

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Offshore Wind Tribal Engagement** project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Northern California Indian Development Council**, located at 241 F St, Eureka, CA 95501.

The funding would be used to expand Tribal capacity for engagement in the large offshore wind energy project. The offshore wind energy project is being developed off of the Humboldt County coast and serviced through Humboldt Bay Harbor in California. Tribes and Tribal organizations will be reimbursed for the time and resources to participate in meetings, workshops, and other planning activities that will be occurring regularly through the county, state and nation over the next year.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because thoughtful and equitable development protects our coastal community's character and health and promotes appropriate coastal-dependent uses and industries. This funding will ensure that underrepresented groups, Indigenous people and Tribes, are involved in the planning of a project that will radically change our region going forward.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress