

# Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative

## Application Workshop

May 2026



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# Agenda

- **Tribal Housing & Capacity Building Initiative:**  
Introduction, Timeline, Eligibility Criteria
  - Q&A break
- **Tribal Capacity Building Program** overview
  - Q&A break
- **Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund** overview
  - Q&A break
- Application platform (**Submittable**) walkthrough
  - Q&A break

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# Tribal Housing & Capacity Building Initiative

## Tribal Capacity Building Program (Round 2):

**Total Funding:** \$5 million

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

Funding and technical assistance to Tribes to increase staff capacity and advance climate- and housing-related work.

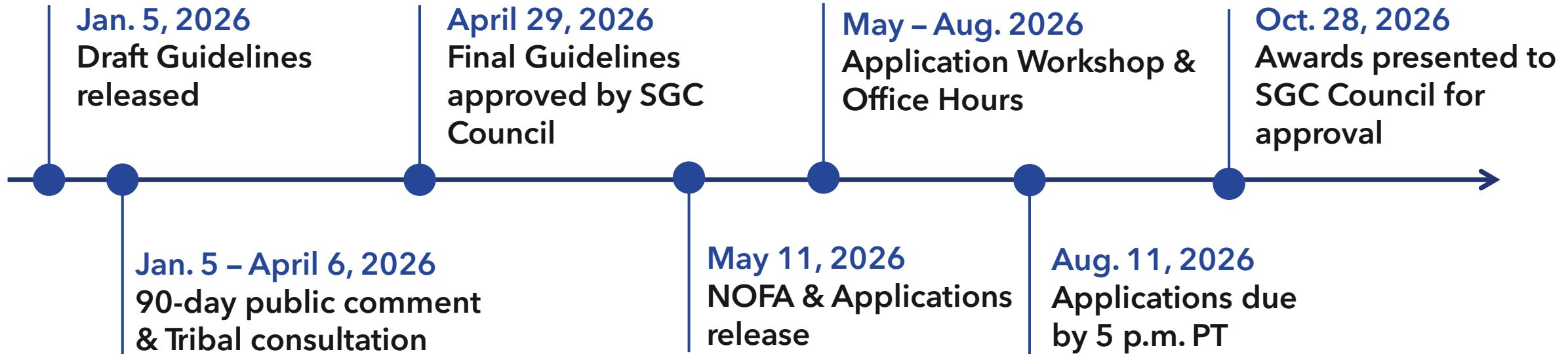
## Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund:

**Total Funding:** \$20 million

**Award Amount:** up to \$3 million

Funding for activities related to affordable housing development, including planning, infrastructure, construction, and site acquisition.

# THCBI Timeline



# THCBI Eligible Applicants

## California Native American Tribes & Tribal Entities

- Tribes on the **Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Contact List**, including **federally recognized Tribes** and non-federally recognized Tribes
  - **Non-federally recognized Tribes** must be registered as a nonprofit, a for-profit corporation, or a limited liability company
- **Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE)**

# THCBI Eligible Project Area



Program activities must be within the **State of California** and may apply funds towards activities involving, but not limited to, the following:

- Tribally owned lands, building, or facilities
- Lands over which a Tribe exercises jurisdiction, or lands that the Bureau of Indian Affairs holds in trust for Tribes
- Public domain allotments
- Lands managed for the benefit of Tribes through conservation easements, lease agreements, co-management agreements, or partnership agreements
- Lands that hold cultural relevance or are used for culturally relevant activities (e.g., prescribed or ceremonial burning)

# Questions?

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# Tribal Capacity Building Program

- Provides **funding & technical assistance** to California Native American Tribes, enhancing staff capacity to advance Tribes' climate- and housing-related projects
- **Program Objectives:**
  - Build Tribal Staff Capacity to Advance and Sustain Housing and Climate Action
  - Secure Funding to Develop and Implement Tribal-led Housing and Climate Projects
  - Enhance Peer Learning Relationships Among Tribes



