# Tribal Capacity Building Program

Community Assistance for Climate Equity Program

CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

## About the program

The Tribal Capacity Building Program is a grant program that provides funding and technical assistance to California Native American Tribes, enhancing staff capacity to advance Tribes' housing- and climate-related work. Administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the goal of the program is to help Tribes develop long-term capacity to secure funding and implement Tribal-led housing and climate-related projects.

> The Tribal Capacity Building Program provides funding and technical assistance to Tribes to advance their housing and climate goals.

## What does the program fund?

The program funds staff salaries and activities that advance Tribes' housing- and climate-related work. Activities may include planning, securing funding for, and implementing housing projects and related efforts to advance climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.

## What services does the program provide?

Tribes work with a technical assistance provider and receive no-cost, flexible support that responds to each Tribe's needs. The capacity building and technical assistance services offered include, but are not limited to:

- Grant application and management support
- Planning and implementation assistance
- Staff and economic development
- Trainings and workshops
- Partnership building
- Peer learning

## Who is eligible to apply?

California Native American Tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Contact List, including federally recognized and non-federally recognized Tribes, are eligible to apply. A non-federally recognized Tribe is eligible to apply if they are registered as a nonprofit, a for-profit corporation, or a limited liability company.

## What is the award amount?

The SGC anticipates launching a second round of the program in spring 2026 but has not yet finalized the funding amount. In April 2025, the SGC Council approved up to $30 million for a broader Tribal Housing Capacity Building initiative, which includes funding for two separate programs to support the development of Tribal housing. Program staff are in the process of drafting Round 2 Grant Guidelines to determine the award range and grant term length.

## Program timeline

### April 2025
SGC Council approves funding for Round 2 of the Tribal Capacity Building Program.

### Fall 2025
SGC staff conduct a landscape analysis through key informant interviews to inform program design.

### Winter 2025/26
Outreach and engagement period (e.g., virtual and in-person workshops, formal Tribal consultations).

### Spring 2026
Notice of Funding Availability and Application release.

## Pilot round Tribal grantees

In the first round of the program, a total of $1.45 million was awarded to six pilot round grantees, with each receiving up to $250,000 over a two-year grant term. The grantees represent both federally recognized and non-federally recognized Tribes across the State of California. The six grantees are as follows (in alphabetical order):

- Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria
  - Region: North Coast
- Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation
  - Region: Bay Area
- Esselen Tribe of Monterey County
  - Region: Central Coast
- Mooretown Rancheria of Concow-Maidu Indians of California
  - Region: Northern Sierras
- Winnemem Wintu
  - Region: North State
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  - Region: Central Coast

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