

Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund



About The Program

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

The Tribal Housing
Pre-Development Fund
provides grants to Tribes to
advance their housing goals.

Who Is Eligible To Apply?

- California Native American Tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Contact List dated February 2026, which includes both federally recognized and non-federally recognized Tribes.
 - Non-federally recognized Tribes are eligible if registered as a legal entity (nonprofit, for-profit, LLC) under California law and in good standing.
- Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) under 25 USC 4103 (22) which are listed in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's National Directory of Tribes and TDHEs

What Does The Program Fund?

The program funds a variety of housing pre-development activities that respect Tribal knowledge, sovereignty, and expertise, including but not limited to:

Planning Activities

Community Needs Assessments, Feasibility Studies, Environmental Assessments, Market Analyses, etc.

Infrastructure Investments

Sewage and Drainage Infrastructure, Waste Management, Electric, Utility and Broadband Infrastructure, Sustainable Transportation Investments, Road and Safety Infrastructure

Site Acquisition and Preparation

Site Appraisal and Acquisition, Site Preparation, including Surveying, Grading and Mitigation, Architectural and Engineering Fees, Ecological and Wildlife Restoration, Disaster Preparedness

Other Associated Costs

Legal Fees, Consultant Fees, Staff Development and Training, and Staff Salaries

What is the application process?

The program will accept applications on a rolling basis, until funds are expended. The program currently has a total of \$20 million in funding. Tribes are eligible to apply for up to \$3 million. If funds are not expended, SGC will announce accept applications during a second application deadline. Applicants that are not awarded in the first round are eligible to apply for funding in the second round.

Note: SGC will not require a waiver of sovereign immunity from Tribes who are receiving funds on a reimbursement basis. However, requests for advance pay will necessitate federally recognized Awardees to sign a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

Program Timeline

● January 5, 2026

Draft Guidelines released for a 90-day Public Comment period and Tribal Consultations window.

● April 29, 2026

Final Grant Guidelines approved by the Strategic Growth Council.

● May 11, 2026

First Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) released, application period opens on a rolling basis.

● August 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM

First application period closes, final date to submit revisions for consideration in first round of awardees. If funds are not yet exhausted, application period for second round will remain open.

● October 29, 2026

First round of recommended awards will be presented to the Strategic Growth Council at a public meeting.

● January 29, 2027 at 5:00 PM

If funds are not yet exhausted, second round of application period ends.

● April 2027

If funds are not yet exhausted, second round of recommended awards will be presented to the Strategic Growth Council at public meeting.

● Winter 2029 – Spring 2030

Grant term ends, deadline to disburse funds.

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