# Tribal Capacity Building Program

## Grant Type

Competitive

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## Total Funding

\$5 million

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## Award Amount

\$350,000-\$420,000

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## Grant Term

3 years

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## Payment

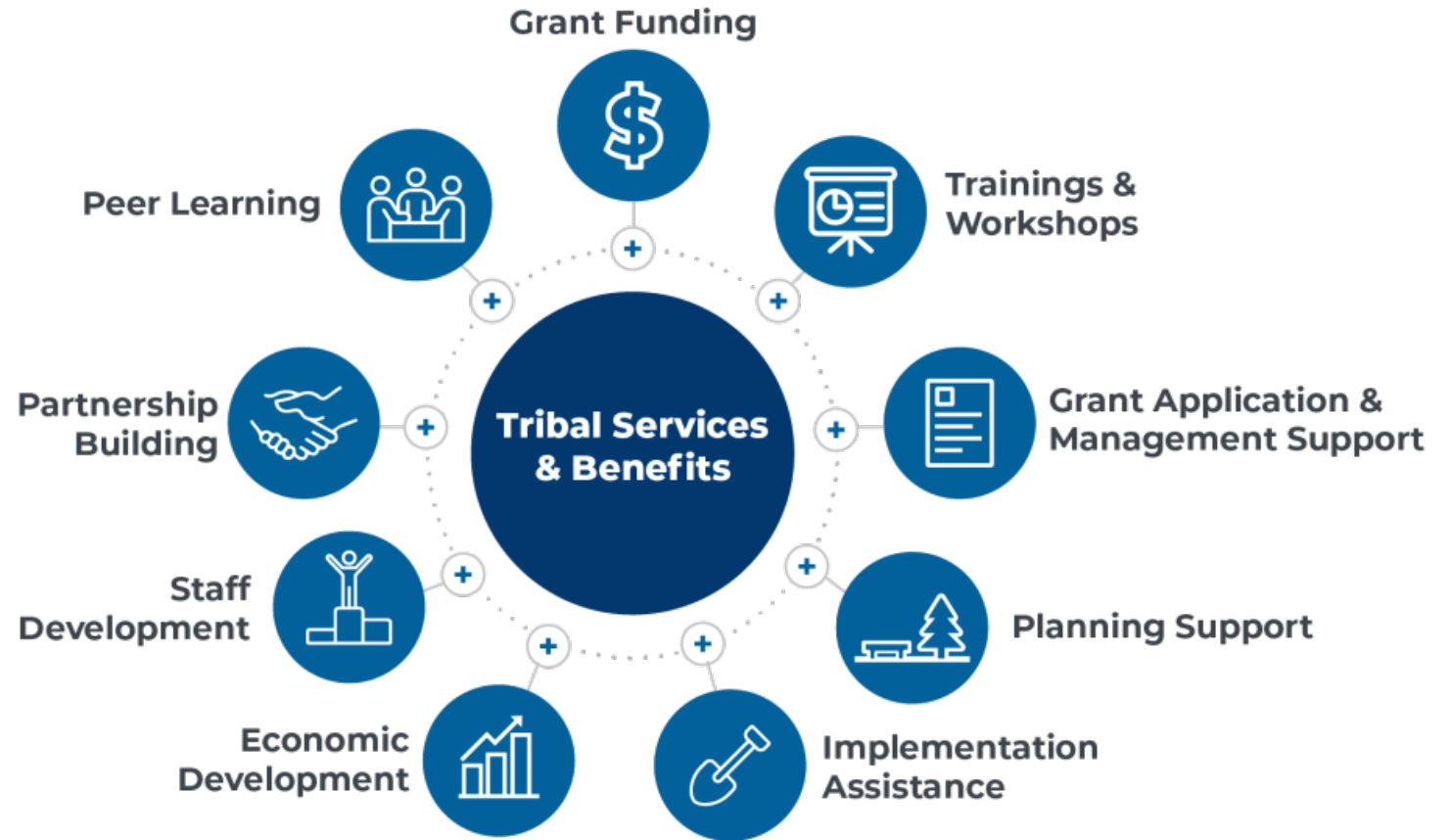
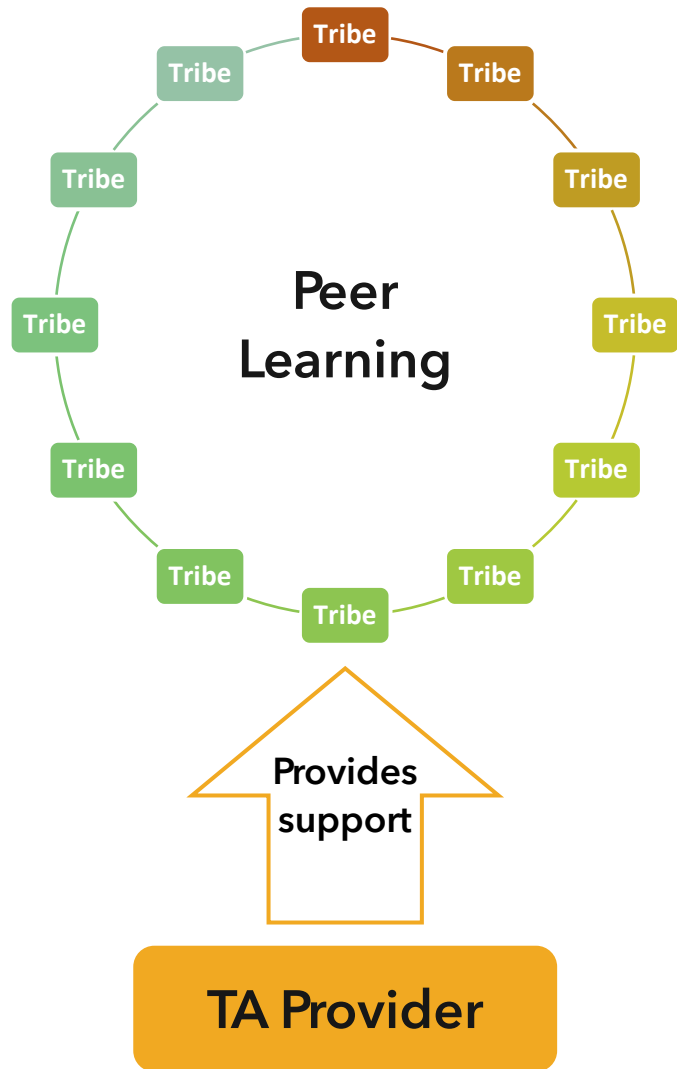
Reimbursement; Advance Pay for 501(c)(3) nonprofits & federally recognized Tribes



