



**Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 General Assistance Program
(GAP) Proposal
RESOLUTION # 21-02-02**

**NORTHWEST
PORTLAND
AREA
INDIAN
HEALTH
BOARD**

Burns-Paiute Tribe
Chehalis Tribe
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Colville Tribe
Coos, Siuslaw, &
Lower Umpqua Tribe
Coquille Tribe
Cow Creek Tribe
Cowlitz Tribe
Grand Ronde Tribe
Hoh Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Kalispell Tribe
Klamath Tribe
Kootenai Tribe
Lower Elwha Tribe
Lummi Tribe
Makah Tribe
Muckleshoot Tribe
Nez Perce Tribe
Nisqually Tribe
Nooksack Tribe
NW Band of Shoshoni Tribe
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Puyallup Tribe
Quileute Tribe
Quinalt Tribe
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
Siletz Tribe
Skokomish Tribe
Snoqualmie Tribe
Spokane Tribe
Squaxin Island Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribe
Suquamish Tribe
Swinomish Tribe
Tulalip Tribe
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WHEREAS the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter “NPAIHB” or the “Board”) was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

WHEREAS the NPAIHB is a “tribal organization” as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USCS § 450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, NPAIHB’s Environmental Public Health Program provides direct environmental health services and support in order to identify and reduce environmental risks and hazards where people live, learn, work, and play; and

WHEREAS NPAIHB’s Environmental Public Health Program objective is to work in partnership with tribes and other collaborators using environmental health data, identifying priorities, and developing action plans to address environmental health issues; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced an opportunity to apply for General Assistance Program (GAP) funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 to support federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia in environmental program capacity building activities; and

WHEREAS, the EPA allocates funding for intertribal consortia after it has funded individual tribes’ proposals, and consortia work plans must meet the capacity-building needs of their member tribes without duplicating members’ efforts; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB Environmental Public Health Program seeks permission to apply for EPA GAP funding to work with the 43-member tribes to support climate change preparation and resiliency planning including activities such as:

- a comprehensive assessment of what tribes have done and are doing to prepare for, mitigate, and build resiliency in response to climate change
- conducting a systematic review of all environmental threats and identifying the public health impacts associated with each
- researching and establishing regional health indicators for climate change, conducting a needs assessment, and working with tribes to integrate public health outcomes and resiliency activities into climate change plans where appropriate
- developing internal capacity and knowledge, collecting information about traditional ecological knowledge relevant to climate change, and developing partnerships with tribes and other intertribal consortia such as ATNI and ANTHC

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency as an intertribal consortia to be funded after individual tribes for up to \$125,000 a year for four years to build capacity to support tribes in integrating public health indicators and outcomes in planning for, mitigating, and building resiliency to climate change for an anticipated project period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board at the January 20, 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting. With a quorum being established.



Nicolaus Lewis, Chairman

ATTEST:



Greg Abrahamson, Secretary