

Attachment A: Project Descriptions for Applicants Recommended for Tribal Capacity Building Program Pilot Round Funding

Attachment A includes a full list of the six (6) applicants recommended for awards (in alphabetical order).

[Award Recommendation 1: Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria](#)

Award Amount: \$244,500

Region: North Coast

Tribal Designation: Federally recognized

Focus Areas:

- Co-management of coastal environment and resources
- Education and outreach, specifically formation of a Science Advisory Board

Proposed Program Activities:

1. Conduct strategic planning related to the tribe's climate goals
2. Develop and submit climate-related grant applications
3. Build partnerships with entities that can assist the tribe in meeting climate and economic development goals

Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria's (Trinidad Rancheria) cultural identity is deeply intertwined with the land and marine resources within their ancestral territory; the Tribe is one of three California coastal tribes collaboratively stewarding approximately 700 square miles of designated Indigenous Marine Stewardship Area (IMSA). Trinidad Rancheria's mission focuses on preserving cultural heritage, enhancing quality of life and self-sufficiency, maintaining Tribal sovereignty, fostering positive partnerships, and protecting the environment. The Tribe's vision is co-managing the ancestral coastal environment and its resources alongside Native Nations and U.S. governments and ensuring the sustainability and resilience of local ecosystems and communities, including those outside the Tribal community.

Trinidad Rancheria indicated the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program (Pilot Program) is crucial for the Tribe—especially as their Climate Program is in its first year—as it is imperative to develop tribal staff capacity, secure funding, and build strong partnerships to ensure the long-term success of their Climate Program. The Tribe's proposed project will build off research and a draft framework developed in 2018 in an effort to begin the process of expanding their Environmental Department. With increased capacity, Trinidad Rancheria will be able to continue their planning efforts, engage with the Tribal community and other key community leaders, and develop a data-driven, community-led climate adaptation plan. The Pilot Program will directly support the following capacity needs: conduct strategic planning for the Tribe's Climate Program; strengthen existing relationships and build new trust-centered partnerships



to facilitate the successful implementation of programs and plans; and engage the Trinidad Rancheria Community in program development where relationship-building and engagement efforts will lead to the establishment of a Science Advisory Board.

Award Recommendation 2: Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation

Award Amount: \$245,595

Region: Bay Area

Tribal Designation: Non-federally recognized

Focus Areas:

- Affordable housing
- Cultural-ecological resource management
- Cultural mapping
- Habitat restoration (creek and oyster bed)
- Land repatriation
- Land stewardship

Proposed Program Activities:

1. Develop and submit climate-related grant applications
2. Develop a grant management system
3. Build partnerships with entities that can assist the tribe in meeting climate and economic development goals
4. Conduct climate-related land use planning

The Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation is a confederation of Tribal people from seven Tribes: Lisjan (Ohlone), Karkin (Ohlone), Bay Miwok, Plains Miwok, Wappo, Delta Yokut, and Napien (Patwin). The Tribe's vision centers on repatriation: restoring Tribal people to their rightful place in sacred relationship with their ancestral lands. Their vision of climate-sensitive land stewardship includes integrated ecological restoration and cultural revitalization rooted in the places where the Tribe's ancestors memorialized their millennia of relating to the land, as well as adequate funding and capacity building for managing natural and cultural resources data across the Tribe's entire territory.

Through the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program, the Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation aims to fund the following: 1) integrated cultural-ecological resources management trainings for Tribe members, incorporating Tribal knowledge and relevant legislation, and increasing Tribal capacity to advance climate-related land stewardship; 2) a pilot cultural-mapping program for sacred sites on Tribally-managed lands and to assess efficacy of existing easement agreements for climate-related land planning and negotiate new easements; 3) infrastructure to manage a Tribal resource database for climate-related threats, including all sacred sites in the Tribe's territory and associated culturally-significant plants, animals, and other relatives;

and 4) infrastructure for grant management to sustain these projects. The Tribe is interested in the Pilot Program because trainings will enable Tribal members to become part-time employees on a project-by-project basis and eventually full-time staff, which is the Tribe's primary goal. In addition, the technical assistance provided by the Pilot Program offers a unique opportunity for the Tribe to focus on climate-related land use planning and continue to develop and assess the efficacy of stewardship protocols on their returned lands.

