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**FY2026 EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes Application
Kalispel Tribe Community Brownfields Assessment Information Sheet**

The Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation (KTI) is pleased to submit this proposal for FY2026 Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment for States and Tribes Grant funding.

(1) Applicant Identification:

Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation (KTI)
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(2) Website URL:

(a) Website URL for KTI: www.kalispeltribe.com

(3) Funding Requested:

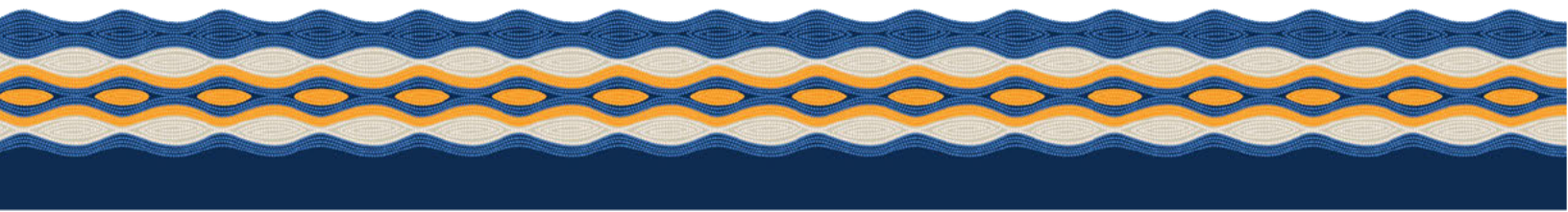
- (a) Assessment Grant Type: Community-wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes.
(b) Federal Funds Requested: \$2,000,000

(4) Location:

- (a) Geographic Boundary: The geographic boundary is the Kalispel Reservation, which includes 4,557 acres near the Pend Oreille River in northeastern Washington.
(b) County: Pend Oreille County
(c) State or Reservation: Kalispel Reservation, Washington

(5) Target Area & Priority Site Information:

- The Target Areas are tribal lands in Pend Oreille County.
- Target Areas:
 - Highway 20 Triangle Road
 - Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick Area
 - Old Dairy
- Census Tract Numbers within Target Areas:
 - Highway 20 Triangle Road – Located in Census Tract 53051970200
 - Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick Area – Located in Census Tract 53051970200
 - Old Dairy – Located in Census Tract 53051970200



- **Addresses of Priority Sites:**
 - The priority sites are in rural areas without conventional addresses; GPS coordinates are provided.
 - Highway 20 Triangle Road Priority Site:
 - Crossroads: 40° 18' 25" N 117° 17' 05" W
 - Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick Area Priority Sites:
 - Cusick Lagoons: 48°20'32"N 117°17'56"W
 - Old Auto Shop: 48°20'36"N 117°18'14"W
 - Old Dairy Priority Sites:
 - Dairy Barn: 48 ° 20' 25" N 117° 15' 48" W
 - Old Buildings 'Mykens': 48° 20' 01" N 117° 15' 04"W
 - Contaminated Agricultural Land: 48°20'06"N 117°14'55"W

(6). Contacts:

(a) Project Director:



(b) Chief Executive/Highest Ranking Elected Official:

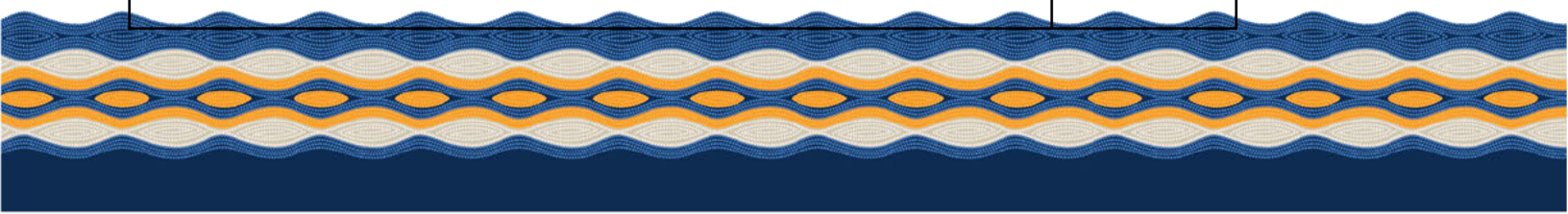


(7). Population:

- Population of Kalispel Reservation Target Areas: 165 (ACS 5-yr 2019-2023)
- Self-reported number of households for Kalispel Reservation Target Areas: 250
- Population of Kalispel Tribal Members: 470
- Number of monthly visits to Kalispel Reservation for community services by Tribal and community members: 20,000

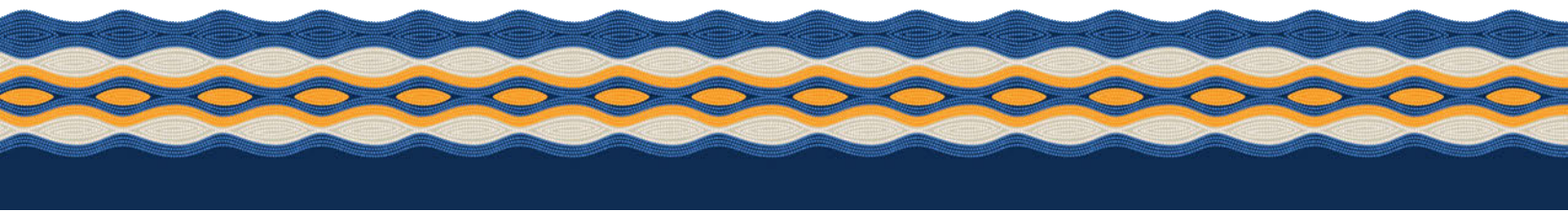
8. Other Factors:

Other Factors Criteria	Page #
Community population is 15,000 or less.	Yes, page 4.
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian Tribe or United States Territory.	Yes, page 1.
The priority site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	No.
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	Yes, page 2.
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	Yes, page 2.



The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy.	Yes, page 4.
The reuse of the priority site(s) will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	Yes, page 4.
The proposed project will improve local resilience to the impacts of extreme weather events and natural disasters.	Yes, page 3.
At least 30% of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse/area-wide planning activities, as described in Section 3.A.(2) for priority sites within the target areas.	Yes, page 10
The target area(s) is located within a community in which a coal-fired power plant has recently closed (2015 or later) or is closing.	No.

- 9. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority:** A letter of acknowledgement from the Kalispel Tribe Natural Resources Department, the acting environmental steward for the Tribe is attached. The letter is signed by Mike Lithgow, Director of Policy and Outreach.
- 10. Releasing Copies of Applications:** KTI requests that all names, emails, and other identifying information be redacted prior to releasing copies of applications.



