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ATNI Climate Change Project Goals:

- Ensure **ATNI member Tribes** are **engaged and aware** of the federal/state/tribal climate change programs;
- Serve as a **clearing house** for and **coordinator** of tribal and intertribal efforts;
- **Support ATNI's participation** in regional, national, and international climate policy, adaptation, and mitigation efforts
- **Support ATNI member Tribes** in identifying and **securing Climate Change funding** to build tribal capacity

In December, 2014 ATNI Presented Recommendations on Climate Change at the 6th White House Tribal Nations Conference – this was ATNI's top priority

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program Funding FY2013-2015

➤ **FY2013 – \$600,000**

BIA funded nation wide

➤ **FY2014 – \$2,277,316**

BIA announced funding of \$10M nation wide. Only funded \$2,277,316

➤ **FY2015 - \$13,181,433** (includes Youth and Internships)

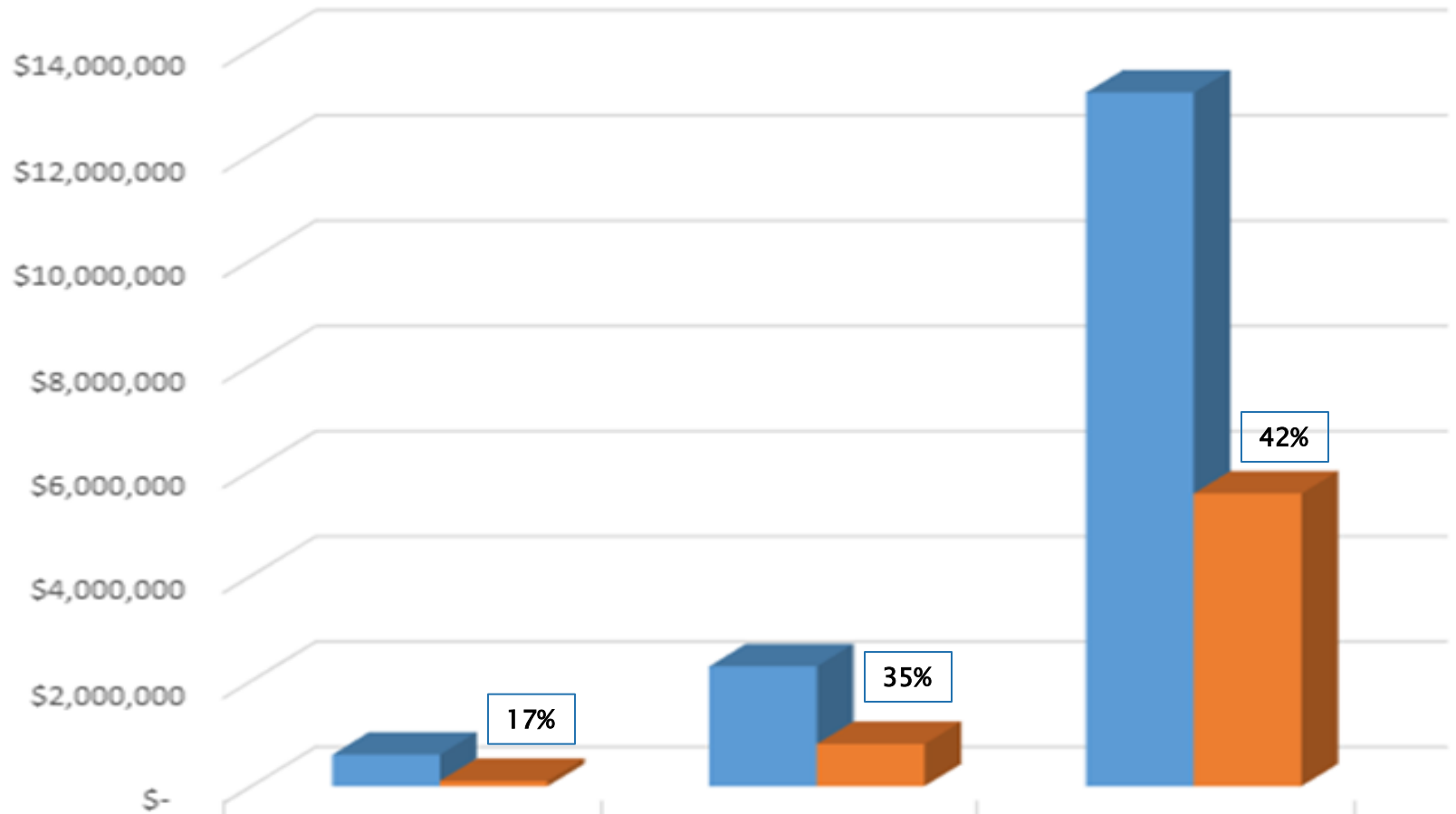
BIA announced funding of \$10M, however funded more with carry over from FY2014

