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**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG) CYCLE 45**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**DUE MAY 17, 2022!**

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One or more Program Development Grant is available  
Up to \$20,000

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North Coast Regional Office

Education (Capacity-Building; Underserved Population - Tribal Communities)

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is invested in ensuring that all California families and individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) have access to an inclusive, free and appropriate public education (FAPE) that provides full inclusion of students with I/DD. SCDD acknowledges that there have been barriers in providing culturally competent, accessible FAPE information to California's richly diverse tribal communities and is seeking a trusted entity (e.g. agency, group, team or individual) within a tribal community to provide training, technical assistance (TA) and support to build capacity in families and children with I/DD who are eligible for/receiving special education services within a least restrictive setting. The pilot project will assist Native/tribal communities and SCDD to develop a working relationship and will serve as a replicable model (for other regions throughout the state), using demonstrated best or promising practices to provide effective, culturally competent outreach, support and services to underserved Native/tribal communities in California.

The completed project will produce a report that identifies real/potential barriers, best/promising practices and effective strategies in assisting these families to obtain timely FAPE services that promote full inclusion for eligible children with I/DD in the least restrictive setting.

The project grantee will:

- ✓ Have demonstrated cultural competence in program outreach and service to and 2) provide letters of support from underserved Native/tribal communities
- ✓ Have knowledge about and relevant experience with special education rights, programs and services, and IEP strategies, as delivered in the least restrictive setting
- ✓ Be committed to a special education delivery model that promotes full inclusion of students with I/DD and is provided within least restrictive educational settings

The grantee will develop and implement a pilot project that will:

- ✓ Identify and serve families within one or more tribal communities in the SCDD North Coast Regional Office (NCRO) catchment area (including Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino and/or Lake counties)
- ✓ Identify, build and measure the capacity of tribal families of children with I/DD to seek and obtain FAPE/special education services within least restrictive settings
- ✓ Provide culturally competent curriculum, training, referrals and support to tribal families of children with I/DD eligible for/receiving special education services
- ✓ Deliver a combination of in-class training, one-to-one technical assistance (TA) and modeling of effective strategies to develop and implement a culturally competent, Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for children (with I/DD) of tribal communities eligible for/receiving special education services within the least restrictive setting
- ✓ Demonstrate best or promising practices in culturally competent outreach, training and educational support efforts within Native/tribal community settings
- ✓ Be a replicable program, using identified promising or best practices

For more information and to download all forms for Cycle 45, please visit our website <https://scdd.ca.gov/grantinformation/>.

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