



Created by the Tribes in 1972, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) exists to advocate on behalf of all 573 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes to ensure the fulfillment of the federal trust responsibility to deliver health and public health services as assured through treaties, and reaffirmed in legislation, executive orders and Supreme Court cases.

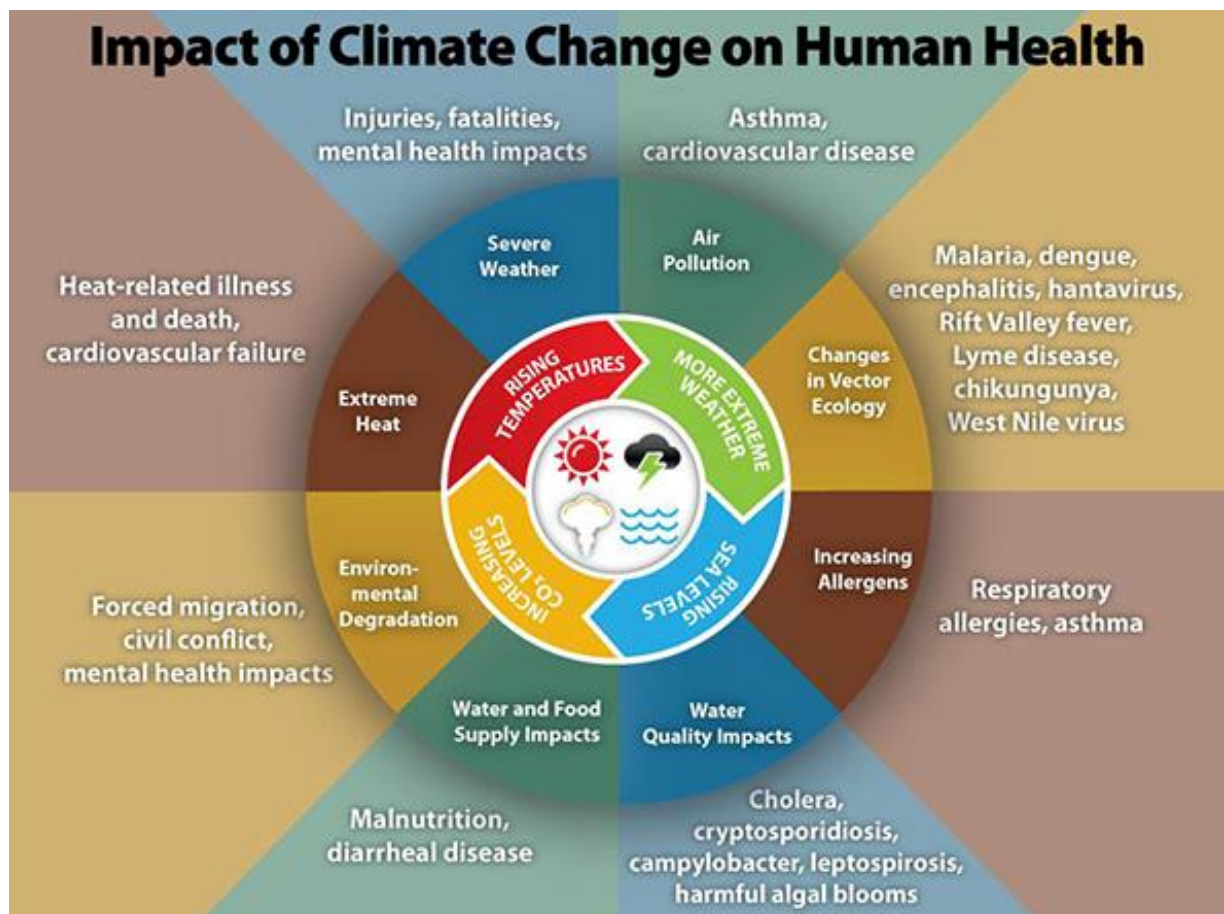
PROJECT GOAL

Tribes are often the first and most severely affected by climate change's harmful impacts to the environments. The Climate Ready Tribes project goal is to build Tribal capacity related to Tribal climate health – by increasing Tribes' knowledge and awareness of climate change, improving Tribes' ability to recognize threats, and providing support for Tribes to take action to protect themselves against health harms caused or impacted by climate change. This project is hosted with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Provide funding and support for four Tribes to conduct local climate and health work
- Host an Environmental Health and Climate Change Track at the 2019 NIHB Tribal Public Health Summit in Albuquerque, NM, May 2019
- Host a learning community with webinars/events, resources, and peer-learning opportunities
- Share information and resources nationally

CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTS HEALTH





LOCAL CHAMPIONS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE: ADDRESSING CLIMATE HEALTH

NIHB's Climate Ready Tribes Initiative is working to build Tribal capacity related to climate health. In addition to sharing information and resources nationally, NIHB funds Tribes to conduct local work. The map below shows the approximate location of current and previous CRT awardees. NIHB is pleased to welcome a new cohort of Tribes and help support their journey to climate readiness!



Initial cohort (light stars): Blackfoot Nation, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, and the Village of Wainwright
New cohort (dark): Kaw Nation, Lummi Nation, the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska

“The Lummi Nation has relied on shellfish harvesting since time immemorial for ceremonial, sustenance and commercial purposes. With climate change increasing the frequency and severity of ‘red tide’ and other biotoxins in shellfish, it is more important now than ever that we act to protect the safety of the Lummi Community. This grant will increase our capacity to protect the Lummi People from the effects of harmful algae blooms allowing our people to safely practice their traditional ways of life.”

-Merle Jefferson, Director, Lummi Natural Resources Department

QUESTIONS?

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