

Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative

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Tribal Engagement Takeaways

Key Takeaways	Recommendations
Existing state housing programs are fundamentally incompatible with Tribal communities	Create a program with the specific needs of Tribes from the start
Tribal housing organizations face severe capacity constraints	Provide direct funding to Tribes to support staff retention and foundational operations work
Application processes and funding structures create significant barriers	Tribal HHAP program serves as a successful model: peer learning and hands-on support over the project lifetime as technical assistance
Success requires genuine government-to-government relationships	Consultations and consideration from the creation of the program through project completion
Access to pre-development funds to prepare projects for future funding	Flexible funding to support needs identified by the Tribe

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.

Eligible Applicants

California Native American Tribes & Tribal Entities

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

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 allottees
- 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)

Timeline

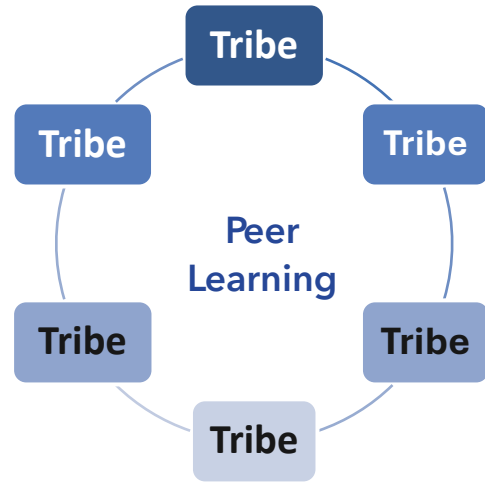


Tribal Capacity Building Program Background

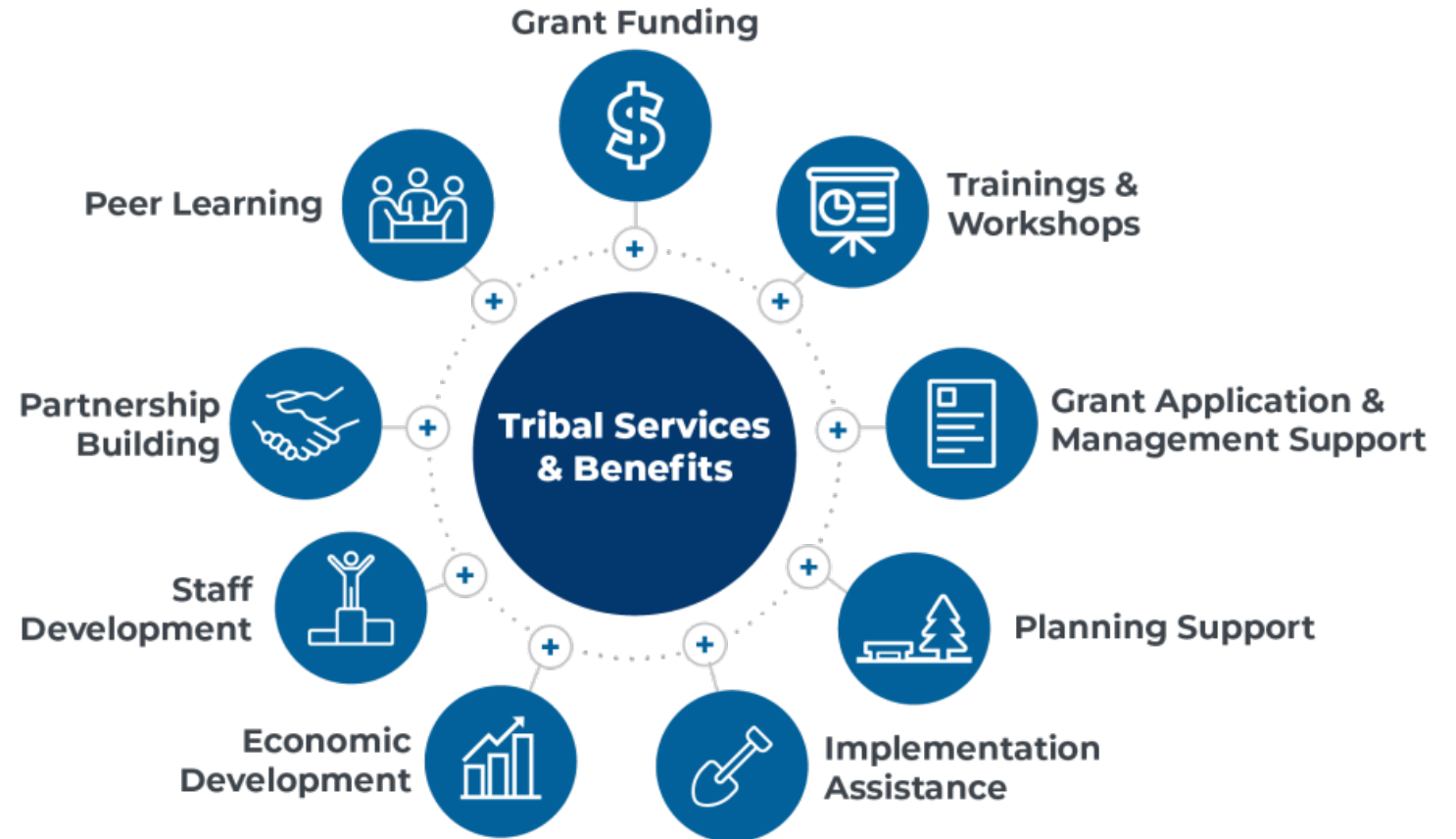
- Provides **funding & technical assistance** to California Native American Tribes, enhancing staff capacity to advance Tribes' climate- and housing-related projects
- Includes two interconnected components:
 - **Grants:** 3-year grants of \$350-\$420k to fund staff salaries & activities that advance the Tribe's climate- and housing-related work
 - **Technical Assistance Provider Contract:** The TA provider team will offer no-cost, flexible capacity building & technical assistance services that will respond to each Tribe's needs