**Free Technical Assistance**



# Tribal Capacity Building Program Structure



# TCBP Eligible Costs

## Staff

- Salary at an hourly rate, benefits, taxes, & leave for existing staff and new staff (full or part-time employees)
- Stipends & honorariums for volunteers, interns, elders, or fellows

## Travel

- Approved program-related travel: in-person meetings, conferences, trainings, etc.
- Applicants must set aside funds for travel to one in-person peer learning convening under this grant

## Tools, Subscription, & Software

- Examples: computers/laptops, broadband services, access to proprietary data or research materials, videoconferencing technology subscriptions, project management software, mapping software, etc.

## Engagement & Gathering

- Costs related to the development and administration of engagement events and Tribal gatherings
- Examples: materials; meeting facilitation; transportation; rental costs; food and refreshments

## Consultant & Contractor

- Grant funds should prioritize direct capacity building for Tribal staff whenever possible
- Applicant should demonstrate this need and explain how this cost will support long-term capacity building

## Indirect

- Indirect cost rate will follow the Tribe's federally negotiated rate OR up to 30% if the Tribe does not have a federally negotiated rate

# TCBP Eligible Activities

## Mandatory Activities

1. Participate in **trainings, peer learning, & grant-related meetings**
2. Grant **writing & implementation**
3. Tribal Capacity Building Program **reporting**

## Customized Activities

- 1. Partnership & Economic Development Activities**
  - Build partnerships; conduct economic development planning & project implementation
- 2. Planning & Analysis Activities**
  - Develop community needs assessment; conduct climate- or housing-related land use planning or data collection & analysis; conduct strategic planning
- 3. Training Participation and/or Development**
  - Participate in a Tribal housing-related training; develop training program for cultural burns, eradication of invasive species, etc.; develop Tribal mentorship program
- 4. Organizational Operations**
  - Develop grant management system; acquire fiscal management software; identify staffing needs; support hiring & onboarding staff; develop organizational budget & forecasting