1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION:

Target Area and Brownfields: 1.a. Overview of Brownfield Challenges and Description of Target Areas:

The Kalispel Tribe of Indians (KTI) is a federally recognized tribe of the Interior Salish people whose ancestral homelands span northeastern Washington to northwestern Montana. The Kalispel reservation was established in 1914. The initial Kalispel Reservation was small, fragmented, with few natural resources. Today, the Kalispel Reservation encompasses 4,557 non-contiguous rural acres in Pend Oreille County (POC), 50 miles north of Spokane, WA. The Pend Oreille River flows through the reservation and is central to the Tribe's culture, subsistence, and transportation. Federally designated floodplains exist throughout the reservation, and there is an extensive history of flooding, with the frequency and intensity of these events becoming more extreme over the past 20 years. Upstream dams, hydropower, and mining wastes have reduced the Tribe's access to traditional food sources, disrupted fish migration and spawning habitat, compromised riverbank stability, and contaminated culturally significant fish species.

Logging on reservation lands in the 1900s left long-term ecological impacts including deforestation, soil erosion, increased sedimentation in streams, and elevated wildfire risk. To transport the felled trees and support the forestry industry, railroads and highways were built quickly and without environmental regulations, leaving behind petroleum contamination, industrial debris, rail-related waste, and disturbed soil and riparian areas. Informal waste disposal and open burning, combined with frequent flooding, has exacerbated soil and groundwater contamination risks. The Pend Oreille County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (POCMHMP) 2025 Update states, "The probability for impact from flooding throughout the county is highly likely. Certain areas of the county (particularly the Kalispel Reservation and the Town of Cusick) are more susceptible to flooding." With an annual precipitation of 27 inches of rain and 61 inches of snow, the reservation is challenged with frequent and intense flooding that has caused significant hardship and damage.

The cumulative impacts of legacy industrial activities, resource extraction, and illicit dumping has created present-day brownfield conditions which constrain economic development, limit housing and community facility expansion, pose potential risks to human health and ecological resources, and impede the Tribe's ability to fully implement land-use priorities grounded in cultural preservation, environmental stewardship, and economic self-sufficiency. This Community-Wide Assessment Grant will allow KTI to assess and prioritize brownfield sites; reduce uncertainty associated with contamination; and position priority sites for cleanup funding and productive reuse consistent with Tribal priorities. KTI will use the EPA grant to address priority brownfields within three (3) target areas:

- **Highway 20 Triangle Road:** Located near the Kalispel Reservation entrance and commercial area. Brownfields include a former gas station, restaurant, and underutilized parcels with potential for economic development.
- **Old Dairy:** Includes agriculturally impacted and contaminated parcels and aging structures near existing utilities. KTI acquired these lands with the intent of developing housing and a new waste disposal collection center. These parcels are 2,200 feet above sea level and are out of the floodplain. The Tribe has limited resources to conduct the necessary environmental and site assessment and cleanup/reuse planning activities to move redevelopment forward.
- **Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick:** Adjacent to the Pend Oreille River and waterways, this area refers to Tribal land within the boundaries of Cusick that are located in a flood zone and experience illicit dumping, and railroad development wastes. Brownfields include a former auto shop and an insufficient wastewater lagoon holding pond where historic operations have created environmental concerns.

Brownfield challenges within the Kalispel Reservation TAs include: 1) the high likelihood of frequent and devastating flooding as referenced in the POCMHMP above; 2) the complex web of coordination applicable to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and FEMA flood zones and the presence of multiple stakeholders; 3) the potential historical significance and presence of archaeological artifacts; 4) logistical challenges associated with conducting assessments given the rural location, seasonal weather conditions, and mobilization costs; and 5) increased cleanup costs associated with mobilizing equipment and/or transport of contaminated media for treatment/disposal at appropriate facilities.

1.b. Description of Priority Brownfield Sites: With a legacy of resource extraction, illicit dumping, and agricultural use, further compounded by frequent flooding, there are numerous brownfield sites throughout the TAs, including a former fuel station, a former auto shop, railroad corridors, flood damaged properties, abandoned buildings with agricultural and petroleum contamination, and other vacant and underutilized parcels. KTI has selected six (6) priority sites for assessment due to the likelihood of redevelopment in the near-term and the housing, economic, and cultural benefits the project will provide. KTI site-specific GPS coordinates are provided in the table below:

Priority Site Name & Address	Site Description & Environmental Concerns	Contaminants of Concern	Funding Needs
Highway 20 Triangle Road Target Area			
Crossroads (former gas station and restaurant) 40° 18' 25" N 117° 17' 05" W *adjacent to body of water	Former gas station, restaurant, and bar with adjacent underutilized parcels located at the entrance of Kalispel Reservation. Parcel size: 7.18 acres.	Petroleum, heavy metals, waste oils & solvents from automotive & heavy equipment maintenance, PCBs, ACMs	Phase I/II ESA, RBM Survey, ABCA/CAP, Reuse Plan
Old Dairy Target Area			
Dairy Barn 48° 20' 25" N 117° 15' 48" W	Former dairy and horse barn; remaining structures are vacant and near collapse. Parcel size: 3.95 acres.	Agricultural contamination, pesticides, fertilizers, ACMs	Phase I/II ESA, RBM Survey, ABCA/CAP, Reuse Plan
Old Buildings 'Mykens' 48° 20' 01" N 117° 15' 04" W	Former residential area for Tribal members; remaining structures are vacant and near collapse; area is prone to illicit dumping and contains abandoned equipment and vehicles. Parcel size: 4.10 acres.	Petroleum, waste oils & solvents from automotive & heavy equipment, PCBs	Phase I/II ESA, RBM Survey, ABCA/CAP, Reuse Plan
Contaminated Agricultural Land(a) 48°20'06"N 117°14'55"W	Agricultural land adjacent to former dairy farm; area has distressed vegetation and is prone to illicit dumping. Parce size: 6.41 acres.	Agricultural contamination, pesticides, fertilizers	Phase I/II ESA, ABCA/CAP
Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick Target Area			
Cusick Lagoons*# 48°20'32"N 117°17'56"W *adjacent to a body of water	Current wastewater management lagoon for is insufficiently sized and prone to flooding. Parcel size: 8.66 acres.	Heavy metals, VOCs, pesticides	Phase I/II ESA, ABCA/CAP, Reuse Plan
Old Auto Shop # 48°20'36"N 117°18'14"W	Former auto repair shop with a structure; abandoned equipment and vehicles are present. Parcel size: 4.72 acres.	Petroleum, heavy metals, waste oils & solvents from automotive & heavy equipment maintenance, PCBs	Phase I/II ESA, RBM Survey, ABCA/CAP, Reuse Plan

(a) planning is complete; funding is needed to perform the environmental work necessary to move redevelopment forward. ***priority site is adjacent to a body of water. # priority site is in a federally designated flood plain.** Definitions: ABCA = Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives; ACM = Asbestos Containing Material; PCB = Polychlorinated Biphenyls; RBM = Regulated Building Material; CAP = Corrective Action Plan; ESA Environmental Site Assessment

1.c. Identifying Additional Sites: As described in Sections 2.e – 2.g, meaningful community engagement will be central to this effort through the involvement of the Public Works Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). If grant funds remain after completing assessments at priority sites, additional eligible sites will be identified through a tribal consensus-based process that includes review of tribal land records and historical use documentation, and input from tribal departments, Elders, and community members. Additional sites will be prioritized based on their potential to reduce flood risk, redevelopment readiness, community benefits, and alignment with tribal economic and cultural priorities. This grant will leverage the brownfield inventory that KTI will develop using Section 128(a) funding in FY26.

