

2023/24 CAL FIRE Tribal Wildfire Resilience: Tribal Nature Based Solutions Grants

Applicant Name	Project Name	Funding Amount	Planning/ Implementation	Updated Project description
<p>Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of CA</p>	<p>Cold Springs Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Planning</p>	<p>\$1,000,000.00</p>	<p>Planning</p>	<p>“The goals and objectives of the project will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and deliver an engagement campaign targeted at adjacent landowners, nearby and related Tribes, natural resource agencies, community partners, and others. The goal will be to gather people together, compensate them for their time and expertise, and collaborate to write a plan for how Tribal nature-based solutions can mitigate community vulnerabilities to climate change and provide climate adaptation strategies. • Map proposed nature-based solutions project areas, including potential Tribal acquisitions of land and easements. • Develop skill sets to increase Tribal capacity for applying to or participating in state, federal, and philanthropic nature-based solutions implementation grants • Develop restoration plans that can incorporate cultural activities (such as cultural burns) to increase biodiversity, restore habitats and improve wildfire resiliency, forest health, and increase access to traditional foods and materials • Develop a workforce for engagement in multi-benefit nature-based solutions. <p>The benefits of the project will include the creation of a pathway for the Tribe to increase its ownership, management, and access to natural lands and cultural resources within and adjacent to its current holdings. Associated business opportunities will include the acquisitions or operation of a nursery for the supply of forest restoration stock and of restaurants in or near national forests and parks. As a way to boost public support for the Tribe’s nature based solutions program, some of the menu items at these restaurants will incorporate forest-themed ingredients such as venison, salmon, trout, and elderberries.”</p>

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Tübatulabals of Kern Valley	Kwolokam Project	\$600,000.00	Planning	<p>"The Tubatulabals of Kern Valley have acquired 1,241 acres of ancestral land, to which they hold the deed, and are developing a plan to manage and protect/preserve its biological and cultural resources. Objectives include: Planning traditional land use program based on Traditional Ecological Knowledge by: Planning fire fuel reduction, Funding plan/grant for tribal caretaker, Creating cultural resources inventory and preservation plan, Creating biological resources inventory and preservation plan/riparian health plan, and creating fire/fuel-reduction plan. Hiring cultural resources and biological resources consultants, grant writers, and legal counsel. Conducting outreach/education/community engagement: traditional ceremonies/gatherings and land stewardship/Traditional Ecological Knowledge activities. Training tribal workforce within each objective."</p>
Maidu Summit Consortium	Supporting Climate Change Resilient Forest Management Practices on Maidu Ancestral Lands in Plumas County	\$351,000.00	Implementation	<p>The Maidu Summit Consortium (MSC) is an inter-tribal agency in the northeastern Sierra Nevada Range, managing almost 3,000 acres within traditional Maidu ancestral territories, five parcels that were deeded to the Consortium from PG&E. Project seeks to: Expand our Tribal workforce capacity through recruitment, training, and fieldwork; Procure native culturally significant seeds and transplants for restoration in the land parcels we manage; Provide hands-on Maidu cultural activities on our parcels; Bring back cultural burning to selected areas within our parcels.</p>

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Potter Valley Tribe	Potter Valley Forestry Management and Resiliency Project	\$166,365.00	Planning	<p>After a 12-year process, in 2019 PG&E returned 879 acres of the Tribe's ancestral lands. Fire and fuels management work is needed to protect the old growth ecosystem from catastrophic fire. The Tribe proposes to fund the planning and permitting for that work with this TNBS Planning Grant.</p> <p>The Tribe seeks to conduct a fuels reduction project but first it must develop an approved Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan ("NTMP"). The plan alone is complex because it requires two years of Northern Spotted Owl nesting surveys. Tribal staff and Members will participate in owl surveys and will obtain training during these and other on-site forest surveys. The goals of the Project include preparation of the NTMP, as well as prepare a detailed cultural resources survey and other studies required by CEQA.</p>
Koy'o Land Conservancy	Coyote Fire Crew & Land Guardianship Program	\$4,632,487.50	Implementation	<p><i>The Tribe seeks to conduct a fuels reduction project but first it must develop an approved Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan ("NTMP"). The plan alone is complex because it requires two years of Northern Spotted Owl nesting surveys. Tribal staff and Members will participate in owl surveys and will obtain training during these and other on-site forest surveys. The goals of the Project include preparation of the NTMP, as well as prepare a detailed cultural resources survey and other studies required by CEQA</i></p>
Total \$6,749,852.5	5 funding offers	\$6,749,852.50		

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