Award Recommendation 3: Esselen Tribe of Monterey County

Award Amount: \$249,999.99

Region: Central Coast

Tribal Designation: Non-federally recognized

Focus Areas:

- Affordable housing
- Cultural burning and biochar creation
- Invasive species removal
- Land stewardship
- Native plant propagation
- Watershed restoration

Proposed Program Activities:

1. Support climate-related grant implementation
2. Develop a grant management system
3. Build partnerships with entities that can assist the tribe in meeting climate and economic development goals
4. Conduct strategic planning related to the tribe's climate goals
5. Conduct climate-related data collection and analysis

The mission of the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County is to preserve and protect their cultural heritage and ancestral sacred sites located within sacred prehistoric and historic tribal lands of Monterey County, California. The Tribe's vision is to: 1) create a Tribal Climate Resilience Task Force to scale their capacity to take on more climate-resilient projects to respond to the Tribe's historic territory being heavily impacted by habitat loss from overgrazing, urbanization, excessive road building, and multiple recent high intensity wildfires; 2) create a sustainable funding model to build capacity to pursue the many climate-related grants available to the Tribe and that is competitive, equitable, and conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Tribe's values and governance structure; and 3) expand intertribal networking and resource sharing to expand peer learning opportunities for their Tribal members and those of other California tribes, specifically in the areas of cultural fire and Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges (TREX) opportunities.

The Esselen Tribe of Monterey County is particularly interested in working with the Technical Assistance Provider provided by the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program to create an Action Plan that assesses the Tribe's strengths and weaknesses and better organizes and prioritizes areas for capacity building throughout the grant term and beyond and to create a sustainable funding model to support their work. Through the Pilot Program, the Tribe indicates they will prioritize the following capacity building areas: creating grant proposals, grant tracking and reporting, program/project management, hiring an assistant for the Tribe's Chairman, and creating land stewardship positions as the number of acres the Tribe owns and co-manages with their expanding network of partners continues to increase.

Award Recommendation 4: Mooretown Rancheria of Concow-Maidu Indians of California

Award Amount: \$250,000

Region: Northern Sierras

Tribal Designation: Federally recognized

Focus Areas:

- Cultural burning and fuel reduction
- Economic and workforce development
- Education and outreach, specifically formation of a youth mentorship program
- Emergency response preparedness
- Habitat restoration
- Invasive species removal
- Land stewardship
- Native tree planting/reforestation
- Watershed restoration

Proposed Program Activities:

1. Conduct economic development planning and project implementation to build economic and climate resilience
2. Conduct strategic planning related to the tribe's climate goals
3. Conduct climate-related data collection and analysis

The Mooretown Rancheria of Concow-Maidu Indians of California's (Mooretown Rancheria) vision is to engage in restoration work to promote culture, restore wildlife habitat, and increase climate resilience. To carry out their vision, Mooretown Rancheria Tribal leadership seeks to invest in the next generation by providing them with meaningful experiences in resiliency work. Part of the Tribe's proposed project includes establishing a climate-work mentorship program for youth and young adult Tribal members aged 16-24 years old. The mentorship program will provide Tribal youth and young adults a glimpse of climate resilience and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) land management work, and participants will receive hands-on experience

and build valuable skills. Outcomes of the Tribe's proposed project's vision include restoring their ancestral landscape to be resilient in the face of a changing climate, sparking curiosity and a sense of responsibility for Tribal youth and young adults to engage in important resiliency work, and facilitating economic and workforce growth in their community and throughout tribal communities in California.

Mooretown Rancheria indicates funding from the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program is critical for the Tribe to reach the next level in climate-related work, as they currently lack the capacity to undertake large-scale projects in reforestation and watershed management. By building the Tribe's staffing capacity through their proposed TEK/GIS Specialist position, the Tribe can go after larger grant programs to secure funding for larger restoration projects on their ancestral lands and provide the expertise needed to guide other Tribal staff members. Additionally, the mentorship program will be instrumental in creating long-term, generational capacity that will build up the incoming workforce to engage in climate work and carry on resiliency work.