Revitalization of the Target Areas: 1. d. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans: KTI's brownfield reuse strategies align with KTI's **Master Land Use Plan 2022**, and the projects and goals established during community engagement and planning activities. The Master Land Use Plan specifically recommends ideal locations and the type of needed. The TAs were selected because they 1) support the development of tribal housing, 2) promote projects that relocate tribal services outside of the floodplain and increase community resiliency, 3) help remove long-standing barriers to economic development, 4) include access to existing infrastructure, and 5) reflect tribal priorities.

TAs	Priority Sites	Site-Specific Reuse Plans & Strategies
HWY 20 Triangle Road	Crossroads	This site is a prime location with potential for reuse in support of economic development, particularly providing basic services and promoting tourism and recreation. EPA funds will be used to conduct Phase I/II ESAs, assess soil impacts from petroleum, support cleanup and reuse plans.
	Old Barn	KTI acquired this land in 2020 with the intent of developing tribal housing upland from the designated flood plain. The Master Land Use Plan describes this area as “Middle Reservation” and recommends middle-density housing and multi-generational housing. EPA funding will be used to conduct Phase I/II ESAs to support renovation/reuse plans.
Old Dairy	Old Buildings 'Mykens'	
	Contaminated Agriculture Land	KTI has near term plans to develop these lands into a Community Drop Box Facility, replacing the current refuse collection site that is near tribal services and prone to flooding. This location is outside of the floodplain and project plans are 90% complete, including designs for a stormwater control system. EPA funds will be leveraged to conduct Phase I/II ESAs, assess soil impacts from agricultural contamination, and support cleanup plans.
Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick	Cusick Lagoons	KTI plans to replace the wastewater lagoons, however, there have been numerous overflows which have released contaminants and sludge. EPA funding will be leveraged to assess soil impacts and prepare soil management plans to support repair/replacement.
	Old Auto Shop	There is a shortage of quality housing on the reservation, and this location is close to existing community services. The Master Land Use Plan recommends KTI develop “infill housing” in Cusick, which includes affordable housing units and dwellings such as apartments, duplexes, single family housing, manufactured, and small-scale townhomes. EPA funding will be used to conduct Phase I/II ESAs to support renovation/reuse plans.

1.e. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy: KTI’s primary reuse focus is flood mitigation and community resilience, increasing safe and affordable housing outside of the floodplain, and economic growth. The community has substantial socioeconomic need, including limited options for living wage employment, housing, and increased costs for goods and services. Tribal housing and services are frequently impacted by extensive flooding. The proposed project will provide assessment funding to 1) quantify the level of environmental damage within the reservation, 2) provide reuse and remediation planning, 3) conduct a community health impact assessment, and 4) enable redevelopment of priority brownfield sites that directly address community needs while mitigating environmental contamination that impacts the health and economic prosperity of the community. Redevelopment of the priority sites provides the following benefits:

Reuse that Supports Housing Outside the Floodplain: The development of tribal housing and other community infrastructure development will address the housing shortage, improve local resilience to the impacts of extreme weather events and natural disasters by building infrastructure outside of the floodplain, and reduce exposure to indoor air pollutants (including mold from water damage and RBMs found in pre-1980s building materials). This proposal will provide for environmental assessment and cleanup planning activities to potentially establish quality, affordable housing on priority sites in the Old Dairy and Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick TAs. Grant funds will pay for RBM surveys in the older structures to identify hazardous materials in need of abatement.

Encourage Economic Growth: The project will prioritize investments that promote economic growth. To attract business, KTI must have clean, shovel ready sites. Conducting environmental assessment and cleanup planning is the first step to addressing confirmed or perceived contamination concerns, mitigating flooding, and positioning sites for redevelopment.

Improve Resiliency in Flood Impacted Areas: Strengthening long-term community resiliency requires directing new housing and tribal facilities away from floodplains and other high-risk areas. Flood prone sites can be repurposed into natural spaces through nature-based restoration and floodplain reconnection projects, generating benefits such as improved water quality and positive public health outcomes. Efforts to increase resiliency must be balanced to avoid creating new challenges such as increased transportation burdens, unnecessary impacts to natural and cultural resources, and further fragmentation in a community with non-contiguous land holdings. Integrated land-use planning is essential to achieving the desired outcomes.

Cultural, Subsistence, and Recreational Activities: Restoration of the Old Dairy TA will return the land to safe and productive use, providing tribal community members with access for cultural practices, subsistence activities, and recreational use. Addressing soil, groundwater, and surface contamination across all TAs will protect natural resources and support subsistence uses.

Protection of Sensitive Habitats: Removing abandoned equipment, vehicles, and debris from the TAs will help protect wetlands and surface and groundwater from further contamination.

Incorporate Renewable Energy Features: Where feasible, KTI will consider incorporating renewable energy into reuse plans for priority sites. The reuse plans of all sites will consider energy efficiency where possible and cost effective.

Strategy for Leveraging Resources: 1.f. Resources Needed for Site Reuse: As a tribal government, KTI is experienced with leveraging funding for technical assistance, staff capacity, and supplemental funding for non-duplicative support of phased programs. Through a no-cost partnership with the WA Dept. of Commerce, KTI receives technical assistance from the Federal Funds Grant Writing Assistance Program to help identify federal assistance opportunities. KTI also holds a memorandum of understanding with the WA Dept. of Commerce to streamline funding opportunities. This partnership has resulted in tribal capacity building, resource referral, and opportunity bundling to maximize impact. KTI will leverage this partnership and experience to pursue additional planning, assessment, and cleanup funding from the following sources:

- **WA Dept. of Ecology** administers the Brownfield Flexible Funding program which Tribes can access for planning, assessment, and limited cleanup.
- **WA DOC** provides low-interest loans through the Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) program which can be used for cleanup costs.
- **U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)** grants Public Works funding for post-cleanup redevelopment and reuse projects.
- **USDA Rural Development Grants** fund construction or renovation of community facilities. These funds can be used by Tribes to complete cleanup and redevelop sites.
- **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** has funding programs for Tribes which can be used to develop housing and community-serving facilities on cleaned brownfield sites.
- **U.S. EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grants** for tribally owned sites which have completed environmental assessments and meet brownfield and liability requirements.

