

Tribal (Sovereign Nation) Jurisdiction / Letter of Support

Why do we ask this question? Con Alma Health Foundation respects New Mexico's sovereign nations (inclusive of pueblos, tribes, or reservations) and honors the right of sovereign nations and their communities to be aware of, participate in, and/or give permission in advance of efforts and activities that will be taking place within their jurisdictions, or that may use facilities or services within their communities.

Sovereignty (*definition*) – The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) notes that “sovereignty” refers to a legal word for an ordinary concept—the authority to self-govern. Tribal sovereignty, the right for tribes to make their own laws and be governed by them, predates the establishment of the Federal government and the U.S. Constitution.

If you will not be working within the jurisdiction of, or using facilities or services provided by New Mexico's sovereign nations, you may select “no”, even if your activities will involve or benefit people from these communities.

If your activities will take place within New Mexico's sovereign nations jurisdiction (inclusive of pueblos, tribes, nations or reservations), or use facilities or services within sovereign nations, click “yes”. You will be expected to provide a “Tribal (Sovereign Nation) Letter of Support” that indicates that the respective sovereign community/ies are aware of, in support of, participating in, and/or providing permission for efforts/activities.

Who to ask for a Tribal (Sovereign Nation) Letter of Support? Endorsement can be obtained from either an official Tribal/Nation authority (e.g. Council, Governor/President, Chapter House, Project/Program, or other official department relevant to the efforts/activities you are proposing) **or** from a community-based group located within that sovereign community (e.g. Native-led 501c3 nonprofit, group, or collaborative).

When is the Tribal (Sovereign Nation) Letter of Support due? At the time you submit your application. You will be asked to include it in the “Attachments” tab.

Upload a Tribal (Sovereign Nation) Letter of Support that confirms the respective sovereign community (inclusive of New Mexico's pueblos, tribes, or reservations) where your efforts and activities will take place are aware of, in support of, provides permission, and/or are active partners. This will be required in the Attachments tab of your application.

(If you need additional time to obtain and submit the Tribal (Sovereign Nation) Letter of Support, upload a document stating **why** you need the additional time. Extensions may be granted. Letters not provided at the time of submission or by an allowed extension date may keep your request from being further reviewed for funding.)