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# **CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST**

**Tribal Investment Initiative  
Public Comment Webinar**

**August 2024**



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# Tribal Investment Initiative

Invests up to \$15M in Tribal-led economic development for planning, pre-development, and implementation projects that support a resilient, thriving economy.

**Equity**

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**Climate**

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**Job Quality  
and Access**

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# Eligibility

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## Applicants

- All California Native American Tribes as defined by the NAHC.
- Tribal/Native-led non-profit organizations.
- Consortiums of Native American Tribes.

## Projects

- Eligible applicants will have broad flexibility to define what “economic development” means for Tribal communities.
- Projects must meet the specified criteria for planning, pre-development, or implementation.

# Funding Breakdown

## Award Amount

- Individual applicants: \$500K to \$1M
- Coalition applicants: \$500K to \$2M
- Maximum of 10% for Administrative Costs

## Application Periods

- Rolling, competitive application period: November 1, 2024 through May 1, 2026
- Review deadlines: January 3, 2025, April 25, 2025, May 1, 2026

## Period of Performance

- 24 months
- Begins August 2025 for applications received by January 3, 2025

# Planning Projects

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1. Planning processes conducted to help Tribes complete a [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\)](#) - eligible document

**OR**

2. To complete another necessary planning process to prepare the applicant to apply for future implementation funding or a different state or federal grant.

# Pre-Development Projects

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## Definition

Projects or activities labeled “exploratory” or “last-mile with the intent of identifying viable projects that could become “ready-to-go” or any projects that may be non-viable.

## Examples

1. Studies, assessments, reviews, surveys, remediation, site acquisition, development plans, project designs, permitting, revolving loan funds and other financing strategies, etc.
2. Basic environmental infrastructure pre-development, construction, and development of long-term operations and maintenance plans for infrastructure such as: clean water supply systems; wastewater systems; waste disposal systems; pollution control services;
3. Support costs for building and sustaining the capacity of project leads and partners.

# Implementation Projects

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## Definition

Design, construct, implement projects and programs to support tribal economic development and strengthen resilience. Ready-to-go projects that have completed feasibility and environmental studies and received permits, if relevant, and align with a current Tribal or regional CEDS document or other relevant planning process. Construction projects will be assessed for readiness by the State's readiness contractor.

## Examples

All projects must fall into one of the following subcategories:

- Innovation Ecosystem – Projects address gaps in an industry.
- Entrepreneurship and Access to Capital – Projects support firms and entrepreneurs with tools to expand.
- Infrastructure and Community Facility Development – Projects support targeted value chain investment.
- Social Infrastructure – Projects remove barriers for communities to access opportunities.
- Workforce Development – Projects support workforce training and/or supportive services.



# Project Readiness

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## Implementation Construction Projects Only

Construction projects must demonstrate readiness in the following four categories:

- Planning: project plans, land acquisition, building permits, etc.
- Financial: realistic plans for securing and receiving funds, aligned timeline of inflow and outflow funds, etc.
- Construction: project scope, construction schedule, construction logistics plan, safety plans, etc.
- Risk Analysis: ensures the project does not face major unanticipated forces that challenge/jeopardize implementation.

# Application Requirements

## Required Exhibits

- SFP Cover/Signature Page
- Exhibit A: Project Narrative
- Exhibit B: Budget Summary
- Exhibit B2: Budget Narrative
- Exhibit C: Project Work Plan

### *Construction Implementation Projects Only:*

- Exhibit D: Project Readiness Checklist
- Exhibit E: Project Risk Analysis

## Required Appendices

### *Implementation Construction Projects Only*

- Project readiness documents– site acquisition, construction permit, design, CEQA, financial documents, construction budget, construction schedule, project risk analysis.

# Timeline

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Event	Date
Tribal Investment Initiative SFP release	November 1, 2024
Tribal Investment Initiative Application Deadline #1	January 3, 2025
Award announcements	Spring 2025
Estimated contract start date	August 1, 2025



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# Thank You!

**Submit comments on the SFP by August 29, 2024 by email to [WSBCERF@edd.ca.gov](mailto:WSBCERF@edd.ca.gov). Please include “Tribal Investment Initiative – Draft SFP” in the email subject line.**

[Access the SFP](#)