1.g. Use of Existing Infrastructure: The proposed priority sites are located near existing roads, utilities, and facilities. Revitalization of the Crossroads and Old Auto Shop priority sites will encourage reinvestment where there are underutilized structures and illicit dumping. Making productive use of these sites will increase long-term economic viability. Assessment activities will support reuse that leverages existing infrastructure, reducing development costs and environmental impacts. Where possible, existing infrastructure, such as access roads, will be rehabilitated and/or usable materials will be recycled to result in efficiencies with planned improvements. Where infrastructure upgrades are required, KTI will pursue complementary funding sources.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Community Need: 2.a. The Community's Need for Funding: The Kalispel Tribe supports the surrounding community; it is a Kalispel cultural value to support neighbors. As stated by the Kalispel Tribe's vision, *Our present and future are hopeful, not only for our tribe, but for non-tribal community members as well. Our land and our ancestors mean everything to us. Gratitude and respect are expressed for the prosperity we share. In the future, we hope for a wonderful life.* This value has led the Kalispel Tribe to be the main provider for medical, dental, childcare, workforce development, and other community services in the vicinity of the reservation. Total monthly visits to community facilities operated by the Tribe are ~ 20,000 a month. Kalispel Initiatives enrich the surrounding area, both in terms of environmental stewardship and quality of life, whether through creating good paying jobs for the community or increasing economic opportunity for the region. Despite this broad service role, KTI's small, rural, and low-income community faces significant constraints to leveraging private capital without first resolving environmental uncertainty. As shown in **Table 1**, 18.4% of residents live below the federal poverty level, with child poverty rates reaching 27.3%. Per capita income is \$35,334, well below WA State and U.S. averages. Nearly one in five households (18.8%) relies on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, and 57.2% of renter households are cost-burdened, spending more than 30% of income on housing.

Table 1. Demographic Data	Kalispel Reservation	Pend-Oreille County, WA	Washington (WA)	U.S.
Total Population	165*	13,811	7,740,984	322M
American Indian/Minority Population	84.2%	14.5%	35.7%	41.8%
Poverty Rate	18.4%	13.6%	9.9%	12.4%
Per Capita Income	\$35,334	\$35,660	\$51,493	\$43,289
Households w/ Food Stamps/SNAP	18.8%	18.3%	11.4%	11.8%
Cost Burdened Households	57.2%	43.4%	49.4%	50.2%
Land Area (square miles)	4,557.0	1400.2	66,455.4	3.5M

2019-2023 American Community Survey; **bold/shading** indicates results that are greater than or less than the US and/or State averages.
 * Some KTI Tribal members and residents do not participate in US Census; KTI estimates actual total population is ~250 households.

Tribal resources are often directed towards assisting community members; EPA Grant funding is essential for addressing long-standing brownfield challenges and unlocking future redevelopment opportunities.

2.b. Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations: Sensitive populations within the target areas include tribal Elders, children, low-income households, veterans, persons with disabilities, persons with lower-educational attainment, and tribal members who rely on subsistence activities such as fishing, hunting, and gathering.

As shown in Table 2, KTI has higher concentrations of **veterans and persons with disabilities**. People with disabilities and veterans often have pre-existing health conditions that make exposure to environmental contaminants more severe. Veterans are more susceptible to environmental contaminants because of exposures during service, underlying health conditions, and socio-demographic factors. Studies show veterans often have higher rates of respiratory, cardiovascular, or metabolic conditions compared to the general population.

Table 2. Sensitive Populations	Kalispel Reservation	Pend-Oreille County, WA	WA	U.S.
Child/Youth Population	30.9%	19.3%	21.6%	22.2%
Veterans	10.5%	13.3%	8.1%	6.4%
Persons w/ Disabilities	14.8%	21.5%	13.3%	13.0%
No Health Insurance	15.4%	4.2%	6.4%	8.6%
% HS Education	88.1%	94.3%	92.2%	89.4%
% Bachelor's Degree	10.9%	20.3%	38.8%	35.0%

2019-2023 ACS; **bold/shading** indicates results that are greater than or less than the US and/or WA averages.

Lower levels of educational attainment such as those in KTI are directly linked to increased rates of poverty and unemployment, and decreased access to healthcare and preventative care, which contributes to higher rates of disability and chronic health conditions. This is especially concerning given that KTI's youth

population represents 30.9% of the population. Educational disparities often continue across generations, and KTI's youth population faces increased health and economic challenges.

A lack of health insurance and reduced access to healthcare exacerbate conditions for KTI residents. Pend-Oreille County is designated as a **Medically Underserved Area (MUA)** and a **Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)** by Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The community experiences more difficulty in accessing

Table 3. WA DOH Environmental Health Tracking Map CT 53051970200	CT Rank 1-10
Relatively Lower Life Expectancy	10/10
Population ages 19-64 w/ no health insurance	8/10
Population w/ a disability	8/10
Poor health outcomes	8/10

care. As a result, residents may forgo routine care, diagnosis, and treatment as there are an inadequate number of providers and long waitlists for appointments. The State of Washington Department of Health Environmental Health Tracking (EHT) map provides data at the census tract (CT) level,

ranking CTs across the state on a scale of 1 (best) to 10 (worst) in multiple categories. KTI's CT, 53051970200, has several notable health disparities, including the highest rank among CTs for relatively lower life expectancy. Data from the EHT map illustrates the community's lack of health insurance, higher rates of persons with disabilities, and poor health outcomes.

EPA grant funds will be used to support the development of tribal housing or infrastructure development projects outside of the floodplains in upland areas that are close to tribal services, jobs, and basic goods and services. Additionally, the EPA grant will fund a community health assessment to further inform reuse planning and shape KTI’s approach to alleviating health and welfare challenges.

2.c. Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions: Health data from CDC Places (US Census 2022) is available for Cusick, Pend-Oreille County, and the U.S. When compared to U.S. incidence of disease averages, the area reflects a higher incidence of asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), diabetes, and cancer. These health conditions may be exacerbated by historical exposure to hazardous substances, petroleum contamination, and degraded environmental conditions associated with brownfield sites. Mold issues as well as housing stock that is old, poorly ventilated, and likely to have LBP, ACM, and PCBs are factors that contribute to poor

	Cusick, WA	POC, WA	U.S.
Asthma	13.0	11.4	9.8
Cancer	10.5	11.5	7.9
COPD	9.6	8.7	6.2
Diabetes	14.4	13.3	12

indoor air quality and elevated levels of asthma. When mold grows indoors, it can release volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which can trigger respiratory issues. KTI will use this grant to help identify and plan for abatement of mold and RBMs in aging structures and lead to better respiratory health outcomes.

CDC PLACES Comparison Report, US Census 2022

Residents experience disproportionate and cumulative environmental

Table 5. KTI Environmental Indicators	% rank in WA	% rank in US	Related Health Issues
Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Summary Index	87	81	Serious respiratory, cardiovascular, neurological, and developmental health issues.
Lead Paint Summary Index	78	64	Child neurodevelopment health impacts and irreversible neurological disorders.
Wastewater Discharge Summary Index	76	34	Acute infectious disease; chronic neurological, reproductive, & developmental health issues.
Drinking Water Non-Compliance Summary Index	95	89	Acute infectious illnesses; irreversible neurological, reproductive, & chronic disease outcomes.

Bold indicates results greater than 60% for US and/or WA ; shading greater than 75%.

health burdens associated with historical and ongoing contamination and proximity to natural resources.

Geospatial mapping tools were used to assess environmental indicators for KTI relative to the

state and nation (noted in Table 5) and include elevated concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), the presence of lead paint in older housing, and compromised surface water sources and drinking water sources. Exposure to (PM_{2.5}) is linked to adverse health outcomes, including asthma, COPD, cardiovascular disease, and neurological and developmental issues. Sensitive populations, including children, persons with disabilities, veterans, older adults, and individuals with pre-existing respiratory or cardiovascular conditions are at greater risk.

Due to documented methylmercury contamination in the Pend Oreille River, WA Department of Health has issued fish consumption advisories for species such as northern pike, smallmouth bass, and largemouth bass. These advisories directly affect residents who rely on fishing for subsistence and cultural practices, further compounding environmental, health, and economic inequities. Mercury enters surface waters from mercury-containing rocks and soils, industrial activities, fossil fuel combustion, and the disposal of certain consumer products. In aquatic environments, microorganisms convert inorganic mercury into methylmercury, a highly toxic organic form that bioaccumulates in fish and shellfish and biomagnifies in the food chain. In humans, mercury exposure is associated with kidney damage and neurological impairments and poses heightened risks to children and to women who are pregnant, nursing, or of childbearing age. **KTI has a greater than normal prevalence of kidney disease;** many community members have had kidney transplants and require dialysis treatment.

Repeated exposure to brownfield-associated contaminants can lead to serious, chronic, and irreversible health outcomes. By funding a community health assessment and Phase I/II ESAs, this grant will help KTI to better identify community-specific health challenges, understand their underlying environmental triggers, and characterize potential sources of contamination. The resulting data will inform risk-reduction strategies and cleanup and reuse strategies. Subsequent remediation and redevelopment will reduce ongoing exposure pathways, improve air and soil quality, and support healthier living

environments. In addition, projects that mitigate flooding will reduce the spread of contaminants through floodwater, reducing residents' exposure during and after events.

2.d. Economically Impoverished/Disproportionately Impacted Populations: The area is economically disadvantaged and disproportionately impacted by environmental burdens resulting from historic industrial and resource extraction activities. Elevated poverty rates, housing cost burdens, low-property values, and reliance on public assistance limit residents' ability to relocate away from contaminated, underutilized, and/or flood-prone areas. **A third of the Tribal population is children; more than a quarter of all children in this area have experienced poverty which is more than twice the WA state average.** The WA DOH EHT map ranks KTI's CT with a **10 out of 10 for unemployment and an eight out of 10 for percent of population living in poverty.** The reservation's median home value is \$192,000, less than half the state average and two-thirds the national average. These lower home values can be attributed to an aging housing stock and homes built in the flood zone must be elevated to prevent flooding and meet federal requirements.

There is a severe housing shortage on the reservation, with an average of 30-50 families on the waiting list for tribal housing. Census data provides further evidence of KTI's housing shortage with average household size, 3.23, and family size, 3.94,

	KTI	WA	U.S.
Poverty Rate Children	27.3%	11.9%	16.3%
Median Home Value	\$192,900	\$519,800	\$303,400
Per Capita Income	\$35,334	\$51,493	\$43,289
Avg. Household Size	3.23	2.51	2.54
Avg. Family Size	3.94	3.07	3.15

2019-2023 ACS; bold/shading indicates results that are greater than or less than the US and/or WA averages.

much higher than county, state, and national averages.

EPA funding will be used to identify and assess soil and groundwater contamination associated with brownfields in the TAs, including impacts from agriculture, petroleum release, and legacy land uses. Collectively, these activities will improve redevelopment

readiness, protect groundwater resources, and enable the community to convert underutilized and contaminated properties into assets that support health, housing, and environmental restoration.

Community Engagement; 2.e. Project Involvement; 2.f. Project Roles: KTI's Public Works Department will lead the project with meaningful involvement from tribal leadership, Elders, and community members. Additional involvement will include coordination with Kalispel Natural Resources Department, Camas Center for Community Wellness, Kalispel tribal Economic Authority, Kalispel Planning Department, and qualified environmental professionals. Partners will contribute to site identification, prioritization, assessment oversight, and reuse planning.

The Kalispel Public Works Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) will serve as a key advisory body throughout the planning, design, and implementation phases of the project. Composed of representatives from tribal departments, community members, and key staff, the Advisory Committee meets every other month to review project activities and provide recommendations to the Tribal Council and project management team. The Advisory Committee will contribute local knowledge and operational insight into brownfield challenges and provide culturally appropriate and environmentally responsible design solutions. Members of the Advisory Committee offer insight into cultural preservation, subsistence, health and wellness, economic development, and environmental restoration.

The Advisory Committee will support brownfield engagement efforts and meet every other month to discuss site selection, assessment, cleanup/reuse plans. In addition to the Advisory Committee, KTI will engage the partners listed below with their specific roles/commitments to the project.

Partner Name (Type)	Contact Name, Title	Mission & Specific Role and/or Pledged Assistance
	Email Address	
KTI Public Works Advisory Committee (Community)	[Redacted]	Mission: With representatives from all backgrounds, ages, and perspectives, this committee serves as the advisory body for all KTI initiatives and projects. Role: Site prioritization and stakeholder engagement.
Kalispel Natural Resources Dept. (Tribal Department)	[Redacted]	Mission: To safeguard natural and cultural resources for the health and well-being of Kalispel people. KNRD advances the Tribe's sovereign interests in fish, wildlife, water, and other natural resources. Role: Support planning, assessment, cleanup, and restoration efforts.

Camas Center for Community Wellness (Health Clinic)	[REDACTED]	Mission: Committed to the health and well-being of the people of Pend Oreille County. Role: Assist with Community Health Impact Assessment
Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority (Tribal Department)	[REDACTED]	Mission: Responsible for the economic development and business operations of the Kalispel Tribe. Role: Support economic and resilience efforts.

2.g. Incorporating Community Input: The Advisory Committee will facilitate transparent communication between the project team and the community, helping to interpret technical concepts for public understanding and gather meaningful feedback. The Advisory Committee will play an active role in design workshops, public meetings, and engagement events, and will make sure that community perspectives, particularly those of Elders, staff, and affected households, are integrated into project decisions. KTI will track and report community participation.

