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**California’s Fifth Climate Change Assessment**

**Tribal Research Grant Program**

**Questions and Answers**

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1. **I’m wondering if, from the perspective of Group 2:** **Climate Assessment or Group 3: Implementation, as well as from one of the higher tiers, like the $100,000 or $200,000 funding levels, whether a study on the effect of biomass management, particularly something like forest management towards a biomass or biomass-to-energy refining facility that will be on tribal land, would be something that would fit within this category, or are you looking for something a little more climate change oriented?**
   1. If there is a linkage to climate change and you can effectively articulate that link in your proposal, then this type of project would likely be eligible for funding.
2. **In Group 4:** **Information Sharing, you talk about information sharing and I would imagine that includes TEK, your traditional ecological knowledge, and other indigenous knowledge. In terms of a tribe, let's say it was a compilation of tribes. The tribal entity covers multiple tribes and the sharing between those tribes. Would that be something that would be covered in terms of Group 4 in the sense of compiling that knowledge together, and doing that sharing, and things of that nature?**
   1. Yes, this type of information sharing would be eligible for funding under Group 4. Information sharing grants should focus on communicating climate change research.
3. **With the recent wildfires that have blanketed great swaths of the state, would studies into the viability of restoring that land, utilizing biochar from the destroyed lands themselves, fit in this category of climate change adaptation, and the relation of these forest lands to tribes’ efforts to adapt to climate change?**
   1. Yes, there is a clear connection topically between a biochar study and this grant funding opportunity. This type of study would fit into Group 1: Topic-specific Research or Group 2: Climate Assessment. If there is a pilot project or applied testing of the biochar – for example, a 2% application rate of biochar over 10 acres of land – then Group 3: Implementation would also be applicable.