



MONTANA NATIVE HOMEOWNERSHIP COALITION



Statewide Tribal Health and Housing Needs Study in Montana

The Montana Native Homeownership Coalition is pleased to collaborate with Big Water Consulting to launch a **Montana Statewide Tribal Health and Housing Needs Study**. This statewide study will examine the specific health and housing needs of Native people in Montana. The initiative will consist of:

1. A series of health and housing needs assessments on each of the seven reservations in Montana that chose to participate and a tailored needs assessment for the Little Shell Band of Chippewa Indians, and
2. An inter-tribal collaboration to produce a single report combining all of the findings from the individual tribal needs assessments.

What does a Needs Assessment do?

- Identifies gaps in data about community members and the services available to them.
- Collects community information through a household survey, focus groups, and interviews.
- Collects input about community priorities and choices.
- Presents an analysis of the data results in tables, maps, reports, and graphics.

Why Conduct a Needs Assessment?

- Learn valuable information about tribal members' needs.
- Attract funding for housing, healthcare, and other initiatives.
- Improve existing programs based on community input.
- Plan for new housing and economic development.

The Coalition is convening a **Montana Tribal Needs Assessment Advisory Committee** of experts in Native housing and health, including tribal leaders, representatives of tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs), nonprofits, lenders, and other service providers to guide the initiative and to identify opportunities to improve outcomes for Native people.

To indicate your tribe's interest in participating in this statewide needs assessment initiative or to volunteer to serve on the Committee, please contact Jeremiah Powless with Enterprise Community Partners at jpowless@enterprisecommunity.org or 505-419-3439.