

## **ATTACHMENT 1.1**

### **Lake Tahoe Community College**

**Program:** Wilderness Education-Washoe Partnership Program

**Recommended Funding:** \$110,000

**Location:** Various locations across the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin (Basin)

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### **Overview**

#### **Background**

Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC), established in 1975, is a public community college that serves approximately 10,000 students annually. The LTCC mission is to serve local, regional, and global communities by promoting comprehensive learning, success, and life-changing opportunities through quality instruction, student support, and a personalized approach. To accomplish its mission, LTCC partners with many local organizations to recruit students and serve the local community.

LTCC first developed the Wilderness Education program in 2006 and expanded and redesigned the program in 2018. The program supports responsible stewardship of resources and provides students with the opportunity to gain leadership and management, judgment, and decision-making skills. Students find careers as wilderness leaders, professional guides, ski patrollers, forest rangers, educators, and natural resource managers.

This project will allow LTCC to expand its Wilderness Education program to partner specifically with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (Washoe Tribe) through the creation of the Wilderness Education-Washoe Partnership Program for Washoe youth, aged 15-25. LTCC will partner with the Washoe Tribe Education Advisor to co-create a program specifically designed to honor the Tribal connection to the Basin, introduce Tribal youth and young adults to environmental career pathways, and support ongoing Tribal partnership with LTCC.

### **Detailed Description**

#### **Major Elements**

The recommended grant award supports staff planning and implementation costs, including LTCC staff time, subcontracted labor from Tribal staff, supplies, and transportation costs for six wilderness education courses over three years, serving up to 72 Tribal youth and young

adults, aged 15-25. This grant will provide scholarships to all participants and cover the complete cost of the Wilderness Education courses.

LTCC will partner with the Washoe Tribe Education Advisor to recruit Tribal youth to participate in three-day Wilderness Education trips. LTCC will co-develop curriculum for each trip with the Washoe Tribe. Curriculum will include programming in camping, backpacking, kayaking, wilderness first aid, and California Naturalist Certificate training. Each three-day course will also include an LTCC campus visit to explore career pathways in wilderness, forestry, and environmental science. This program honors the Washoe connection to the Basin and supports ongoing Tribal engagement with LTCC.

### **Overall Context and Benefits**

This project provides a unique opportunity for LTCC to co-create an educational program with the Washoe Tribe, designing a meaningful program that connects Washoe youth and young adults to the Basin. The project also introduces Washoe youth to educational programs offered at LTCC and career opportunities in wilderness, forestry, and environmental science.

### **Schedule**

The grant supports the programs described above beginning in summer 2026 and running through calendar year 2028.

### **Financing**

This grant is funded by Lake Tahoe License Plate funds. The majority of the recommended grant supports LTCC staff time and subcontracted work from the Washoe Tribe to plan and implement the curriculum. LTCC will provide in-kind support of faculty time from faculty leads, the Dean of Workforce, and its on-campus staff, who will assist with the set-up and implementation of the project.

LTCC's funding request reflects only program activities that occur in the Basin. Conservancy funding will not be used for program elements that occur outside of the Basin.

Staff recommends the grant budget as shown below. The budget may be adjusted among line items, but total expenditures under this grant will not exceed \$110,000.

<b>Task</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Labor (LTCC staff time and benefits)	\$65,413
Equipment and supplies	\$4,291
Travel/Transportation	\$2,412
Subcontracted (Washoe Tribe) Work	\$30,000
Other Costs (Use fees)	\$7,884
Indirect Costs	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>