts will be sent via email and traditional mail this week. If you do not receive your IGA within 7 business days, please contact Melissa Sanchez, Director of Office of Indian Elder Affairs at [melissa.sanchez@altsd.nm.gov](mailto:melissa.sanchez@altsd.nm.gov).

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We are looking forward to keeping in touch about exciting news and what's to come, for instance, an annual calendar including relevant timelines, workshop trainings, and information about the capital outlay funding process.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to serving your community. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JPS", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jen Paul Schroer  
Cabinet Secretary  
Aging & Long-Term Services Department