

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program
Project Summaries
Grant Cycle October 1, 2023 to June 1, 2028**

Applicant: Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Project Title: BSCC Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

Project Total: \$440,000

Proposal Abstract: The Tolowa Dee-ni Nation (Tribe or TDN) will use BSCC funding over five years to establish its first comprehensive plan to community prevention and awareness of Human Trafficking. This plan will provide a framework to raise community awareness and prevention education and for working with multiple agencies, families of victims, other Tribal governments and or Indian organization that provide support and services for victims. Tolowa Dee-ni Nation Community and Family Wellness currently runs a Victim Services program that addresses DV/SA. The program has a gap when addressing awareness and prevention for MMIP and Human Trafficking.

Applicant: Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Project Title: MMIP Violence Prevention Strategies in Protecting our People

Project Total: \$1,000,000

Proposal Abstract: The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Youth Program proposes a multi-faceted cultural mentoring program that includes the intergenerational exchange of Traditional and contemporary knowledge to strengthen protective factors and reduce individual risk factors. This program will include one-on-one mentoring, and group talking circles for youth, families, and Tribal elders. Youth & their mentors will learn communication skills, and complete projects together that include MMIP awareness campaigns. Education, outreach, and collaboration will be made between Tribal and nontribal organizations, agencies, and law enforcement.

Applicant: Yurok Tribe

Project Title: Yurok To' Kee Skuy' Soo Ney-Wo-Chek'

Project Total: \$1,000,000

Proposal Abstract: The primary goal is to build tribe-centered systems of response and more substantial circles of protection so that deaths and disappearances of Indigenous people will be accounted for and someday prevented entirely. The proposed project will hire a full-time MMIP Coordinator position to develop culturally-based prevention strategies and strengthen the responses to human trafficking. The Tribe will also work to create an internal database system to identify, collect and begin to publicize MMIP cases in Northern California. The Yurok rescue drone project will increase its capabilities to rapidly respond to incidents involving MMIP.

Applicant: Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

Project Title: MMIP Project

Funding Amount: \$436,003

Project Total: \$436,003

Proposal Abstract: Trinidad Rancheria Social Services will develop an MMIP program that will serve Trinidad Rancheria Tribal members and their families who are victims/survivors of missing and murdered indigenous peoples. We will create policies and procedures that will be approved by Tribal Council to help guide how and when funding will be utilized. We will locate and contract with a private investigator who is knowledgeable about local indigenous people and the MMIP movement. The private investigator will conduct independent investigations into identified MMIP Trinidad Rancheria cases. The estimated individual cases that will be investigated is 4-5 which will serve approximately 45 individual Trinidad Rancheria members. Local law enforcement often has no substantial progress on cases and lines of communication are poor. The goal is to find answers and communicate to families to provide closure to families who continued to be traumatized by the lack of response and follow through from law enforcement.