

Tribal Capacity Building Program

Community Assistance for Climate Equity Program



About the program

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. 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 climate and housing projects.



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

What does the program fund?

The program funds staff salaries and activities that advance Tribes' climate- and housing-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 & management support
- Planning & implementation assistance
- Staff & economic development
- Trainings & 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 it is registered as a nonprofit, a for-profit corporation, or a limited liability company. Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) are also eligible to apply.

What is the award amount?

The individual award amount is between \$350,000 and \$420,000, distributed over a three-year grant term. The total program award amount is \$5 million. This is a competitive grant program.

Program timeline

January 5 – April 6, 2026

Round 2 Draft Guidelines public comment & Tribal consultation period

January 27 – March 25, 2026

Draft Guidelines Tribal workshop series. Register at sgc.ca.gov/grant-programs/tribal/

April 29, 2026

Final Guidelines presented to SGC for adoption

May 2026

Notice of Funding Availability & Application release

May – July 2026

Application workshop series & office hours

August 2026

Applications due

October 28, 2026

Recommended Awards presented to SGC for approval

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
- yak tityu tityu yak tithini Northern Chumash Tribe
 - Region: Central Coast

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