KTI will implement a community engagement strategy including public meetings, Tribal Council briefings, community surveys, newsletters, and digital communications, with alternatives to in-person participation as needed. KTI will work closely with its partners to connect with stakeholders and solicit input into site selection, assessment, and reuse planning. Responses will be documented and incorporated into project decisions. KTI will prepare a Community Involvement Plan that will include:

- **Public Works Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee):** KTI will facilitate Advisory Committee meetings every other month to solicit input on site selection, cleanup, and reusing planning. Members have committed to assisting with outreach and engagement.
- **Emails, Newsletters, and Articles:** KTI will send quarterly newsletters with information on the grant, and email updates will be sent periodically to the community and stakeholders. KTI regularly publishes articles and will use this method to feature the grant. KTI will use this established method of communication to share project updates and invite participation and feedback.
- **Social Media:** KTI has established social media channels that will be used to communicate with residents and stakeholders and keep them informed and included in the decision-making process.
- **Community Outreach:** Events such as outreach campaigns and meetings are effective ways of reaching children/youth, Elders, and busy parents.
- **Virtual Meeting Options:** KTI offers alternatives to in-person meetings. Virtual meetings and online forums will be used to encourage participation and engagement.

These engagement methods will allow stakeholders to provide meaningful input into all phases of work. Sustained outreach will ensure the project maintains community involvement throughout the entire funding period.

3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES & MEASURING PROGRESS:

Description of Tasks (a. Implementation Activities; b. Schedule; c. Leads; and d. Outputs): KTI is requesting \$2,000,000 of Community-Wide Assessment (CWA) funding to assess and plan the cleanup/reuse of priority brownfields in **three (3) target areas** on the **Kalispel Reservation**. The scope of work is organized into **four (4) tasks**, with responses to Sections 3.a., 3.b, 3.c., 3.d., provided under each task.

Task 1: Grant Management, Reporting & Other Activities
<p>a. Implementation Activities: KTI will manage all aspects of the project, including coordination with EPA, project partners and the Qualified Environmental Professional (“QEP” or “Consultant”). Reporting will include: 1) Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs); 2) Property Profiles/ACRES Updates; 3) Federal Financial Reports (FFRs); and 4) A Final Performance Report documenting outputs, outcomes & accomplishments. KTI will meet with the EPA Project Officer to keep the project moving forward. Two KTI staff will attend up to 4 brownfield conferences over the five-year grant implementation period.</p>
<p>b. Schedule: Grant Management and Reporting will be ongoing throughout the five-year implementation period. State/regional and national brownfield conferences will occur in 2026-2030.</p>
<p>c. Leads: KTI will lead this task. The Consultant will assist with management and reporting activities.</p>
<p>d. Outputs: 20 QPRs; five (5) FFR Reports; ACRES Entries/Updates; one (1) Final Performance Report. Two (2) KTI staff will attend up to two (2) state/regional events and two (2) national brownfield conferences.</p>

Task 2: Community Engagement, Brownfield Inventory & Site Selection

- a. Implementation Activities: Community Engagement: KTI solicited input from tribal entities to determine target areas, priority sites, and reuse plans, and will continue to do so throughout the project. KTI has commitments from its partners to participate in activities and contribution to the project. Detailed engagement plans are described in Section 2.g. and include: 1) Preparing a Community Involvement Plan (CIP); 2) Preparing fact sheets and using social media to request feedback and communicate progress; 3) Hosting up to 30 (6 per year) Advisory Committee meetings; and 4) Other stakeholder activities.
Inventory/Site Selection: KTI will engage with the Advisory Committee and other stakeholders to gather information on priority sites and potential reuse plans/strategies. The QEP will conduct file reviews and site reconnaissance activities to evaluate existing conditions. The Advisory Committee will inform the prioritization process and ensure the project focuses on activities that provide the greatest outcomes. Site selection will include preparing site eligibility determination (ED) requests. All sites will be synced with GIS to coordinate planning activities and improve the site prioritization process.
Identifying Additional Sites: Beyond the target areas, additional sites will be identified as part of engagement activities. KTI expects the file review and site reconnaissance will identify additional sites, both inside and outside of the target areas. Site selection criteria will be established by the Advisory Committee and may include: proximity to community; ability to address health/welfare issues; and feasibility of reuse plans.
- b. Schedule: Community Engagement: The CIP, fact sheets will be developed during the first year. An Advisory Committee meeting will occur within 1Q and will meet every other month for the duration of the project. KTI will conduct outreach on an ongoing basis, including providing regular updates using established stakeholder networks and communication channels.
Brownfield Inventory/Site Selection: Activities will begin in 1Q and continue for the entire project. Identification of additional sites will occur as part of planned site reconnaissance and stakeholder engagement activities during the first year. This process will continue until funds are fully committed.
- c. Leads: KTI will lead, with support from the Advisory Committee, consultant, and stakeholders.
- d. Outputs: CIP; fact sheets; articles; social media content; ~30 Advisory Committee Meetings (including presentations, minutes, etc.); Brownfield Inventory Report and corresponding data files (GIS; tables; figures); and preparation/submittal of 15+ site ED request forms.

Task 3: Phase I/II ESAs, Regulated Building Materials (RBM) Surveys & Cleanup Plans

- a. Implementation Activities: Includes completion of up to 15 Phase I ESAs and up to 14 Phase II ESAs at priority sites. Some sites contain old structures; budget is included for up to eight (8) RBM Surveys. Budget is included for up to 10 Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)/Cleanup Action Plans (CAPs). This task also includes preparing: 1) Access Agreements; 2) an EPA-approved Master Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) prior to Phase II ESAs and/or RBM Surveys; 3) EPA-approved Sampling and Analysis Plans (SAPs) and site-specific Health & Safety Plans (HASPs) prior to Phase II ESAs and/or RBM Surveys; and 4) Cultural Resources Assessments for select sites; and 5) National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) §106 and Endangered Species Act §7(a)(2) consultations, when required.
- b. Schedule: Year 1: QAPP, 4 Phase I ESAs, 3 Phase II ESAs, 2 RBM Surveys. | Year 2: 4 Phase I ESAs, 4 Phase II ESAs, 2 RBM Surveys, 3 ABCAs/CAPs. | Year 3: 4 Phase I ESAs, 4 Phase II ESAs, 2 RBM Surveys, 3 ABCAs/CAPs. | Year 4: 3 Phase I ESAs, 3 Phase II ESAs, 2 RBM Surveys, 4 ABCAs/CAPs.
- c. Lead: The QEP will lead this task under the direction of KTI, who will also assist with access/reviews.
- d. Outputs: 1 Master QAPP; 15 Phase I ESAs; 14 Phase II ESAs; 8 RBM Surveys; 10 ABCAs/CAPs; Culture Resources Assessments for select sites.

Task 4: Site Reuse Plans & Area-Wide Planning (AWP)

- a. Implementation Activities: Includes preparing one Brownfield AWP Study for the Kalispel Reservation, which could include an existing conditions assessment, market/feasibility study, evaluation of infrastructure needs/capital improvement plan, preparing conceptual plans/renderings, and preparing an overall reuse strategy. The consultant will also complete up to 10 Site Reuse Plans for priority brownfields. Development of a comprehensive Community Health Impact Assessment is also planned.
- b. Schedule: Year 1: AWP starts, Community Health Impact Assessment starts, 2 Site Reuse Plans. |

Year 2: AWP ongoing, Community Health Impact Assessment completed, 2 Site Reuse Plans. | Year 3: AWP completed, 3 Site Reuse Plans. | Year 4: 3 Site Reuse Plans.
 c. Lead: The Consultant will lead the technical elements of this task under the direction of KTI.
 d. **Outputs:** One Brownfield AWP Study for the Kalispel Reservation, one Community Health Impact Assessment, and 10 Site Reuse Plans.