# TCBP Grant Deliverables

## Scope of Work

- Scope of Work that outlines the Tribe's **capacity building plan & implementation strategy** to build capacity and achieve program objectives
- Developed at beginning of grant term, with support from TA provider

## Regular Reports

- Includes **regular invoices & high-level reports**
- Developed at an interval determined by SGC and the Tribe

## Final Report

- **Final report** that includes narrative description of positive outcomes, challenges, and lessons learned throughout the grant term
- Developed at end of grant term, with support from TA provider



# TCBP Application Components



**Point of Contact**



**Narrative Response: Introduction to Tribe & Tribe's Vision**



**Narrative Response: Tribe's Capacity Building Needs**



**Narrative Response: Proposed Program Activities**



**Narrative Response: Budget Proposal & Timeline**



**Resolution or Letter of Authorization by the Tribal Government**

# TCBP Application Scoring Criteria

<b>Application Components</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
<b>Introduction &amp; Vision</b>	15
<b>Capacity Building Need</b>	35
<b>Program Activities</b>	20
<b>Budget &amp; Timeline</b>	20
<b>Finalist Interview</b>	0
<b>Application Total</b>	<b>90 points</b>

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# Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

## Application Overview



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# Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

This program is intended for Tribal entities that are interested in **building housing** but need to **conduct research, prepare plans, hire additional staff, acquire land, build infrastructure, prepare a site, or fund other activities** necessary for the eligibility of other state grant programs.



# Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

Grant Type

Competitive

Total Funding

\$20 million

Award Amount

Up to \$3 million

Grant Term

3 years

Award Announcements

October 2026



Free Technical Assistance



# Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund: Example Activities



## PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- Needs Assessments
- Market & Feasibility Studies
- Environmental Assessments



## INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

- Sewage & Drainage
- Energy, Utility, & Broadband
- Road & Safety Improvements



## SITE ACQUISITION & PREPARATION

- Site Acquisition
- Site Preparation
- Habitat & Wildlife Restoration



## OTHER ASSOCIATED COSTS

- Staff Training & Salaries
- Consultant Fees
- Legal Fees

# THPDF Application Scoring Criteria

<b>Application Components</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
<b>Introduction and Background</b>	10
<b>Housing Needs</b>	25
<b>Project Proposal</b>	20
<b>Project Impact</b>	20
<b>Project Implementation</b>	15
<b>Budget and Timeline</b>	10
<b>Application Total</b>	100 points

# THPDF Narrative Questions



Introduction to Tribe and Tribe's history



Housing Context, Demand, and Priorities



Project Vision, Planned Activities, and Goals



Benefits to the Community or Environment



Project Partnership and Implementation Plan



Budget, Scope, and Timeline Worksheet

# Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative: Application Materials

## Review

- Program Guidelines
- Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA)
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Sheet
- Application Templates

## Prepare

- Letter of Resolution or Authorization
- Eligible Project Area
  - *Address* THPDF only
  - *Site Control Letter*
  - *Letter of Landowner Support*

# THCBI: Letter of Resolution or Authorization

Provide a Letter of Authorization or Tribal Council Resolution on behalf of the Tribe they represent at time of application.

Must be approved by Tribal Council.

Must authorize the Tribal entity to apply for and receive program funds and execute all documents and activities related to the grant, if awarded.

# Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund: Site Control Letter

If the Applicant possess a site for the Project, the applicant should identify the coordinates.

Applicant should provide appropriate documentation that verifies the eligibility of the lands indicated in the Project Area.

- Deeds of Trust
- Restrictive Covenants
- Lease Agreements
- Land Entitlement Documents
- Other document establishing ownership, control, or jurisdiction

# Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund: Letter of Support

If any part of the Project Area is not under the jurisdiction or ownership of the Tribe, the applicant should provide a Letter of Support from the entity that owns the land which demonstrates consent to the Tribe's proposed activities.

# Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative: Application Timeline

Dates	Milestones
<b>May 11, 2026</b>	Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) released for both Tribal Grant Programs, application period opens.
<b>August 11, 2026</b>	Application period closes at <b>5 p.m. P.T.</b>
<b>August – October 2026</b>	Interagency review panel will review and score applications.
<b>Fall 2026</b>	If funds are not expended, a second application period will be announced for the Pre-Development Fund.
<b>October 28, 2026</b>	First round of recommended awards will be presented to the Strategic Growth Council at a public meeting for approval.

