

OPC SB 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program: Tribal Cultural Resources Funding Program Overview

Introduction

The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) is launching a Tribal Cultural Resources Funding Program (Program), a new funding opportunity within OPC's broader Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program specifically designed to support California Native American tribes in assessing and planning for sea level rise (SLR) impacts on cultural resources, ancestral lands, and heritage. This Program will provide direct funding to tribes to conduct pre-planning activities (community visioning, data collection, and vulnerability assessments) and planning activities (setting adaptation priorities and developing culturally appropriate strategies to preserve and protect tribal cultural resources threatened by existing coastal hazards or future impacts of SLR). Ultimately, this funding initiative seeks to promote tribal sovereignty and cultural preservation while building tribal capacity to address SLR challenges. The Program also supports tribes in consulting with local and regional jurisdictions, and other coastal management agencies to ensure tribal perspectives and traditional knowledge inform land use planning processes.

Program Details

- Available to all California Native American tribes
- Supports tribally-specific SLR assessment and adaptation planning (not linked to development of a land use plan), and tribal consultation in local and regional SLR planning
- Allows greater flexibility in assessing SLR impacts on tribal cultural resources, including use of Traditional Knowledge
- Total funding available: Up to \$5,000,000.00

Tribal Cultural Resources projects are anticipated to range between \$250,000 and \$750,000, however lower or higher budgets will be considered with strong justification.

Informational Webinar to be held on July 1, 2025: [Register for the Informational Webinar on Zoom](#)

How to Apply

Proposals will be accepted quarterly for 4-6 rounds. The first round of applications will be accepted on **September 12, 2025**. More information about the proposal process, application template and instructions, and evaluation criteria can be found on the [SB 1 Funding Program website](#).

The complementary SB 1 Technical Assistance Program is available to applicants for application support. See the [SB 1 TA Program - Initiation Form](#) to apply or email OPCSB1TA@coastal-quest.org.

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