

## H-1B Rural Healthcare Grants

California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.

**Organization Type:** Native American Program Entity

**Project Name:** *Rural Healthcare Partnership*

**Award Amount:** \$2,136,612

**Target H-1B Healthcare Occupations:** Certified Medical Assistants, Community Health Workers, and Health Educators

**Credential(s) Awarded:** National certificates in Certified Medical Assistant, Community Health Worker, and Health Educator

**Summary of Program Activities:** The **California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB)**'s *Rural Healthcare Partnership* will target the service area encompassing 19 Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) Tribal Health Programs (THP) in Del Norte, Humboldt, Inyo, Modoc, Mono, Siskiyou, and Tulare counties, serving 132,373 patients annually, and whose median household incomes in these rural communities are depressed due to a slow and declining economy. These areas have the highest need for primary care, dental, and mental health professionals. CRIHB will provide supportive strategies for our students to reduce barriers to participation, including paid tuition, fees, books, Chromebooks, and supplies to support education/training activities; paid internships paid by CRIHB directly to the participant; paid On-the-Job Training, a portion of which is reimbursed to eligible employers; and supportive services stipends paid directly to the participant. The project will provide customized On-the-Job Training (OJT) and distance-learning hybrid training in healthcare occupations such as certified medical assistants, community health workers, and diabetes health educators. CRIHB has three goals: train 214 participants from rural California Tribal communities; recruit and enroll at least 238 students in a CMA, CHW, or Health Educator cohort each year; and decrease unemployment and underemployment among program participants. The project will serve underrepresented populations, including women, and American Indian Alaska Natives.

### **The Rural Healthcare Partnership**

The Rural Healthcare Partnership includes the existing 19 Tribal Health Consortia throughout Northern, Central, and Southern California. **Employer Partners:** Mathiesen Memorial Health Clinic, Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Warner Mountain Indian Health Project; **Education and Training Providers:** San Francisco State University College of Extended Learning, Diabetes Training and Technical Assistance Center (DTTAC) at Emory University, Washington State Department of Health; **WIOA Entities:** California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC), Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC)

**Geographic Scope:** Statewide

**Opportunity Zone:** Yes

**Service Area:** The California counties of Butte, Del Norte, Fresno, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, and Tuolumne

**Proposed Total Participants Served:** 238

**Target Population:** Unemployed, Underemployed, Incumbent Workers

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