Tribal and Urban Indian Community-Defined Best Practices Funding Awards 2021-2022

Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties
$150,000.00
To determine cultural and traditional healing practices to prevent and treat opioid and stimulant misuse, overdose and death by establishing a Tribal best practices committee of Tribal leaders, elders and youth to plan for the integration of appropriate tribal best practices into substance use disorder services in Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma counties.

Fresno American Indian Health Project
Fresno County
$75,000.00
To identify best substance use disorder practices for the Urban Indian community in Fresno County through a Community Advisory Committee and the hiring of a Substance Use Counselor and to build toward integration of MAT services.

Friendship House Association of American Indians
Alameda and San Francisco Counties
$150,000.00
To identify, through a community-driven process and the Community Readiness Model, a comprehensive SUD service model that incorporates community-defined best practices for Urban Indian communities in the Bay Area.

Greenville Rancheria
Tehama and Plumas Counties
$52,876.00
To increase awareness and bring knowledge of Native American healing practices to substance use disorder treatment programs and ensure culturally based services for OUD/SUD recovery and treatment in Tehama and Plumas counties.

Indigenous Regeneration
San Diego County
$150,000.00
To create a digital platform of Kumeyaay cultural traditions as a way of preserving resources and knowledge and explore the use of Kumeyaay Bird Songs in substance use disorder programs to increase treatment engagement and retention in San Diego County.

The MAT Access Points Project is funded through the Department of Health Care Services’ California MAT Expansion Project and is administered and managed by The Center at Sierra Health Foundation.
Ink People, Inc.
Mendocino County
$150,000.00
To provide Indigenous language instruction, traditional ecological knowledge and traditional food plants to Tribal communities in Mendocino County through food and art/craft workshops to build cultural identity and resilience for individuals referred by the local health centers’ substance use disorder programs.

K’ima:w Medical Center
Humboldt County
$150,000.00
To introduce local cultural and traditional Tribal activities into the MAT program and increase community engagement by hosting several events that elevate Tribal traditions as well as ensure recovery support services in Humboldt County.

Native American Health Center, Inc.
Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties
$75,000.00
To improve substance use disorder programs by integrating community-defined best practices into clinical SUD services by first conducting community-based participatory research and then, based on findings, developing Indigenous clinical practice guidelines and an integrated culture-specific SUD recovery model in the Bay area.

Native Dads Network
Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino and Sacramento Counties
$150,000.00
To increase understanding of the historical trauma and its impact on substance use disorder for Tribal communities in Northern California by meeting with tribes to provide Narcan trainings and distribution and striving to create space for connection and healing through cultural integration.

Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic
Santa Barbara County
$150,000.00
To develop and integrate a curriculum of Samala cultural teachings and practices for Samala people in the MAT and Recovery program and create a space for community engagement that provides support, education and resources to members of the Chumash community in Santa Barbara County.

Southern Indian Health Council
San Diego County
$67,064.63
To identify and incorporate Kummeyaay community traditions such as sweat leaders, fire keepers, singers and language providers into the delivery of substance use disorder treatment and recovery services to build the Native focus in the MAT program in San Diego County.
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Susanville Indian Rancheria
Lassen County
$123,168.43
To facilitate a Tribal and Native-led process to identify community-defined best Practices for substance use disorder services and integrate them into the health center’s MAT program to improve outcomes, engagement and retention in Lassen County.

Toiyabe Indian Health Project
Mono and Inyo County
$150,000.00
To continue to develop the culturally integrated mobile application to provide patient resource and incorporate a culturally based healing and treatment library into substance use and opioid use disorder treatment programs in Mono and Inyo counties.

Tule River Indian Health Center
Tulare County
$150,000.00
To complete the ongoing planning for the establishment and provision of MAT services in Tulare County, while ensuring input from Tribal members and partners to understand and address any barriers to care.

Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
San Diego County
$91,628.00
To begin community conversations around Viejas cultural healing practices and ways they can complement and be integrated into substance use disorder treatment and recovery services in San Diego County.

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