Tribal Capacity Building Program Structure



TA Provider



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 Development**
 - Develop training program for cultural burns, reforestation, or eradication of invasive species & reintroduction of native species; 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

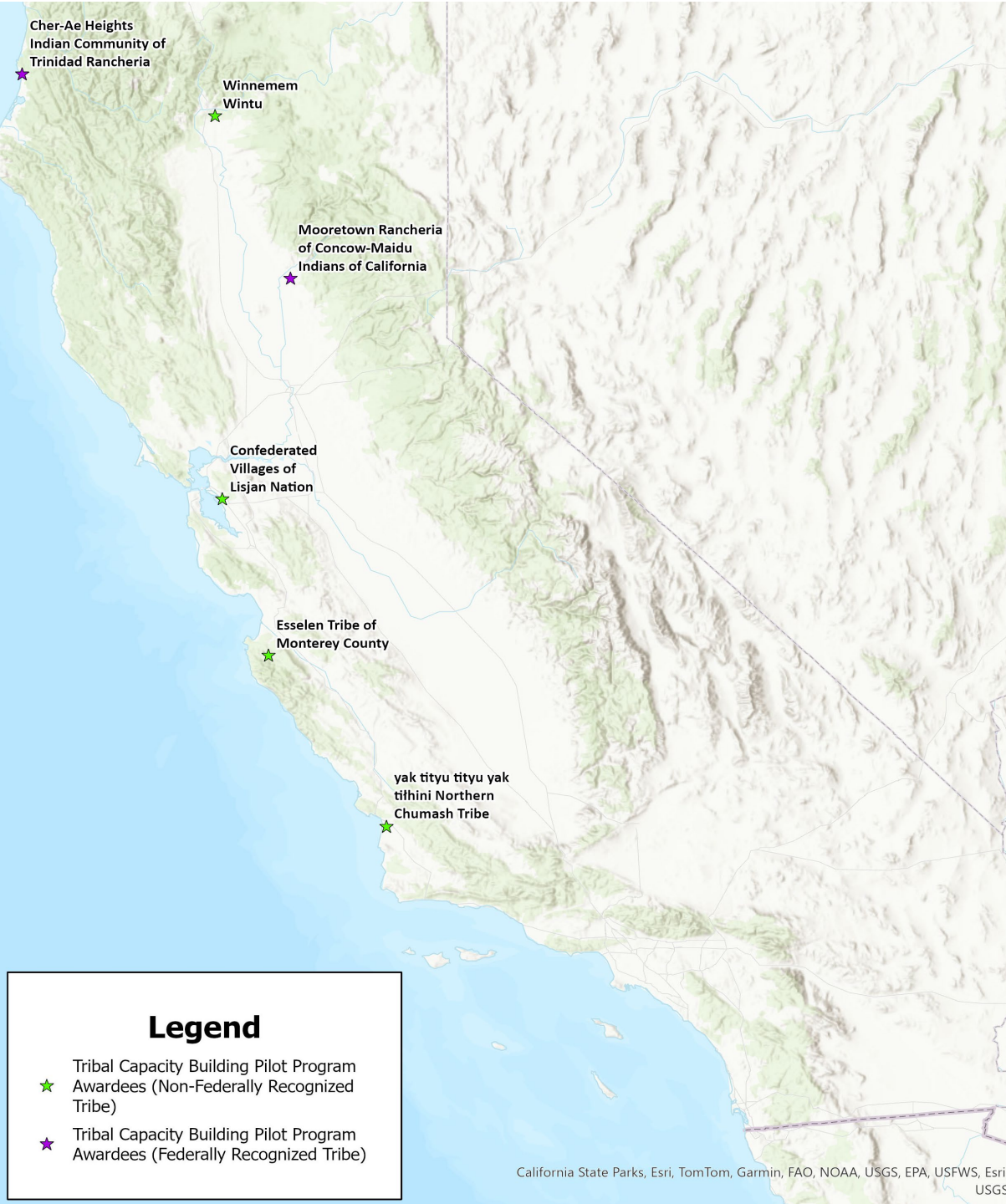
TCBP R1 Applicants by Region

Applications came from all regions of the State, covering **8** regions



Region	Number of Applications
North State	5
North Coast	4
Northern Sierras	4
Bay Area	4
Central Coast	4
Southern Sierras	2
Coastal SoCal	2
Inland SoCal	6

TCBP R1 Grantees



Applicant Name	Program Focus Areas
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-management of coastal environment & resources • Education & outreach, form a Science Advisory Board
Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural-ecological mapping & resource management • Habitat restoration (creek & oyster bed), land rematriation, land stewardship
Esselen Tribe of Monterey County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural burning & biochar creation, invasive species removal, native plant propagation • Land stewardship & watershed restoration
Mooretown Rancheria of Concow-Maidu Indians of California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural burning & fuel reduction, invasive species removal, native tree planting/reforestation • Education & outreach, form a youth mentorship program
Winnemem Wintu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable/sustainable housing, building an eco-village • Habitat & aquaculture restoration (salmon)
yak tityu tityu yak tilhini Northern Chumash Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquaculture restoration (abalone & shellfish), habitat restoration (creek & estuarine) • Land-back & land stewardship



Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

Draft Guidelines 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, applications accepted on a rolling basis

Total Funding

\$20 million

Award Amount

Up to \$3 million

Award Distribution

Twice a year

Application

Narrative-based with schedule and budget worksheets



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

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.

Thank you!

Interested?

Please help us allocate appropriate resources by completing the Interest Form survey at:

bit.ly/SGCTribalForm

Additional questions or comments?

Email: tribalinfo@sgc.ca.gov

Interest Form: Tribal Housing and
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