

TRIBAL LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES



Cultivating Health Environments
TCGM: REGION 4

The role of a tribal liaison is to connect RTI's Region 4 TCGM team and tribal nations, tribal entities, and their communities. The tribal liaison will have the knowledge and cultural experience needed to successfully broaden reach with tribal communities.

Tribal governments (both federally and state recognized), intertribal consortia (i.e., a partnership between two or more tribes that work together to achieve a common objective), and Native American organizations will be eligible to apply for grants in the TCGM program. Tribal liaisons will work with these entities to promote awareness and understanding of tribal needs, establish and maintain communications, promote greater awareness and mutual understanding of the TCGM program opportunities, and relay concerns from communities to the TCGM program team.

Primary Role and Responsibilities

- Develop and maintain relationships with tribal nations, tribal communities, and Indigenous organizations to facilitate outreach.
- Connect the project team to a variety of tribal nations and tribal entities through direct outreach and communication strategies through sessions or dialogue with tribal nations and tribal entities.
- Identify priorities for communication and outreach strategies through sessions or dialogue with tribal nations and tribal entities.
- Conduct direct outreach to tribal nations (both in person and virtually).
- Maintain an awareness of issues of importance that are relevant to share with TCGM through communication with tribal nations and tribal entities.
- Assist TCGM team by providing input on direct outreach to tribal nations and tribal entities.
- Provide weekly updates to TCGM point of contact (for program, outreach, and communication).

Required Qualifications

- 2+ years' experience working with tribal governments
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to understand and appropriately respond to the tribal communities' issues and needs.
- Strong written, verbal, and presentation skills.
- Attention to detail, follow-through, and ability to plan and execute projects.
- Ability to manage a project effectively, including planning and outreach to partners.
- Experience working with a wide range of tribal nations, tribal entities, and their communities.
- 3+ years' experience working with tribal sovereignty protocols.
- Successful experience in or knowledge of consensus-building and advanced group facilitation techniques.
- Experience in presenting to groups of various scopes and levels, including tribal communities and leaders.
- At least one year of experience supporting tribal needs related to environmental burdens through volunteering, community organizing, or other professional experience.

Thank you for inquiring about the Tribal liaison position. We have received a lot of interest and are no longer considering candidates. There may be other ways that you might be able to participate in the Thriving Communities Grantmaking program. Go to thrivingenvironments.org to learn more.

This is a compensated role of up to \$100 on an hourly basis, including travel time and overhead costs. All duties and actions of the applicant must be carried out in a manner that maintains harmonious working relations with various tribal entities and their communities. Note that this role may require travel to different areas across a region.

For any questions about the role or application, contact TCGM@rti.org with subject line "Tribal Liaison" and a brief description about why you are interested in the role, any relevant previous experience, and contact information to follow up for a brief call.

RTI International is an independent nonprofit institute dedicated to improving the human condition. RTI International serves as one of 11 Grantmakers for the EPA's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ-TCGM) Program, which provides grant funding for community projects and capacity-building efforts that address local environmental and public health issues. These grants are intended to help communities that have been disadvantaged and underserved transform into healthy, thriving communities.