

DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR THE TRIBAL NATION'S GRANT FUND

The Tribal Nation Grant Fund (TNGF) has been included in all tribal state gaming compacts executed by Governor Brown as a means to increase the amount of revenue shared with tribes eligible for the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF). It is defined within the compacts as a fund to make “discretionary distribution of funds to Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes for purposes related to effective self-governance, self-determined community, and economic development.” Currently, the TNGF is included in eighteen compacts.

Details of how the TNGF operates were not specified in compacts so that all interested tribes could participate in the discussion. Tribal participation took place in the form of tribal consultations held between the Governor's Office and California's RSTF eligible tribes. The goal of these consultations was to seek tribal input to help formulate the language for Assembly Bill 880, the Tribal Nations Grant Fund spot bill, which will provide guidelines for the operation and execution of the TNGF.

The four tribal consultations were held at: Coyote Valley Casino in Redwood Valley, CA on Thursday, June 8, 2017; Pala Casino Spa and Resort in Pala, CA on Thursday, June 15, 2017; Cher-Ae Heights Casino in Trinidad, CA on Tuesday June 27, 2017; and at the California Gambling Control Commission in Sacramento, CA on Thursday, June 17, 2017. Additional comment from tribes was accepted until July 13, 2017. The consultations were attended by eighty-six people representing fifty-one different tribes. Questions and concerns were received by the Governor's Senior Advisor Joe Dhillon and the Governor's Tribal Advisor Cynthia Gomez.

The attached document is the draft legislative proposal which reflects our best efforts to incorporate the ideas, suggestions, concerns and findings from the four consultations. We welcome any additional comments on this draft legislative proposal until *Wednesday, August 9, 2017*. Comments can be sent to Joe Dhillon at Joe.Dhillon@GOV.CA.GOV