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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 a 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 trouble spots.

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)

New Mexico
Jemez Pueblo
Nambe Pueblo
Santo Domingo Pueblo
Taos Pueblo

New York
St. Regis Mohawk
Tonawanda

California
Campo, Cuyapaipe and La Posta Band of Mission Indians
Cortina
Dry Creek
Kashia (Stewarts Point)
Manchester
Mesa Grande
Paiute Shoshone
Indians of Lone Pine
Community Susanville
Tuolumne

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

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