

Tribal Technical Assistance Overview for Applicants V 08252020

Requirements for Application

1. California Tribe, with or without federal recognition, that demonstrates Tribal leadership support. Tribal support may be established, for example, by furnishing of a letter from the tribal administrator, chair, or council.
2. Proposed contract or statement of work with an estimate (including cost of labor and time) for work to be performed.
 - a. Scope of work for market studies, feasibility studies, and/or business plans which support Tribes in their pursuit of improved communications.
 - b. At the end of the work, a final report will be required with the invoice.
3. Short summary of proposed work suitable for posting on the Commission's website.
4. Application form.

Requirements for Ministerial Approval

Communications Division Staff may approve applications in an expedited fashion, without the need of a Commission Resolution, that meet each of the following criteria:

1. The requested amount per Technical Assistance does not exceed \$150,000 per fiscal year per Tribe.
2. The application specifies that the technical assistance will advance the CASF program goal to "provide broadband access to no less than 98 percent of California households in each consortia region" where broadband access is defined as service at 6 megabits per second download and 1 megabit per second upload. (Public Utilities Code section 281(b)(1)(A)).
3. The application meets all the other requirements of a Technical Assistance grant listed above and the project must be completed within 24 months.

Timelines

Applications are due and awarded quarterly, beginning with the first application deadline of October 1, 2020, until the funding is exhausted. Thereafter, applications are due January 1, 2021, April 1, 2021, July 1, 2021, etc.

Notifications of awards will be made by letter from the Communications Division Director. Upon award, the Tribe must sign a consent form.

Work must be completed within 24 months of notification of award.

Payments

Upon completion of work, Tribes must submit an invoice (including justification for time and deliverables) and must provide staff with a copy of the consultant final report(s), plan(s), study(ies), etc. Payment will be processed as quickly as possible. Staff anticipates within 45 days.