



Homekey2 Funding to Support Los Angeles County Tribes

On November 16, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted a Motion directing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to set aside funds support Tribal entities in Los Angeles County pursuing Homekey Round 2 funding from the state. The Motion aims to address the urgent need to reduce barriers Tribal entities face in pursuing the State's Homekey Round 2 funds to acquire, develop, or operate permanent housing for Persons Experiencing Homelessness (PEH). **Applications are open until May 2, 2022.**

Which Tribes are eligible?

Tribes operating in Los Angeles County AND who are:

- Tribes that meet the definition of Indian tribe under section 4103 (13)(B) of Title 25.
- Applicants that meet the definition of Tribally Designated Housing Entity under 25 USC 4103(22).
- Tribes listed in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Federal Acknowledgement.
- Tribes located in California on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission.

How much funding can Tribes receive?

- The amount of operating subsidy per unit is calculated in the same way the state is calculating its operating subsidy amounts. Per the state's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA):
 - Assisted Units reserved for those experiencing Chronic Homelessness, for Homeless Youth, or for Youth at Risk of Homelessness shall not exceed \$1,400 per month; and
 - All other Assisted Units shall not exceed \$1,000 per month.

What should Tribes know about Project Homekey?

- There is a 5% of total award set aside for Tribal entities and 8% for homeless youth.
- Tribal entities may apply independently or apply jointly with a nonprofit or for-profit corporation as a co-applicant.
- [Click here for more details about project homekey.](#)

How can Tribes use these funds?

- Projects must be used to house persons experiencing homelessness (PEH), including persons who are literally homeless, at imminent risk of homelessness, homeless under other federal statutes, or fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence. [Click here for more details.](#)
- County operating funds are also available to be used as operating subsidy for permanent housing projects that are awarded Homekey funding by the state.
- Allowable uses are the same as those allowed by the state under Homekey Round 2, as described in the state's [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#).
- Tribes that meet the eligibility criteria can access funding for three years of operating subsidy for the number of units of permanent housing in the awarded project.

What is the process to apply for funds?

- Any Tribe or Tribal entity interested in pursuing funding for permanent housing projects in Los Angeles County or have questions about applying for County funds related to homeless services are strongly encouraged to contact Elizabeth Ben-Ishai at EBen-Ishai@ceo.lacounty.gov and Crystal Coyazo at crystal@consultingwatson.com
- The County will provide eligible Tribes with a Letter of Intent indicating the amount of operating funding it is committing to the project.