3.e. Cost Estimates: A summary of the budget for grant funded activities by task and budget category is provided in the table. No equipment is requested. **67.8% (= \$1,356,200) of the total budget is directly allocated to site-specific activities** to be completed by consultant/contractor [Phase I/II ESAs and cleanup planning (Task 3)].

Line #	Budget Categories	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Totals
		Grant Management, Reporting	Engagement, Inventory & Site Selection	Phase I/II ESAs, & Cleanup Plans	Community Health Assessment, Reuse Plans & Area-Wide Planning (AWP)	
1	Personnel	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$115,000
2	Fringe Benefits	\$16,000	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$46,000
3	Travel	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000
4	Supplies	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$000	\$1,000
5	Contractual	\$43,200	\$57,600	\$1,356,200	\$319,904	\$1,776,904
6	Other	\$600	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$1,350
7	Total Direct Costs	\$116,300	\$100,850	\$1,391,200	\$347,904	\$1,956,254
8	Indirect Costs	\$15,216	\$11,412	\$9,510	\$7,608	\$43,746
9	Total Budget	\$131,516	\$112,262	\$1,400,710	\$355,512	\$2,000,000

Below is a breakdown of the estimated costs for project activities by task and budget category.

Task 1 – Grant Management, Reporting & Other Activities: Total Budget = \$131,516
Includes <u>KTI Personnel + Fringe Costs</u> of \$56,000 (560 hrs x \$100/hr ¹ ; \$40,000 personnel/\$16,000 fringe) to complete grant management, reporting and other activities. <u>Travel Costs</u> of \$16,000 are budgeted for expenses for up to two KTI staff to attend four conferences. Costs are estimated at \$2,000/person/event (\$750 airfare, \$800 hotel, and \$450 incidentals). <u>Contractual Costs</u> of \$43,200 are budgeted (240 hrs x \$180/hr ²) for the consultant to assist with reporting and other activities. <u>Supplies Costs</u> of \$500 (meeting materials) and <u>Other Costs</u> of \$600 (e.g. - printing/advertising) are also budgeted. <u>Indirect Costs</u> of \$15,216³ are budgeted.
Task 2 – Community Engagement, Brownfield Inventory & Site Selection: Total Budget = \$112,262
Includes <u>KTI Personnel + Fringe Costs</u> of \$42,000 (420 hrs x \$100/hr ¹ ; \$30,000 personnel/\$12,000 fringe) to coordinate community outreach/engagement, inventory, and site selection. <u>Contractual Costs</u> of \$57,600 (320 hrs x \$180/hr ²) to assist with engagement and inventory coordination. <u>Supplies Costs</u> of \$500 (meeting materials) and <u>Other Costs</u> of \$750 (e.g. -printing/advertising) are also budgeted. <u>Indirect Costs</u> of \$11,412³ are budgeted.
Task 3 – Phase I/II ESAs, RBM Surveys & Cleanup Plans: Total Budget = \$1,400,710
Includes <u>KTI Personnel + Fringe Costs</u> of \$35,000 (350 hrs x \$100/hr ¹ ; \$25,000 personnel/\$10,000 fringe) for facilitate assessment/cleanup planning activities and to review and submit deliverables. <u>Contractual Costs</u> of \$1,356,200 include costs for the QEP to complete eligibility determination requests for sites prioritized by KTI (\$7,200 = 40 hours x \$180/hr); Cultural Resources Assessments for select sites (\$54,000 = 300 hrs x \$180/hr); one Master QAPP (\$5,000); 15 Phase I ESAs (\$6,000 each = \$90,000); 14 Phase II ESAs (\$72,000 each = \$1,008,000); eight (8) RBM Surveys (\$9,000 each = \$72,000); and 10 ABCAs/CAPs (\$12,000 each = \$120,000). Costs for Health & Safety Plans (HASPs), Sampling & Analysis Plans (SAPs) and/or other consultations are included in unit costs for other outputs. <u>Indirect Costs</u> of \$9,510³ are budgeted.

Task 4 – Com. Health Assess., Site Reuse Plans & Area-Wide Plans (AWPs): Total Budget = \$355,512
Includes KTI Personnel + Fringe Costs of \$28,000 (280 hrs x \$100/hr¹; \$20,000 personnel/\$8,000 fringe) to participate in planning activities and review and submit deliverables. Contractual Costs of \$319,904 are included. Consultant to complete Community Health Assessment (\$50,000), one Brownfields AWP Study (\$119,904; includes an existing conditions evaluation, market study, infrastructure strategy, and conceptual plans). Consultant will also complete up to ten Site-Specific Reuse Plans (\$15,000 each = \$150,000) at priority brownfields. Indirect Costs of \$7,608³ are budgeted.

¹KTI Personnel (average \$60/hr) + Fringe Benefits (average \$40/hour) = \$100/hour. ²Average QEP cost = \$180/hour. ³KTI has a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement rate of 38.04% applied only to program personnel; this equates to total indirect costs of \$43,746 = 2.19% of the total amount requested.

3.f. Plan to Measure and Evaluate Environmental Progress and Results: The status and completion dates for outputs, overall results, and outcomes will be tracked and reported to EPA via Quarterly Reports and ACRES updates. Between reports, the following **outputs** will be tracked on a spreadsheet: 1) # of Advisory Committee and/or Stakeholder Meetings; (2) # of brownfields identified/prioritized/approved, (3) # of Phase I ESAs, (4) # Phase II ESAs and/or RBM Surveys, (5) # of ABCAs and/or CAPs; (6) # of Site Reuse Plans; and (7) status of AWP activities. KTI will continue to update ACRES beyond the life of the grant to capture longer-term outcomes. The priority sites will be linked to spatial data, to allow for analysis of outcomes using GIS. The following **outcomes** will be tracked: (1) # of sites and acres assessed; (2) # of sites and acres restored/reused; (3) \$ of private investment and leveraged funding; (4) # of jobs created and/or retained; and (5) other benefits. By using the detailed tracking mechanisms KTI will be able to confirm the project is progressing as planned and monitor key performance indicators.

4. PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY & PAST PERFORMANCE:

4.a. Organizational Capacity: 4.b. Organizational Structure: KTI has the organizational capacity to successfully administer this Community-Wide Assessment Grant and meet all programmatic, administrative, and financial requirements. KTI routinely manages federal and non-federal grants supporting environmental protection, housing, public works, and economic development. The Tribe maintains established financial management systems, procurement policies, and internal controls consistent with 2 CFR Part 200. The Kalispel Public Works Department will lead Brownfield CWAGST activities. Oversight will be provided by the Department Director, who will serve as the Project Director (PD). The PD will set priorities, assign tasks, and oversee the Project Manager (PM) and Grant Manager (GM), who will manage day-to-day program activities, reporting, and engagement. Administrative support, including any financial tracking and financial control will be provided by the Tribe's Finance Department. The Administrative Assistant for Public Works assists with collecting community feedback, scheduling, interdepartmental and communications efforts and coordination. The organizational structure will incorporate contracted technical support where internal capacity is not yet established. Consultants will support inventorying, prioritizing sites, assessing sites, and cleanup planning, and reuse of priority brownfields. All project roles, reporting, deliverable responsibilities, and communication lines will be documented and reinforced through existing internal policies and compliance with the administrative and programmatic terms and conditions.

