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This booklet provides an overview of grant programs offered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) that Tribes are eligible to apply for and receive. The grant programs aim to increase capacity-building, build climate resilience, and support affordable housing and sustainable communities. Programs fund activities such as technical assistance, planning, project development, and implementation.

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General Information

Eligibility:

For Tribal grant programs, “California Native American Tribes” are eligible to apply. This includes federally recognized Tribes and non-federally recognized Tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission’s California Tribal Consultation List as of February 2026.

Non-federally recognized Tribes are eligible if registered as a legal entity (non-profit, for-profit, LLC) under California law and in good standing.

Tribally Designated Housing Entities are eligible to apply for Tribal grant programs. This includes housing entities that are listed in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s National Directory of Tribes and TDHEs.

For grant programs that are not exclusive to Tribes, Tribal-serving nonprofits and Tribal nonprofits are also eligible to apply.

Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity:

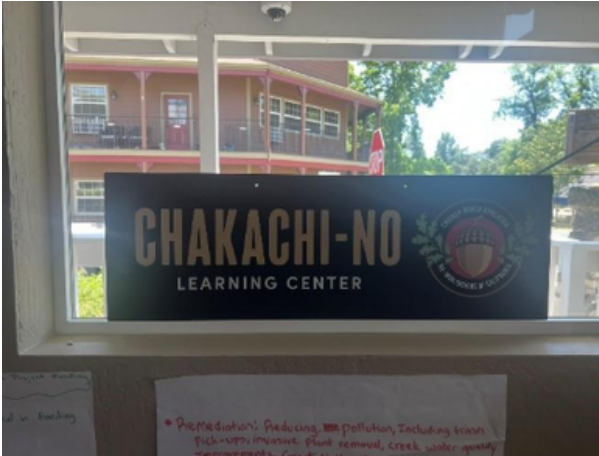
A limited waiver of sovereign immunity is not required solely as a condition of receiving grant funds for reimbursement for completed work. However, requests for advance pay or funding requests for long-term loans and operations may necessitate that the awardee sign a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

Advanced Pay:

Tribes can be eligible to receive advanced pay in of up to 25% of the grant funds awarded. However, at this time, Tribes will be required to sign a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to receive advanced pay. SGC and LCI are committed to working collaboratively with Tribes on tailoring limited waiver of sovereign immunity terms to support Tribal priorities while also meeting the legal obligations set forth by the State.

SGC Programs

If you have general questions or concerns or would like to request a Tribal Consultation, please reach out to tribalinfo@sgc.ca.gov



Tribal Capacity Building Program, Round 2

The Tribal Capacity Building Program provides funding and technical assistance to California Native American Tribes, enhancing staff capacity to advance Tribes' climate- and housing-related work. The program funds staff salaries and activities such as planning, securing funding for, and implementing housing projects and related efforts to advance climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. The goal of the program is to help Tribes develop long-term capacity to secure funding and implement Tribal-led climate- and housing-related projects.

Contact: Tribalinfo@sgc.ca.gov

Award: \$350,000 - \$420,000

Total Funds: \$5 Million

Grant Term: 3 years

Funding Priorities: Only California Native American Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities can apply

Timeline: Application period opens May 11, 2026, and closes August 11, 2026.

TCBP Previously Awarded Projects



Photo from a Peer Learning Session during Round 1

Round 1

Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria

Award Amount: \$244,500

Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation

Award Amount: \$245,595

Esselen Tribe of Monterey County

Award Amount: \$249,999.99

Mooretown Rancheria of Concow-Maidu Indians of California

Award Amount: \$250,000

Winnemem Wintu

Award Amount: \$250,000

Yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini Northern Chumash Tribe

Award Amount: \$206,917

Grant Activities:

- Strategic planning related to the tribe's climate goals
- Build partnerships to support climate and economic development goals
- Apply for climate-related grants
- Develop a grant management system
- Support climate-related grant implementation
- Climate-related data collection and analysis
- Conduct climate-related land use and economic development planning
- Project implementation to build economic and climate-resilient communities

Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

The Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund (THPDF) is a grant opportunity that funds activities related to affordable housing development, including planning, infrastructure, construction, site preparation, and other pre-development activities. The goal of the Fund is to increase preparedness to build housing and access other state-funded, affordable housing programs.

Contact: Tribalinfo@sgc.ca.gov

Award: Up to \$3 million

Total Funds: Total of \$20 million available

Grant Term: 3 years

Funding Priorities: Only California Native American Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities can apply

Timeline: First application period is May 11, 2026, to August 11, 2026. If funds are not expended, a second application period will be announced, and applicants who are not awarded in the first round are eligible to receive funding in the second round.

