

# Tribal Nations Engagement Handbook – Lessons Learned from ESG-CV

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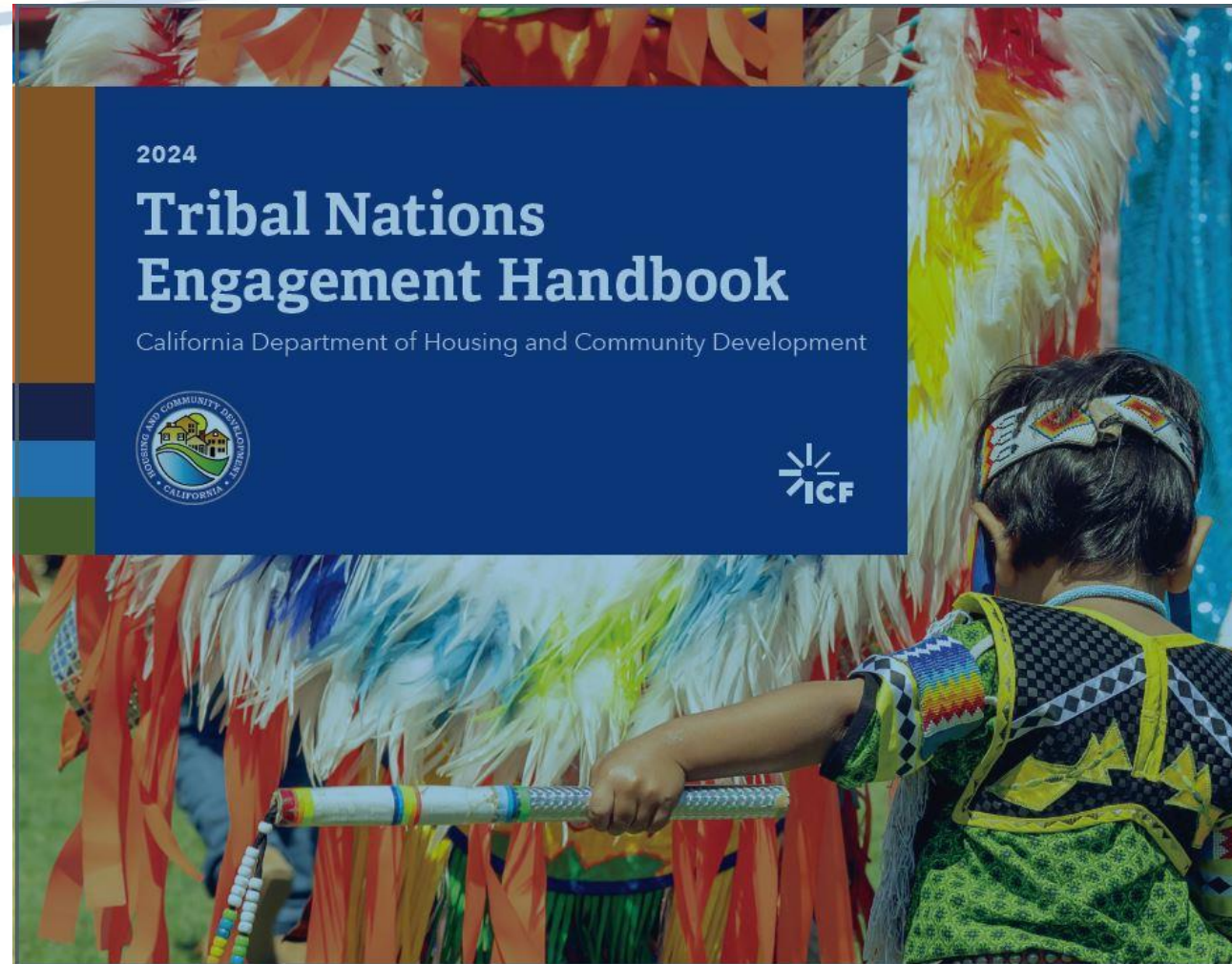
# Background

- CA – 109 Federally Recognized Tribes and 65 Tribes Not Yet Recognized
- CARES Act Opportunity to Work Directly w Tribes
- 7 Applicants for ESG-CV funding – awarded \$5.2M
  - 1 Tribal Nonprofit; 2 Tribes; and 4 Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE)



# Lessons Learned

- Practice Humility and Understand Tribal History
- Respect Tribal Sovereignty
- Dedicated and Robust Technical Assistance is Important
- Prepare for Staffing Turnover
- Understand Tribal Family Structure
- Recognize Distrust of Data Collection
- Tribal Decision-Making and Timelines



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