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\$881,160 MADE AVAILABLE TO 60 INDIAN TRIBES FOR IMPROVING THEIR GOVERNMENTS

Sixty tribal groups recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the U. S. Department of the Interior have qualified to participate in a \$881,160 Tribal Government Development Program, Marvin L. Franklin, Assistant to the Secretary for Indian Affairs, announced today

Participating tribes are in the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

Some of the projects to be funded by the program are: Training in parliamentary procedure for tribal council members at the school decided upon by the tribe; development of ordinances for the Indian reservation governed by the tribal council; development of a constitution for a tribe; development of budgetary processes by the tribal government; and studies started of factors in tribal government with an eye to highlighting troublespots.

Franklin said the goal of the national policy toward the Indian people as outlined by President Nixon in his Message to the Congress on Indians delivered shortly after he began his first term in office, is to strengthen the Indian's sense of autonomy without threatening his sense of community. The President said: "We must make it clear that Indians can become independent of Federal control without being cut off from Federal concern and Federal support."

The foundation for this kind of self-determination is a strong tribal government, Franklin added.

Through contracting procedures, the tribes will be given funds to accomplish goals they themselves set. These goals will improve effectiveness of the tribe's governmental function. In some cases, this money will also be "seed money" through which tribal governments will find other sources of funding for their projects, the Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs indicated.

The 60 tribal groups that will benefit from this program qualified from among 144 applicants on the basis of need. Qualifying factors were the economic level of the tribe and the number of enrolled members of the tribe.

The participants are:

Alaska

Gwitcha Gwitchin Ginkhe

Arizona

Yavapai Apache (Camp Verde)
Yavapai Tonto Apache (Payson)

California

Campo, Cuyapaibe and La Posta Band
of Mission Indians

Cortina

Dry Creek

Kashia (Stewarts Point)

Manchester

Mesa Grande

Paiute Shoshone Indians of Lone
Pine Community

Susanville

Tulumme

Kansas

Iowa of Kansas and Nebraska

Kickapoo of Kansas

Michigan

Hannahville

Keweenaw Bay

Saginaw Chippewa

Minnesota

Fond du Lac

Grand Portage

Leech Lake

Mille Lac

Nett Lake

Prairie Island

Red Lake

Shakopee Mdewakanton

Montana

Fort Belknap

Nevada

Fallon Colony

Lovelock Paiute

Yerington Paiute

New Mexico

Jemez Pueblo

Nambe Pueblo

Santo Domingo Pueblo

Taos Pueblo

New York

St. Regis Mohawk

Tonawanda

North Dakota

Fort Berthold

Turtle Mountain

Oklahoma

Absentee Shawnee

Cherokee-Delaware

Citizen Potawatomi

Ponca

Quapaw

Tonkawa

Oregon

Burns Paiute

Umatilla

South Dakota

Flandreau Santee Sioux

Rosebud Sioux

Washington

Chehalis

Lummi

Nooksack Board of Trustees

Port Gamble

Puyallup

Suquamish

Wisconsin

Bad River

Lac Courte Oreilles

Oneida

Red Cliff

St. Croix

Sokaogon (Mole Lake)

Stockbridge Munsee

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