THPDF Example Projects

This is the first round of funding for the Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund and, therefore, the program has not awarded any projects yet. Below, you can find examples of eligible activities.



Sustainable Agriculture and Land Conservation

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program fights climate change by protecting our productive farmlands and encouraging compact, transit-oriented communities.

Contact: salcp@conservation.ca.gov

Award: up to \$500,000 for Planning Grants, and no maximum award for Agricultural Conservation Acquisition Grants

Total Funds: \$58 million

Funding Priorities: Funding goal to award 5% of available funding for acquisition, capacity, and planning grants led by tribes and 100% funding for tribal-led projects.

Grant Types

- Planning Grants support the development of local and regional land use policies, economic development strategies, and plans to protect critical agricultural land. In many instances, plans may also recognize and protect the environmental co-benefits of conserving agricultural lands.
- Agricultural Conservation Acquisition Grants are used to permanently protect agricultural lands. This includes purchasing conservation easements on or fee title to agricultural land and deed restrictions that landowners voluntarily place on their property to conserve the land's agricultural uses in perpetuity.

Timeline: Planning Grant: application pre-proposals due in January and applications due in July. Agricultural Conservation Acquisition Grants: accepting pre-proposals on a rolling basis with applications due in January and June.

SALC Previously Awarded Projects

The SALC program has awarded \$35 million to Tribes to fund acquisition of projects over 11,000 acres.

Round 8:

Hoopa Tribe -- \$500,000 Planning Grant

Round 9:

Northern Chumash Tribal Council -- \$5,870,000 for a 310 acre Acquisition Project

North Fork Mono Tribe -- \$1,030,000 for a 368 acre Acquisition Project

ytt Northern Chumash Nonprofit -- \$85,260 for capacity projects

Northern Chumash Tribal Council -- \$250,000 for capacity projects

Blue Lake Rancheria -- \$250,000 for capacity projects

Native American Land Conservancy -- \$249,760 for capacity projects

Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians (Economic Development Department) -- \$500,000 Planning Grant

Round 10:

Central Coast Indigenous Tribes -- \$100,000 for Capacity Projects

Wukchumni Tribe -- \$100,000 for Capacity Projects

Tamien Nation -- \$100,000 for Capacity Projects

Trinidad Rancheria -- \$250,000 for Capacity Projects

Muwekma Ohlone Tribe -- \$250,000 for Capacity Projects

Blue Lake Rancheria -- \$1,127,487 79-acre Acquisition Project

Amah Mutsun Land Trust -- \$2,170,000 for 30-acre Acquisition Project

Esselen Tribe of Monterey County -- \$6,060,000 for 9,819-acre Acquisition Project

Middletown Rancheria Of Pomo Indians -- \$6,059,00 for 560-acre Acquisition Project

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program (AHSC) provides funding for affordable housing developments (new construction or renovation) and transportation infrastructure. This may include sustainable transportation infrastructure, such as new transit vehicles, sidewalks, and bikeways; transportation-related amenities, such as bus shelters, benches, or shade trees; and other programs that encourage residents to walk, bike, and use public transit.

Contact: ahsc@sgc.ca.gov

Award: 10,000,000 - \$50,000,000 million

Total Funds: \$750 million

Grant Term: The initial term of the Affordable Housing Development loan shall be 55 years. Projects should be completed within 5 years of award.

Funding Priorities: \$50 million funding goal for Tribal applicants

Grant Type:

- Loans are available for Affordable Housing construction.
- Grants are available for transportation & social welfare programs.

(Projects must include a combination of both.)

Timeline: Application period closed May 4, 2026

AHSC Previously Awarded Projects

The AHSC program seeks to provide at least \$50M of funding for Tribal Entities per funding round. It has awarded approximately \$48M to three Tribes to build 244 affordable homes, establish Tribal headquarters, fund active transportation improvements, and build transit infrastructure in Arcata, Shasta Lake, and Windsor.



Round 7

Kashia Band Of Pomo Indians

Award Amount: \$19,966,182

Project Type: Integrated Connectivity Project

Round 6

Win River Hotel Corporation

Award Amount: \$16,540,259

Project Type: Rural Innovation Project Area

Round 5

Yurok Indian Housing Authority

Award Amount: \$11,447,114

Project Type: Rural Innovation Project

Community Resilience Centers

The Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program funds planning and implementation grants that advance the development of neighborhood resilience centers that provide shelter and resources during climate emergencies. It also supports year-round community services and programming

Contact: crc@sgc.ca.gov

Award: Planning Grants \$100,000-\$500,000, Implementation Grants: \$1-\$10 million

Total Funds: \$55 million

Grant Term: 2-6 years

Funding Priorities: SGC intends to fund a minimum of one qualifying application where the Lead Applicant is Tribal applicant for each grant type.

