**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**California’s Fifth Climate Change Assessment**

**Tribal Research Grant Program**

 **GFO-23-701r2**

**October 24, 2024**

On May 1, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released Round 2 of a competitive solicitation to fund tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal-serving non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to conduct tribally led climate change research, assessments, and similar projects deemed a priority by the applying tribes. Up to $3.625 million is available to fund applications to support tribally led projects over two grant rounds. In Round 1 of the grant program, the CEC funded $1,857,685 among eight grants. Consequently, the CEC has $1,767,315 for funding grants in Round 2.

The CEC received 11 proposals by the due date, July 31, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Ten proposals passed and one proposal did not attain sufficient points to pass.

The attached NOPA identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. The total amount recommended is $1,767,315.

Funding of proposed projects from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed CEC business meeting and execution of a grant agreement. If the CEC is unable to timely negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an applicant, the CEC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel or otherwise modify the pending award and use the funds elsewhere, such as to fund another applicant.

In addition, the CEC reserves the right to: 1) add to, remove, or shift funding between solicitation rounds, and 2) negotiate with successful applicants to modify the award documents such as the project scope, schedule, or level of funding.

This notice and awardees for GFO-23-701r2 are posted on the CEC’s website at https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards.

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