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HEALTH (Tribal)

For federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025, the Council has designated a total amount of \$125,000 to fund a Cycle 47 project focused on fostering relationships with Tribal health organizations to increase the Native American community's access to culturally sensitive, plain language curriculum, information, and resources pertaining to health-related topics, as they relate to people and families with I/DD. The Council will consider all proposal submissions and choose one (1) or more grant-funded projects that will not exceed the full \$125,000 budgeted amount. The duration of this grant project will cover an 18-month period, beginning on March 1st, 2025 and ending August 31st, 2026.

Below, please find the Council's brief description for the Health (Tribal) project.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG) CYCLE 47

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

DUE: October 8, 2024

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) recognizes that Tribal communities have historically been underserved, including those families and people with intellectual, developmental (PwI/DD), and/or other disabilities and is invested in ensuring that all Californians with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families have an opportunity to receive quality, accessible health-related information, training, supports/services, and/or resources.

SCDD is seeking a grantee to actively engage with Indigenous PwI/DD and their families, Tribal health organizations, and other collaborative partners in California to provide plain language materials, outreach, and training opportunities to connect Native Americans with critical health-related supports, services and information about developmental and medical/dental/mental health determinants, risks, and needs.

SCDD is interested in funding a project that will:

- 1.** Identify and foster key partnerships with Tribal, public and private entities to provide culturally sensitive outreach to Native American individuals and families with I/DD and/or other disabilities.
- 2.** Identify those (evidence-based) developmental and medical/dental/mental health determinants, risks, and needs most important to Indigenous families and individuals in California with I/DD and other disabilities.
- 3.** Identify the statewide and local/regional systems of developmental and medical/dental/mental health-related supports and services available to PwI/DD and their families in California.
- 4.** Develop and/or use existing, fully accessible and culturally sensitive, plain language, I/DD-related training curricula, information, outreach materials and resources about health-related topics, as they relate specifically to people and families with I/DD.
- 5.** Develop and deliver (plain language) training modules to educate Native American family and self-advocates with I/DD about: a) developmental and medical/dental/mental health determinants, risks, and needs unique to Tribal citizens, b) the statewide and local/regional systems of developmental, and health-related supports and services available, as well as c) the necessary access pathways to obtain those supports and services.
- 6.** Collect and/or develop accessible, culturally sensitive, plain language resources to assist Indigenous family and self-advocates with I/DD in understanding a) developmental, and medical health determinants, risks, and needs, and b) how to access available health-related supports and services in their own regions.
- 7.** Provide culturally sensitive technical assistance, as requested by professionals, Indigenous PwI/DD and other disabilities and their families, and others about accessing relevant health-related information, resources, services, and/or training.
- 8.** Develop and provide SCDD with a comprehensive report detailing the methods, resources, findings and specific recommendations associated with the development, implementation, outcomes, deliverables, and actual impact(s), including anecdotes and success stories, for this project. This will include identifying effective mechanisms by which the Council and its collaborative partners may continue to provide culturally competent, plain language information, training, resources, and technical assistance around improving health-related resources, access, and outcomes for Indigenous PwI/DD and other disabilities and their families.

The project will serve as a replicable and/or scalable model by developing and identifying innovative, promising and/or best practices in reaching, serving and educating Native American PwI/DD and other disabilities, their families, and those Tribal and health-related entities providing services in culturally appropriate, accessible ways.

The project grantee will:

- ✓ Demonstrate a broad understanding of principles associated with reaching culturally, economically, ethnically, geographically, linguistically, and other diverse, underserved populations. Have demonstrated experience and cultural competence in collaborating with Tribal members, governing Councils, and health entities
- ✓ Have demonstrated experience and cultural competence in developing and providing quality, accessible health-related information, training, services, and/or resources
- ✓ Research and consider building on previous grant projects, deliverables and/or partnerships in development of this project
- ✓ Have demonstrated experience collaborating with and providing training for health-related professionals/entities
- ✓ Demonstrate a broad understanding of disabilities and the needs of families and individuals with I/DD and other disabilities

Collaboration with and acceptance within diverse communities of Indigenous People are both critical components of this effort. Priority will be given to projects that are: 1) supported by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a Tribal health agency and 2) led or co-led by individuals from Native/Tribal communities, family members and/or people with I/DD and lived experiences.

For more information and to download all forms for Cycle 47, please visit our website <https://scdd.ca.gov/grantinformation/>

Please email all grant-related questions to grantscontracts@scdd.ca.gov

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