[Award Recommendation 5: Winnemem Wintu](#)

Award Amount: \$250,000

Region: North State

Tribal Designation: Non-federally recognized

Focus Areas:

- Affordable/sustainable housing, specifically building an eco-village
- Aquaculture restoration (salmon)

Proposed Program Activities:

1. Develop and submit climate-related grant applications
2. Support climate-related grant implementation
3. Develop a grant management system
4. Conduct economic development planning and project implementation to build economic and climate resilience
5. Develop a community needs assessment

Winnemem Wintu holds that restoring the Chinook salmon to their waterways is their sacred responsibility. The Tribe's salmon restoration work with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has allowed them to provide for their people and the salmon, however, the Tribe continues to fight for a volitional passageway that would allow the salmon to come home with their people guiding the restoration of the land and waterways to make this possible. In light of Winnemem Wintu's land acquisition, the Tribe is constantly looking for ways in which they can build tribal capacity by training their Tribal members and providing them with job opportunities within their

homelands and build economic and climate resilience through formation of an eco-village on their lands.

Winnemem Wintu demonstrates when partnerships with CDFW and NOAA began, their need for full-time and trained Tribal staff grew. The Tribe has only two employees working on securing funding to continue the Tribe's work and indicates that the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program would build their tribal capacity by providing funding year-round for their current seasonal staff positions and to employ additional Tribal members in their work to restore the land and waterways in support of the return of their salmon. The Tribe emphasized the training the Pilot Program offers will help them seek funding that will allow their work to continue to build and grow in a way that is aligned with their goals. Through the Pilot Program, Winnemem Wintu also hopes to develop their climate resilient eco-village by developing a community needs assessment that will ensure their planning addresses important issues from all their Tribal members.

Award Recommendation 6: yak tityu tityu yak tihini Northern Chumash Tribe

Award Amount: \$206,917

Region: Central Coast

Tribal Designation: Non-federally recognized

Focus Areas:

- Aquaculture restoration (abalone and shellfish)
- Education and outreach, specifically formation of an environmental and climate literacy program
- Habitat restoration (creek and estuarine)
- Land-back
- Land stewardship

Proposed Program Activities:

1. Develop and submit climate-related grant applications
2. Develop a grant management system
3. Build partnerships with entities that can assist the tribe in meeting climate and economic development goals
4. Conduct economic development planning and project implementation to build economic and climate resilience
5. Conduct strategic planning related to the tribe's climate goals

yak tityu tityu yak tihini (ytt) Northern Chumash Tribe's vision is to once again be stewards of their coast. The Tribe envisions a future in which it has sovereign rights to manage its land and resources and indigenous knowledge is revived and sought after as their community works together to construct a sustainable future for their coastal ecosystems. To achieve their vision,

the Tribe will secure funding to both sustain permanent staff and build capacity to work on land-back and climate resiliency projects, such as a resilient aquaculture hub with local shellfish restoration.

The ytt Northern Chumash Tribe has several projects they are working on with partners, but lack of capacity has limited their ability to advance this work and to adequately manage existing grant funds to continue to develop future proposals to keep project momentum going. With additional capacity from the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program, the Tribe hopes to advance the following climate action projects: 1) land-back projects to secure ownership of ancestral lands along the coast to dictate best stewardship activities for these lands; 2) creek and estuarine restoration efforts with partners in multiple coastal watersheds; 3) tribal-led aquaculture and abalone restoration to establish a climate-resilient, tribally-led aquaculture facility for commercial production and restoration efforts as well as establishing a tribal network along the coast to increase the transfer of traditional native aquaculture knowledge between tribal entities interested in regaining access to native food supplies; and 4) education and outreach to form an environmental and climate literacy program for middle school students where the Tribe will lead Traditional Ecological Knowledge and social justice units within the program.