➤ **FY2016 - Funding Request**

ATNI requested \$50M, current budget request is \$50M

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Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program Funding FY2013-2015



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BIA BUDGET REQUEST for FY2016:

- “the budget provides a **total of \$50 million, a \$40 million increase** over 2015, across ten BIA trust resource programs to support tribal communities in preparing for and responding to the impacts of climate change”
- “training, studies, scenario planning, natural resource and infrastructure projects, public awareness and outreach efforts, capacity building” ...
- “**Criteria for tribal funding** will be **developed and prioritized in consultation with the tribes** and the interagency White House Council on Native American Affairs subgroup on environment and climate change”

ATNI Tribes must lobby Congress and the Administration to get this funding level and lead the development of funding criteria! We will draft an example letter of support.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FY2013 Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program Funding

BIA Climate Change Program:

- Total Number of Awards: 13
- **Total Funding: \$600,000** (no break down of award amounts)

Climate Adaptation Planning

- Number of Awards: 18 (**5 NW Tribes:** Nooksack, Umatilla, and Quinault - in cooperation with Quileute & Hoh)

Travel Support

- Number of Awards: 13 (**1 NW Tribe:** Quinault)

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FY2014 Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program Funding

BIA Climate Change Program:

- **Total Number of Awards: 44**
- **Total Funding: \$2,277,316**

Training & Workshops

- **Number of Awards: 3 (1 NW)**
- **Total Funding: \$257,274 (23% to NW Tribes: Yurok)**

Climate Adaptation Planning

- **Number of Awards: 16 (4 NW)**
- **Total Funding: \$1,671,577 (38% to NW Tribes: Colville, Port Gamble Skallam, Makah, Chippewa Cree-Rocky Boy)**

Travel Support

- **Number of Awards: 25 (6 NW)**
- **Total Funding: \$348,465 (29% to NW Tribes: Yakama, Swinomish, Yurok, Salish-Kootenai, Quinault, Shoshone-Bannock)**

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FY2015 Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program Funding

BIA Climate Change Program:

- Total Number of Awards: 104
- Total Funding: **\$11,813,714** (Overall 42% went to NW Tribes)

Training & Workshops

- Number of Awards: 7 (2 NW)
- Total Funding: \$823,407 – (**34% to NW Tribes:** ATNI, Nooksack)

Climate Adaptation Planning

- Number of Awards: 39 (16 NW)
- Total Funding: \$6,210,607 – (**45% to NW Tribes:** Coeur d'Alene, Salish-Kootenai, Yakama, Colville, Umatilla, Karuk, Nisqually, Nooksack, Port Gamble Skallam, Sauk-Suiattle, Shoshone-Bannock, Stillaguamish, Tulalip, Upper Snake River Tribes, Yurok)

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FY2015 Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program Funding

Ocean and Coastal Management Planning

- Number of Awards: 23 (11 NW)
- Total Funding: \$3,837,454 – (**47% to NW Tribes:** Grand Ronde, Hoh, Lummi, Siletz, Makah, Point No Point Treaty Council, Port Gamble Sklallam, Squaxin, Tulalip, Quileute, Quinault, Yurok)

Travel Support

- Number of Awards: 28 (13 NW)
- Total Funding: \$942,246 – (**20% to NW Tribes:** ATNI, Yakama, Grand Ronde, Cow Creek, Nez Perce, Nooksack, Sauk-Suiattle, Swinomish, Upper Skagit, Yurok, Hoh, Makah, Quileute)

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FY2015 Tribal Cooperative
Landscape Conservation Program
Internships and Youth Engagement Funding

BIA Climate Change Program:

- Total Number of Awards: 21
- Total Youth Involved: 88 Funding: **\$1,367,719 (40% to NW Tribes)**

Program Internships

- Number of Awards: 9 (3 NW)
- Total Funding: \$607,836 (**34% to NW Tribes: ATNI, Lummi, Quinault**)

Research Internships

- Number of Awards: 5 (2 NW)
- Total Funding: \$319,178 (**46% to NW Tribes: ATNI, Nez Perce**)

Youth Engagement

- Number of Awards: 7 (3 NW)
- Total Funding: \$440,705 (**43% to NW Tribes: ATNI, Chehalis, Squaxin**)

