

# Tiwahe Expansion Solicitation Webinar

Tiwahe Initiative  
Demonstration Project

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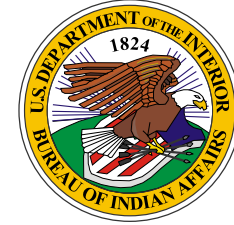




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- The webinar is recorded.
- Please submit questions through the Q & A box.
  - Questions will be addressed at the end of the webinar.
  - General questions not addressed during this webinar will be responded to and emailed to participants.
  - Questions specific to individuals will be followed up by BIA staff.

# Agenda

## Tiwahe Initiative Demonstration Project Expansion Webinar

- Solicitation Overview – 2 minutes
- Background of Tiwahe – 10 minutes
- Requirements – 3 minutes
- Application – 20 minutes
- Resources – 8 minutes
- Timeline – 2 minutes
- Questions – 15 minutes



# Solicitation Overview

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This webinar will provide details and guidance for potential applicants regarding the following solicitation:

FY 2023 Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Tiwahe Initiative  
Demonstration Project Expansion

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# Background of Tiwahe

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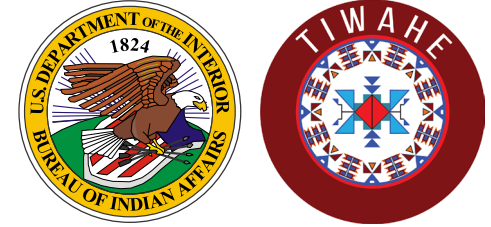
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# Tiwahe Expansion



- Congress first appropriated funding for the Tiwahe Initiative and Demonstration Project in 2014.
- BIA provided across-the-board increases to all eligible Tribes ICWA and Social Service funding in 2015.
- BIA invited 4 Tribes to participate in the demonstration in 2015, and an additional 2 Tribes in 2017. Funding for Tiwahe remained flat between FY 2017 and 2021.
- In FY 2022, Congress appropriated an additional \$2 million to expand the demonstration to additional Tribes beyond the current 6 demonstration Tribes. Two tribes were selected, and 10 tribe received \$100,000 in one-time funding.
- In FY 2023, Congress appropriated an additional \$2 million to further expand the demonstration in the **Social Service and ICWA program areas**.

# What is Tiwahe?



- The Tiwahe Initiative helps Tribes build communities of hope through cultivating culture and connection.
- Tiwahe is **not a grant**. It is meant to be reoccurring funding added to the base of demonstration Tribes – funding Tribes can depend on year after year as long as the program continues to be supported by Congress.
- Tiwahe provides freedom to design programs and integrate services within Tribal culture and tradition.
- Tiwahe is different primarily in that it centers the Tribes’ voices and choices, and it is based on their knowledge and understanding of their communities’ needs.

# Tiwahe Program Areas

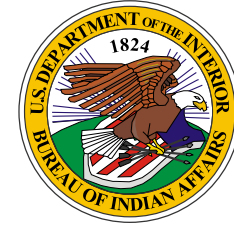




# Tiwahe Funding History



Program Area	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Enacted	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2022 Enacted	FY 2023 Enacted	2024 Tiwahe Request Changes	Total 2024 Tiwahe Request	2024 Request Notes
Social Services	4,096,723	7,827,408	16,283,352	15,796,798	16,219,909	16,300,000	16,300,000	18,300,000	19,300,000	+17,200,000	36,500,000	+\$17.2M Expansion of SS program to new sites + national office & staff
ICWA	5,353,293	5,843,220	8,371,911	7,678,734	8,438,081	8,387,278	8,387,278	8,387,278	9,387,278	+7,480,000	16,867,278	+\$7.5M Expansion of ICWA to new sites
JPT	738,000	235,833	1,228,791	1,164,865	1,741,158	1,555,000	1,555,000	1,555,000	1,555,000	-	1,555,000	
HIP			1,688,184	1,668,592	1,680,000	1,680,000	1,680,000	1,680,000	1,680,000	+2,000,000	3,680,000	+\$2M Expansion of Housing Program to new sites
Recidivism	1,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,033,000	3,033,000	3,033,000	3,033,000	3,033,000	3,033,000	-	3,033,000	
Tribal Courts		5,011,118	7,600,000	7,600,249	7,600,000	7,600,000	7,600,000	7,600,000	7,600,000	-	7,600,000	
Tribal Justice Support	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,000,000	+1,850,000	3,850,000	+\$1.9 to expand Healing to Wellness Courts
Economic Development	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	+5,000,000	5,000,000	+\$5M to initiate a Tiwahe Economic Development program
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11,188,016</b>	<b>21,917,579</b>	<b>38,172,238</b>	<b>36,942,238</b>	<b>38,712,148</b>	<b>38,555,278</b>	<b>38,555,278</b>	<b>40,555,278</b>	<b>44,555,278</b>	<b>+33,530,000</b>	<b>78,085,278</b>	

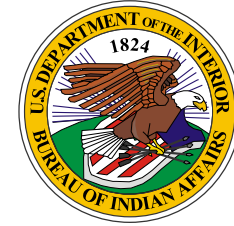


# Requirements

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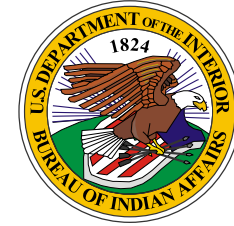
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# Application Requirements



- Federally recognized Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Tribal Consortia
  - Self-governance compact, self-determination contract, direct-service, and new Tribes are all eligible to apply
- Complete the application
- Submit the application via email to: Meghan Bishop at [meghan.bishop@bia.gov](mailto:meghan.bishop@bia.gov)

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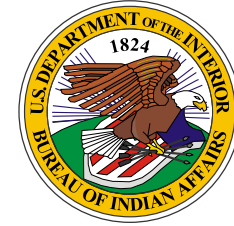


# Application

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# Application Overview



Each Tribe should identify their goals and/or outcomes that they would like to achieve through participation in Tiwahe.

Additional considerations for selection may include Tribal leadership interest, community support for change, and the willingness for the Tribe to be an active partner in the Tiwahe Initiative.

# Application Components



- Face Sheet
- Letter of Intent addressing the following:
  - Background of the Tribe.
  - Description of the issues that the Tribe would use Tiwahe funding to address. What are the Tribe's priorities?
  - Description of how Tiwahe funding would be used to address the identified issues. What are the Tribe's proposed outcomes? How would Tiwahe funding shape the future for the Tribe's community and families?

# Face Sheet



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- Required with all Letters of Intent.
- Provides necessary background information for BIA and reviewers.
- One-page, fillable form.

## Tiwahe Face Sheet

Date

Tribe or Tribal Organization Name

Primary Point of Contact Name

Primary POC Email

Primary POC Phone

Secondary Point of Contact Name

Secondary POC Email

Secondary POC Phone

### Tribe or Tribal Organization Information

BIA Region:  Alaska  Eastern  Eastern Oklahoma  Great Plains  
 Midwest  Navajo  Northwest  Pacific  
 Rocky Mountain  Southern Plains  Southwest  Western

Social Service Governance Type:  OSG  638  Direct  None

# Letter of Intent:

## Tribal Background



- Current demographics of the Tribe's members and those serviced or in need of service.
- Evidence of support of Tribal leadership and Tribal members and the ability to communicate effectively between them.
- Current partnerships among local, Tribal, county, state, and federal providers to improve access to services for Tribal children, youth, and families.



# Letter of Intent:

## Tribal Priorities and Needs



- Overall vision statement.
- Current social indicators in priority areas identified by the Tribe.
- What are the Tribe's gaps in delivering services or having capacity to assist Tribal members?
- How do the priorities and the needs of the Tribe align with Tiwahe funding lines and the Outcomes Framework?

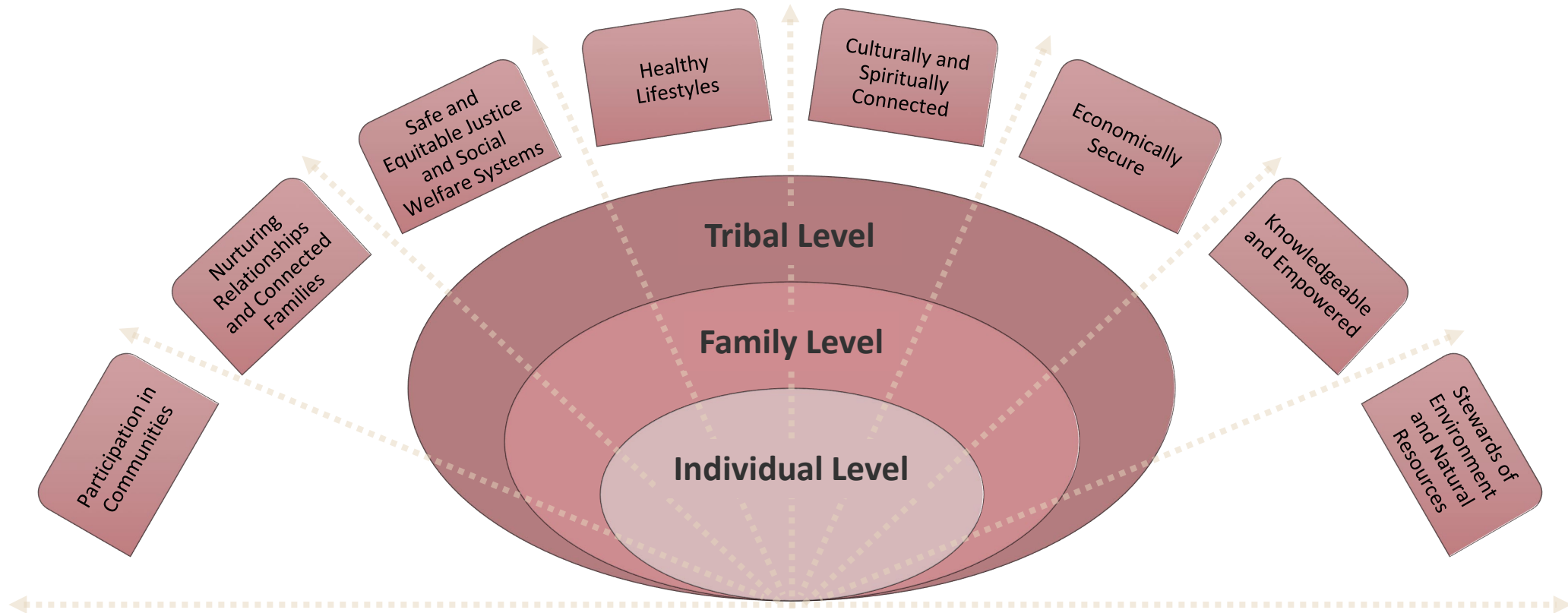
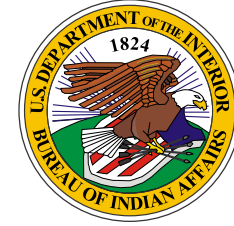
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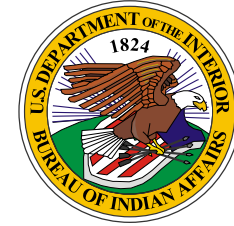
## Proposed Outcomes



- Proposed outcomes and how those outcomes align with Tiwahe funding lines and the Outcomes Framework.
- Willingness to implement infrastructure to support Tiwahe, including allocating human capital and complementing technology, given tribal context and resource availability.
- Willingness to challenge existing thinking and thought to traditional and cultural family well-being outcomes.
- Willingness to “break down silos that exist between programs and activities...”
- Willingness to transform programs and activities “...in such a way that they help and enhance one another.”

# Letter of Intent: Tiwahe Outcomes Framework



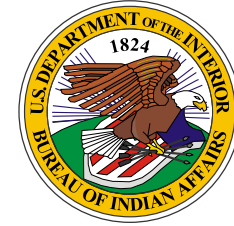


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# Application Resources



- Tiwahe Selection Framework
  - High-level overview of the Tiwahe Initiative, the selection process, and Frequently Asked Questions.
- Tiwahe Selection Considerations
  - This document was developed by the reviewers to guide the review of prior letters of intent.
  - The considerations focus on Tribal Governance, Willingness to Implement the Tiwahe Framework, and Background and Demographics and are tied to the findings from the 2021 Tiwahe Congressional Report.
  - No single consideration is dispositive for inclusion in Tiwahe.

# Tiwahe Resources



- Dear Tribal Leader Letter and Accompanying Documents
  - <https://www.bia.gov/events/tiwahe-initiative-demonstration-project-webinar>
- Tiwahe Congressional Report and Appendices
  - <https://www.bia.gov/ois/tiwahe>
- Tiwahe Evaluation
  - <https://www.fhi360.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/resource-tiwahe-family-community-tribal-services-report.pdf>



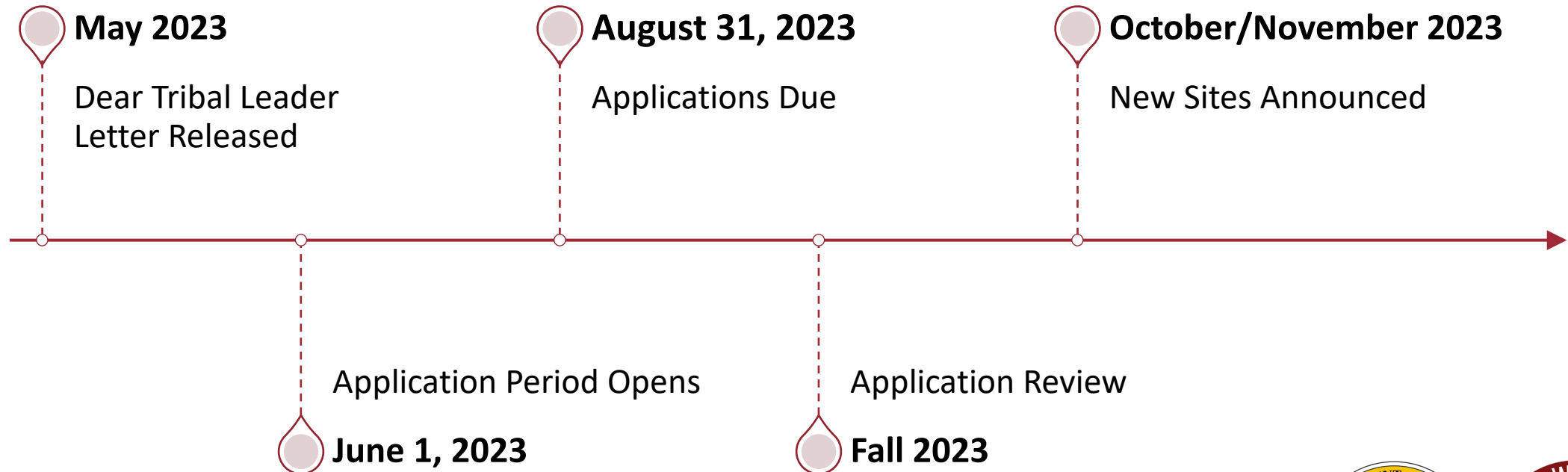
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# Questions

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