

California Tribal TANF Partnership

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Notice of Review and Comment period for California Tribal TANF Partnership (CTTP) 2024-2027 Plan Renewal March 15, 2024 – April 30, 2024

March 13, 2024

Dear CTTP Tribal Partners and Community Stakeholders,

Attached is the proposed CTTP plan renewal for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. At this time, we are engaging in a 45-day public review and comment period and invite you to review and send any comments or questions you may have. The 45-day comment period ends on April 30, 2024.

While this document shows all edits made, we would like to highlight the following major changes:

- 1. Page 20: Excluding Tribal Elder Assistance payments as income for Needy Adults over age 55.
- 2. Pages 20-21: Additional exclusions to the \$10,000 family resource limit including: any asset required to be excluded under federal law, State/Federal tax refunds, a family's primary residence, one operable vehicle for each adult participant and an additional operable motor vehicle per licensed minor in the assistance unit who is attending school and/or employed, Individual Development Accounts (IDA), land and/or a home which is held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of an Indian or an Indian tribe even if not the family's primary residence, tribal burial funds, savings accounts held on behalf

Empowering Native families to self-sufficiency through a path of tribal cultures, education, wellness and employment.

of the minor, retirement accounts such as 125 Cafeteria Plan, 401(k), 403(b), 457 plans, Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), Roth Accounts (ESA).

- 3. Page 24: Increasing the lifetime Transitional Services (childcare and mileage assistance) limit from 12 months to 24 months for eligible cases that close due to employment.
- 4. Page 24: Extended case management services for Needy Native youth between the ages of 18-24 who transitional off a CTTP parent or caregiver case due to age. The goal of these services is to support former CTTP youth in reaching their educational and employment goals to reduce the risk of out of wedlock pregnancies and future dependency on government assistance.
- 5. Pages 24-25: Increases to all education incentives for both CTTP adults and youth:

High School Diploma / High School Equivalency Certificate Incentive

- \$1000 upon successful completion of High School diploma or equivalency for CTTP Adult Participants (previously \$500)
- \$750 upon successful completion of High School diploma or equivalency for CTTP Youth Participants (previously \$500)

Adult Education Incentive (Limit one per category per lifetime)

- Up to \$2000 upon completion of Vocational Training Program (previously up to \$500)
- \$2500 upon completion of an Associate degree from an accredited institution (previously \$1000)
- \$4000 upon completion of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution (previously \$1500)
- \$5000 upon completion of a Graduate degree from an accredited institution (previously \$2000)

Children & Youth Educational Incentives

Grades K-5

- \$70 for a 'A' (3.4 4.0) grade point average or equivalent (previously \$50)
- \$60 for a 'B' (2.70 -3.39) grade point average or equivalent (previously \$40)
- \$50 for a 'C' (2.0 2.69) grade point average or equivalent (previously \$30)

Grades 6-12

- \$200 for a 'A' (3.4 4.0) grade point average (previously \$100)
- \$150 for a 'B' (2.70 -3.39) grade point average (previously \$75)
- \$100 for a 'C' (2.0 2.69) grade point average (previously \$50)
- 6. Pages 34-36: Increasing the CTTP time limit from 60 months to 72 months.
- 7. Page 37: Adding a hardship exemption specifically for Minor Head-of-Households.

Comments may be sent via email to <u>rfc@cttp.net</u>, or via mail to our Central office: Attn. Yolanda Luque; 991 Parallel Dr. Ste. B Lakeport, CA 95453.

Respectfully,

Yolanda Luque

Executive Director, California Tribal TANF Partnership

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