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FY2015 Tribal Cooperative ATNI – USET Collaborative Bi-Coastal Climate Change Initiative

ATNI was funded \$249,718 and United Southern and Eastern Tribes funded \$79,463 in FY2015 for three collaborative projects:

- Two Collaborative Bi-Coastal Tribal Climate Change Workshops (One East, One West Coast – summer, 2016)
- Tribal Climate Change Boot Camp (McCall, ID June 19-24, 2016) – ATNI Executive Board wants to fully incorporate elders and traditional knowledge;
- 2nd Annual Tribal Leaders Summit on Climate Change (spring, 2016)
- Involves 83 Tribes from the west coast and eastern and southern coast of the U.S. (57 ATNI and 26 USET Tribes on the east and southern coast from Maine to Florida to Texas)

In addition, ATNI secured \$13,156 of BIA Climate Change Travel Support for ATNI Executive Board and Staff participation in the workshops and Summit.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FY2015 Tribal Cooperative
Landscape Conservation Program Internships and Youth
Engagement Funding

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| Category 1: Management Internships | <u>\$74,531</u> |
| Category 2: Research Internships | <u>\$74,531</u> |
| Category 3: Youth Engagement | <u>\$74,295</u> |
| Total | \$223,357 |

These three projects will provide employment, training, workshops, and travel support to provide **3 management internships and 3 research internships** to be located at the BIA Northwest Region Office - Portland, the ATNI Portland office, and the ATNI Spokane, WA office.

In addition, ATNI proposes a youth engagement initiative by working with **10 high school youth from ATNI member Tribes** as part of a youth education and community outreach video project which will be presented by ATNI youth at the Collaborative Bi-Coastal Tribal Climate Workshops on the west coast and the 2nd Annual Tribal Leaders Summit on Climate Change.



2013 NCAI Resolution Adopting Guidance Principles to Address the Impacts of Climate Change

- NCAI and ATNI to develop guiding principles and action steps to address the impacts of climate change
- NCAI and ATNI to evaluate effectiveness of Executive Order 13175, Secretarial Order 3289, and the United Nation Declaration of Indigenous Peoples
- Federal government to provides tribes equitable funding and support tribal eligibility for federal energy and natural resource programs that exclude tribal governments
- NCAI and ATNI to create a Tribal Climate Change Task Force - tribal governments, intertribal organizations, and non-tribal partners to develop and implement the plan of action



Tribal Climate Change Principles: Responding to Federal Policies and Actions to Address Climate Change

- In 2009, the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC), National Wildlife Federation (NWF), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and Native American Rights Fund (NARF) drafted a set of tribal principles
- These Final Principles and a resolution of support are being presented to the ATNI Natural Resources Committee and the ATNI Convention for approval at the September 2015 Convention



Final Tribal Climate Change Principles: Responding to Federal Policies and Actions to Address Climate Change

Principle 1:

➤ Federally-recognized Tribes and other Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous communities must be partners with full and effective participation in assessing and addressing the problems of climate change at the local, regional, national, and international levels and must be accorded at least the status and rights recognized in the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other international standards relevant to Indigenous Peoples.



Final Tribal Climate Change Principles: Responding to Federal Policies and Actions to Address Climate Change

Principle 2:

➤ Tribes must have fair and equitable representation on all federal climate committees, working groups, and initiatives in which states, local governments, and other stakeholders are represented.

Principle 3:

➤ The federal government should establish a high-level interagency Tribal government task force to examine and propose solutions to close gaps across the federal agencies' relationships and programs with Tribes, and to develop, recommend, and implement Tribal-specific solutions that enable the agencies to support and foster Tribal climate-resilient planning and investment.



Final Tribal Climate Change Principles: Responding to Federal Policies and Actions to Address Climate Change

Principle 4:

- Indigenous Peoples must have direct, open access to funding, capacity-building, and other technical assistance, with their free, prior and informed consent, to address the immediate and long-term threats from climate change.

Principle 5:

- Tribes must have fair and equitable access to federal climate change programs.

Principle 6:

- Tribes must be made eligible for existing and future federal natural resource funding programs for which states are eligible for, but from which Tribes are currently, or might be, excluded.



Final Tribal Climate Change Principles: Responding to Federal Policies and Actions to Address Climate Change

Principle 7:

- A fair and equitable set-aside of direct monies or allowances must be made available for distribution to Tribes through legislation, administrative actions, and existing and future federal natural resource funding programs.

Principle 8:

- Indigenous traditional knowledges, with the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples must be acknowledged, respected, and promoted in federal policies and programs related to climate change.

Questions?



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