Grant Types:

- Planning Grants fund communities in the initial stages of CRC project development, providing support for plan development, community engagement, coordination, and other activities.
- Implementation Grants fund new construction and upgrades of facilities to serve as Community Resilience Centers, as well as services and programs that build overall community resilience.

Timeline: Planning Grants: July 2, 2026 – September 4, 2026.

Implementation Grants: July 2, 2026 – September 25, 2026.

CRC Previously Awarded Projects

The CRC program has awarded \$11.5 million to Tribes for the planning, development, and implementation of resilience centers and critical emergency response programs.

Round 1:

Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California

Award: \$10,000,000.00 Implementation Grant

Native Roots Network (NRN)

Award: \$500,000 Planning Grant

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTBMI)

Award: \$500,000 Planning Grant

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Award: \$500,000 Planning Grant

Cahuilla Band of Indians

Award: \$500,000 Planning Grant

Transformative Climate Communities

The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program funds community-led development and infrastructure projects that achieve environmental, health, and economic benefits in California's most disadvantaged communities. TCC empowers communities most impacted by pollution to achieve their community vision and enact transformational change with data-driven milestones and measurable outcomes.

Contact: tcc@sgc.ca.gov

Award: Planning Grant: up to \$300,000, Project Development Grant: up to \$5 million, Implementation Grant: up to \$27.5 million

Total Funds: \$98.4 million

Grant Term: 2-6 years

Funding Priorities: For each grant type, SGC intends to fund a minimum of one qualifying application where the Lead Applicant is Tribal.

Grant Types:

- Planning Grants fund activities to prepare communities for future funding from programs that align with TCC's objectives.
- Project Development Grants fund pre-development activities that support disadvantaged, unincorporated, and Tribal communities to meet their climate and community resilience goals.
- Implementation Grants fund neighborhood-level applications which include multiple, coordinated projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve other community benefits.

Timeline: May 29, 2026 – September 30, 2026

TCC Previously Awarded Projects

The TCC program has awarded \$4.7 million across six Tribes.



Karuk Tribe – Panámnik, sákriiv nukyâavish! (Orleans, we are making it strong!)

Award: \$299,922.69

Chicken Ranch Rancheria – Transformative Community Planning for Health and Safety

Award: \$217,000.00

Native American Environmental Protection Coalition - Hoopa Valley Tribe

Award: \$300,000

Wiyot Tribe

Award: \$299,800

Mendocino County Resource Conservation District: Transformative Activities for **Tribal Communities in the Russian River Watershed and Surrounding Area**

Award: \$2,548,010

Regional Climate Collaboratives

The Regional Climate Collaboratives Program (RCC) funds coalitions of regional partners in under-resourced communities to establish priorities, develop a pipeline of projects, and align projects with state, federal, and philanthropic funding opportunities.

Contact: CACE@sgc.ca.gov

Award: Small Grants \$500,000-\$999,999, Large Grants \$1,000,000-\$1,750,000

Total Funds: \$8.5 million

Grant Term: 36-month period

Funding Priorities: none

Grant Types:

- Small Grants
- Large Grants

Timeline: Round 2 of the RCC program has been put on hold. Applicants must submit a pre-proposal before submitting a Full Proposal.

RCC Previously Awarded Projects

Round 1:

2030 Resilient Networks Collaborative – Awarded \$799,994

Partners: Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, Tongva Taraxat Paaavxa Conservancy, Perez-Pacheco Consulting, Inc., Climate Resolve, Council for Watershed Health, UCLA Native Nations Law & Policy Center

Siskiyou Climate Collaborative – Awarded \$1,500,000

Partners: Siskiyou Economic Development Council, Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, UC Cooperative Extension, Siskiyou, Siskiyou County SMART Workforce Center, Nathan Johnston (Facilitator), Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Alliance, Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources

Tribal Energy and Climate Collaborative (TECC) -- Awarded \$1,749,910

Partners: Pala Band of Mission Indians, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, Prosper Sustainably, LLC, Barona Band of Mission Indians, Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians, Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, Inaja-Cosmit Band of Indians, Jamul Indian Village, La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, La Posta Band of Mission Indians, Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians, Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians