

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program  
Cohort 3 Project Summaries  
Grant Cycle: August 1, 2025 to January 31, 2029**

**1. Big Lagoon Rancheria: \$500,000**

The Two Feathers MMIP Youth Empowerment Project will work to reduce MMIP issues in our community through strengthening partnerships among organizations serving American Indian youth and culturally, youth-driven and prevention-based programming that supports not only healing, but leadership development among local AI youth. Two Feathers (TF), a Tribally chartered non-profit that is an entity of Big Lagoon Rancheria, will subaward the funds from this grant to implement the project, with a focus on strengthening prevention activities, training, and youth leadership around the MMIP crisis.

**2. Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California: \$1,000,000**

The Big Sandy Rancheria's project is based on four goals: strengthen prevention, promote healing, raise awareness, and improve responsiveness. Outcomes include 1) Raising awareness of MMIP to 10,000 people through community events, outreach materials, and social media. 2) Providing services for MMIP victims and family members. 3) Providing domestic violence counseling and case management for 200 Native Americans. 4) Providing extensive services to 30 at-risk Native Americans. 5) Creating talking circles that include Tribal Elders to support community healing and model cultural-intellectual responses to crises. 6) Improving MMIP response efforts through expanded partnerships with law enforcement.

**3. Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians: \$1,000,000**

The Coyote Valley MMIP Program will be a community-driven initiative designed to prevent and support cases of MMIP. It will provide advocacy, case management, and victim services to survivors and affected families. It will raise awareness through outreach and will seek to bring local Tribes and services providers together to enhance collaboration on MMIP issues. The mission will be to protect vulnerable individuals and improve justice for MMIP cases.

**4. Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California: \$410,000**

The Enterprise Rancheria Tribe proposes a community based MMIP prevention/healing initiative centered on cultural revitalization, intergenerational engagement, and outreach activities. Rooted in our traditional values, this project will strengthen community resilience and reduce vulnerability to violence, human trafficking, and disconnection by enhancing cultural pride and belonging. This will include hosting seasonal Gatherings, GONA gatherings, cultural dances, where youth, families, and Elders gather to share teachings, language, crafts, songs, and traditional knowledge. This will strengthen identity and visibility, while providing space for healing and grief connected to MMIP.

**5. Greenville Rancheria: \$789,300**

The Greenville Rancheria will continually take a preventive and proactive approach to ensuring youth, family, and individuals well-being in our communities along the Northern California I-5 corridor and rural remote CA by: (1) Continue to Prevention, Awareness, Education, and events of tribal communities we serve. (2) Continue to develop, produce digital mapping, and story maps with collaboration of experts, to locate new areas where our MMIP persons were last seen or were found. (3) Continue to assist family's immediate needs of private investigator funds, counseling, liaison between law enforcement, courts processor, and seeking culturally sensitive and familiar outreach.

**6. Lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel (in collaboration with the Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians and Yurok Tribe): \$1,999,890**

Our MMIP is a national emergency. Despite increased attention there is a critically underserved population that continues to be left out of the conversation: Natives with intellectual & developmental disabilities (IDD). This population is at significantly higher risk of victimization, exploitation, & disappearance due to multiple compounding vulnerabilities—communication challenges, dependency on caregivers, limited access to appropriate services, & systemic neglect. Our project will provide targeted prevention, outreach & trauma-informed prevention & interventions specifically designed for individuals with IDD at risk of becoming part of the MMIP epidemic.

**7. La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians: \$1,000,000**

The La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indian's Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program plans to support our efforts to bring awareness, prevention, education and collaborations to the La Jolla Indian Reservation and surrounding tribal communities. LJBLI will implement a program that brings awareness by providing culturally based prevention strategies, strengthening responses to MMIP and human trafficking, and improving cooperation and communication on jurisdictional issues between state, local, federal and tribal law enforcement.

**8. Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria: \$499,726**

The Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria (MIT) is implementing a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person (MMIP) project that has youth at the forefront with the establishment of GONAs and other events to help the youth understand the risks of trafficking, drugs, and how vulnerable communities are taken advantage. Along with the youth programming, MIT plans on creating a well-rounded program that supports the whole community with reunification services, addiction counseling, community healing, prevention, and more services to support our Tribal community members and surrounding communities protect our vulnerable individuals.

**9. Pala Band of Mission Indians: \$1,000,000**

The Pala Band of Mission Indians plans to expand on current MMIP efforts with new innovative activities. Pala recognizes that tribes within our region lack the capacity necessary to administer a MMIP program and is willing to bridge the gap in providing services. Pala proposes to develop a dedicated MMIP website. The website will have details and alerts for new missing cases and cases that have not been solved,

purchase a drone and incorporate a youth component. Pala proposes to contract with a private investigator and provide training for volunteer search and rescue.

**10. Pinoleville Pomo Nation: \$743,369**

The proposed project is an expansion of Pinoleville Pomo Nation's MMIP Project. This expansion is aimed at filling identified gaps in services including outreach and services to incarcerated youth and their families, and outreach and increased awareness around MMIP issues including California's Feather Alert and assistance to families of missing indigenous people. The project will expand outreach to local schools, provide training to Tribal and community members on missing person response, provide information and tools to combat human trafficking, and enhance culturally appropriate services to participants.

**11. Round Valley Indian Tribe: \$500,000**

The RVIT MMIP will carry out important and crucial MMIP Awareness, Prevention, and Response Tasks in the Tribal Community of Round Valley in Northern California. This proposed program is based on this care and empathy for each other. The MMIP program staff and community believe that all lives matter, and everyone is worthy of caring support. One of the greatest needs identified in the tribal community is a safe place for the most vulnerable. The project is intended to provide RVIT with the resources to create a safe place for the vulnerable, weary, suffering both physically and mentally. The community envisions a MMIP Headquarters on Tribal land that includes a modular office building where staff can work with the community and the MMIP Task Force.

**12. Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians (in collaboration with Big Valley Rancheria and Middletown Rancheria): \$2,000,000**

The Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians (SVBPI), in partnership with Big Valley Rancheria (BV) and Middletown Rancheria are advancing a comprehensive MMIP initiative rooted in prevention, awareness, education, and response. This initiative addresses identified risks within our Tribal communities and is tailored to the realities of SVBPI citizens, many of whom reside in both rural and urban areas across Northern California. This MMIP initiative is an intentional investment in healing, safety, and resiliency. It builds on SVBPI's long-standing commitment to address addiction, promoting wellness, and preventing tragedy through culturally tailored services.

**13. Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians: \$500,000**

The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians propose creating a trauma-informed Tiny Home Village to provide safe, transitional housing for Indigenous individuals who are homeless or at high risk for MMIP. This culturally rooted project addresses urgent safety, shelter, and support needs by offering stable housing, wraparound services, and community connection. The village will serve as a protective intervention space that fosters healing and reduces vulnerability to violence, trafficking, and disappearance.

**14. Yurok Tribe: \$1,000,000**

The Yurok Tribe's project aims to build tribe-centered systems to prevent and account for the deaths and disappearances of Indigenous people. By enhancing internal infrastructure, increasing response capabilities, supporting families, and educating youth the project will address the MMIP crisis in Northern California. Key activities include hiring a full-time MMIP Victim Advocate, conducting search and rescue training, acquiring search and rescue supplies and technology, and providing educational outreach. The project will serve 15-20 new MMIP cases and assist in 20-30 cold cases annually.