Clear lines of authority and separation of duties support timely expenditure of funds, compliance with grant conditions, and successful completion of all technical and reporting requirements. KTI has proven itself to be an effective and efficient steward of funds and will use the same organizational structure for the EPA Brownfield Grant that has been employed in past and current grants and initiatives and will clearly define roles and responsibilities from the start. The project partners and assigned staff will leverage their extensive knowledge of resource management, public administration, and contract management to effectively achieve the goals and objectives of this grant. KTI will be supported by the Advisory Committee; members will assist with community outreach and engagement, site selection, and reuse planning.

4.c. Description of Key Staff: KTI has the necessary internal resources to successfully manage the Community-Wide Assessment Grant for Tribes. Key staff includes:

Project Director, Julia Whitford: will oversee all grant-funded activities including contract compliance, project direction, communication, and approving grant reports. As the Director of Public Works, she has 20+ years of experience overseeing public works, transportation, and tribal community projects.

Project Manager, Shem Norton: will support the CWAGST grant and will coordinate stakeholders, including the Public Works Advisory Committee. As the Public Works Manager, Mr. Norton oversees program operations related to transportation, utilities, solid waste management, and public works.

Grants Manager, Rebecca Chadwell: will manage the Brownfield grant, overseeing reporting. She has over a decade of experience in all stages of the funding cycle including post-award management and specializes in funding strategies and collaborative partnerships.

4.d. Acquiring Additional Resources: KTI has in-house resources to leverage funding for maximum impact, including considerations of planning, development, community engagement and administrative support. KTI routinely contracts with consultants and has established procurement procedures. KTI will comply with EPA's solicitation clauses in the performance of this grant. The qualifications-based procurement process used by KTI to select a contractor conforms with 2 CFR 200 and tribal policies and procedures.

Past Performance and Accomplishments:

4.f. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but Has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Financial Assistance Agreements: (1) Purpose & Accomplishments: KTI has three recent grant awards that demonstrate capability for managing federal assistance agreements:

1. Department of Interior (DOI); Grant: Domestic Water Supply Projects; Award amount: \$2,357,536; Period of performance: 9/2025 – 1/2028; Grant No.: R25AP00638-00; Purpose: Develop new water sources for domestic drinking water; Performance: in progress, all reports completed to date.

2. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Grant: Indian Housing Block Grants; Award amount: \$1,034,542; Period of performance: 2024-2029; Purpose: affordable housing activities to benefit low-income households; Performance: outputs and outcomes are in-progress and achieved.

3. Dept. of Justice (DOJ); Grant: Tribal Justice Assistance; Award amount: \$610,000; Period of performance: 2025-2028; Purpose: system-wide strategic planning to improve tribal justice and safety; Performance: outputs and outcomes are in-progress and achieved.

(2) Compliance with Grant Requirements: KTI has an established record of managing past and current federal grants and providing oversight of federally funded projects, including years of managing EPA funded financial assistance agreements. KTI has the technical, legal, and financial capacity to carry out the work for activities in those grant agreements and has demonstrated competence with project management. KTI has a solid understanding of federal contracting and procurement requirements, and KTI's procedures comply with applicable laws and regulations. KTI has also established collaborative working relationships with state and federal programs and other funding partners that has resulted in successful completion and management of numerous financial agreements.

Under these agreements, KTI has demonstrated the ability to manage cooperative agreements, oversee contractors, engage the community, meet technical milestones, and submit timely and accurate performance and financial reports. The Tribe has consistently complied with workplans, schedules, and terms and conditions, and has effectively addressed challenges through documented corrective actions when necessary. KTI will use this same successful coordinated approach to successfully complete and manage this EPA Community-Wide Assessment Grant. KTI always submits required project and financial reports in a timely manner to the granting agency. Any perceived project delays or issues are immediately coordinated with the granting agency. If required, KTI prepares written budget/schedule revisions or amendment requests to the assistance agreements as instructed by the granting agency.

(1) APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

- (a) Applicant Type: Federally recognized Indian Tribe.
(b) Eligibility: As a federally recognized Indian Tribe, the Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation (KTI) are an eligible applicant for an US EPA Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes.

(2) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

KTI understands the importance of effective community engagement and how it will contribute to successful implementation of this project. KTI will work closely with its partners, including KTI's Public Works Advisory Committee, to connect with stakeholders and solicit input into site selection, assessment, and reuse planning. Responses will be documented and incorporated into project decisions. KTI will prepare a Community Involvement Plan that will include:

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(3) EXPENDITURE OF EXISTING GRANT FUNDS:

KTI does not have an open EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment for States and Tribes Grant.

(4) TARGET AREAS AND PRIORITY SITES

The Target Areas (TAs) represent three distinct areas where brownfield revitalization efforts will be focused. The TAs and priority sites are described in Part 5 of the Application Information Sheet and below. Per EPA requirements, the TAs do not overlap and include at least one priority site. If this application is selected for funding, KTI will assess a minimum of 10 priority sites which will be assessed throughout the following three target areas which are in Pend Oreille County, Washington:

- Target Areas:
 - Highway 20 Triangle Road
 - Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick Area
 - Old Dairy
- Census Tract Numbers within Target Areas:
 - Highway 20 Triangle Road – Located in Census Tract 53051970200
 - Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick Area – Located in Census Tract 53051970200
 - Old Dairy – Located in Census Tract 530519702
- Addresses of Priority Sites:
 - The priority sites are in rural areas without conventional addresses; GPS coordinates are provided.
 - Highway 20 Triangle Road Priority Site:
 - Crossroads: 40° 18' 25" N 117° 17' 05" W
 - Tribal Lands within the Town of Cusick Area Priority Sites:
 - Cusick Lagoons: 48°20'32"N 117°17'56"W
 - Old Auto Shop: 48°20'36"N 117°18'14"W
 - Old Dairy Priority Sites:
 - Dairy Barn: 48 ° 20' 25" N 117° 15' 48" W
 - Old Buildings 'Mykens': 48° 20' 01" N 117° 15' 04"W
 - Contaminated Agricultural Land: 48°20'06"N 117°14'55"W

(5) CONTRACTORS AND NAMED SUBRECIPIENTS:

(a) Contractors: Not applicable. A contractor has not been selected that will be compensated from EPA funds made available under this RFA.

(b) Subrecipients: Not applicable. No subrecipients are named in this proposal.