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**RESOLUTION #18-03-02**

**“NW JUVENILE JUSTICE ALLIANCE”  
NIJ-2018-13840 Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter “NPAIHB” or the “Board”) was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is a “tribal organization” as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USCS § 450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applications for grants to support research involving federally-recognized tribes (or tribally based organizations) on issues of crime and justice in the United States. This program furthers the Department’s mission by sponsoring research to provide objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to meet the challenges of crime and justice, particularly at the tribal level; and

**WHEREAS**, according to DOJ records, AI/AN youth in the Pacific Northwest experience disproportionate rates of juvenile justice involvement. Native youth in Oregon, for example, had increased property crime rates in 2016 compared to other racial groups that have had declining rates over the past 4 years. Native youth also have had increases in detention admissions, while most other groups have seen declines; and

**WHEREAS**, to address these regional trends, the NPAIHB will guide an 18-month multi-stakeholder planning process to collaboratively design a study that aligns with DOJ research priorities, to: 1) identify, test and expand best practices that improve Juvenile Justice systems for Tribes in the Pacific Northwest, 2) ensure that non-Native justice systems are improving life outcomes for AI/AN youth who interact with their services, and 3) build tribal capacity to access and utilize data that support quality improvement at the community-level; and

**WHEREAS**, our research partnership will include the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (lead), the NW Tribes, NPC Research, and State Justice Departments in the Pacific Northwest, who will actively weigh in on and contribute to research decisions, improving the scientific rigor of our resultant study design; and

**WHEREAS**, our research partners are deeply committed to using community-based participatory research (CBPR) methods, and to developing research initiatives that inform public health practice and juvenile justice systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has the requisite authorization from the NW Tribes to implement the proposed project on tribal lands; and apply for the grant application on behalf of NW Tribes, in response to a call for applications by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, titled: "NIJ-2018-13840 Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants."

CERTIFICATION

NO. 18-03-02

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

April 10, 2018

Date

Guy J. Abraham

Secretary