# SGC Grant Programs

Program	Summary	Tribal Funding Goals
<a href="#"><u>Community Resilience Centers Program (CRC)</u></a>	Planning and Implementation grants for neighborhood resilience centers that provide shelter and resources during emergencies.	Fund a minimum of one application where the Lead Applicant is a Tribe for each grant type (planning and implementation grants)
<a href="#"><u>Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC)</u></a>	Funds development and infrastructure projects that achieve environmental, health, and economic benefits for disadvantaged communities.	Fund a minimum of one application where the Lead Applicant is a Tribe for each grant type (planning, project development, and implementation grants)
<a href="#"><u>Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)</u></a>	Protects productive farmlands and encourages compact, transit-oriented communities	Award 5% of funding for acquisition, capacity, and planning grants led by Tribes

**Upcoming Application Workshop on June 24!**

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# Submittable Walkthrough

The **Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative** (THCBI) is SGC's newest initiative that funds two grant programs that are exclusively available to California Native American Tribes and Tribal entities. THCBI Programs include:

- **Tribal Capacity Building 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. 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 individual award amount is between **\$350,000 and \$420,000**, distributed over a three-year grant term. The program has a total of **\$5 million** in funding.
- **Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund:** The Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund 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. The individual award amount is up to **\$3 million**. The program has a total of **\$20 million** in funding. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. If funds are not expended, SGC will announce a second application deadline.

Applications for both programs are now open as of **May 11, 2026**, and will close on **Aug. 11, 2026**. Applicants can apply to **one or both** programs below:

## Tribal Capacity Building Program, Round 2

Ends on Tue, Aug 11, 2026 5:00 PM

Guidelines ▾

Submit

## Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

Ends on Tue, Aug 11, 2026 5:00 PM

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<https://cagovopr-thcbi.submittable.com/submit>

# THCBI Application Support

## Today's Application Workshop

- The following will be posted on the THCBI webpage
  - **Presentation slides**
  - **Presentation recording**
  - Q&A will be compiled into a **FAQ document**
- Visit the webpage:  
<https://sgc.ca.gov/initiatives/tribal/thcbi/>

## Application Office Hours

- **Every other Thursday from June 4–August 6, 2026**
- **1–2 p.m. PT**
- Register Online:



# Thank you!

**Additional questions  
or comments?**

Submit through the  
[Questions form](#)

or

Email:  
[tribalinfo@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:tribalinfo@sgc.ca.gov)

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# Which Program Should You Apply For?

## Tribal Capacity Building Program

You need assistance building the capacity of your organization, hiring/training staff, are in the early stages of planning for housing, or need immediate assistance addressing climate- or housing-related issues in your community.

### Example Activities

- Trainings & Workshops
- Grant Writing & Management
- Staff Hiring & Onboarding
- Organizational Operations
- Staff & Economic Development
- Peer Learning & Partnership Building
- Budget Management
- Climate & Community Needs Assessment
- Climate & Housing Planning
- Climate & Housing Project Implementation

### Award Amount

Between **\$350,000** and **\$420,000**, distributed over a three-year grant term.

### Award Announcement

October 2026

### Program Timeline

- Applications open May – August 2026
- Awards Announced October 2026

## Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

Your organization is interested in building housing, but needs to conduct research, prepare plans, hire additional staff, gather funding, acquire land, build infrastructure, prepare a site for development, or fund other activities necessary for the eligibility of other state-funded housing programs.

### Example Activities

- Community Needs Assessment
- Market Analysis
- Environmental Assessment
- Sewage & Drainage Infrastructure
- Waste Management
- Sustainable Transportation Investments
- Site Acquisition
- Architectural & Engineering Costs
- Disaster Preparation
- Consultant Fees
- Staff Development & Training

### Award Amount

Up to **\$3 million**, distributed over a three-year grant term.

### Award Announcement

October 2026 and April 2027, or until funds are exhausted.

### Program Timeline

- Applications open May 2026 and accepted on a rolling basis
- Awards announced October 2026 and April 2027, or until funds are exhausted.