

OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

# Tribal Housing Grant Fund: Background and Development



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# Tribal Housing Grant Fund (THGF) Background

- In 2022, OHCS began allocating homeless services funding to the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon
  - First time in agency history all nine tribes signed grant agreements with OHCS
- Created the By and For Initiative-Native American Tribes of Oregon (BAFI-NATO) program
- Funded in the 21-23 and 23-25 biennium
- Several tribes have blended BAFI-NATO and Project Turnkey 2.0 funding
- In 2023, tribes worked with OHCS to develop a new, more flexible funding program for tribes

# Tribal Projects Using BAFI-NATO



- Melitas Café blended BAFI-NATO funding and Project Turnkey 2.0 funding to create 26 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units for tribal elders
- Warm Springs finished its 10-unit PSH project

# Tribal Engagement

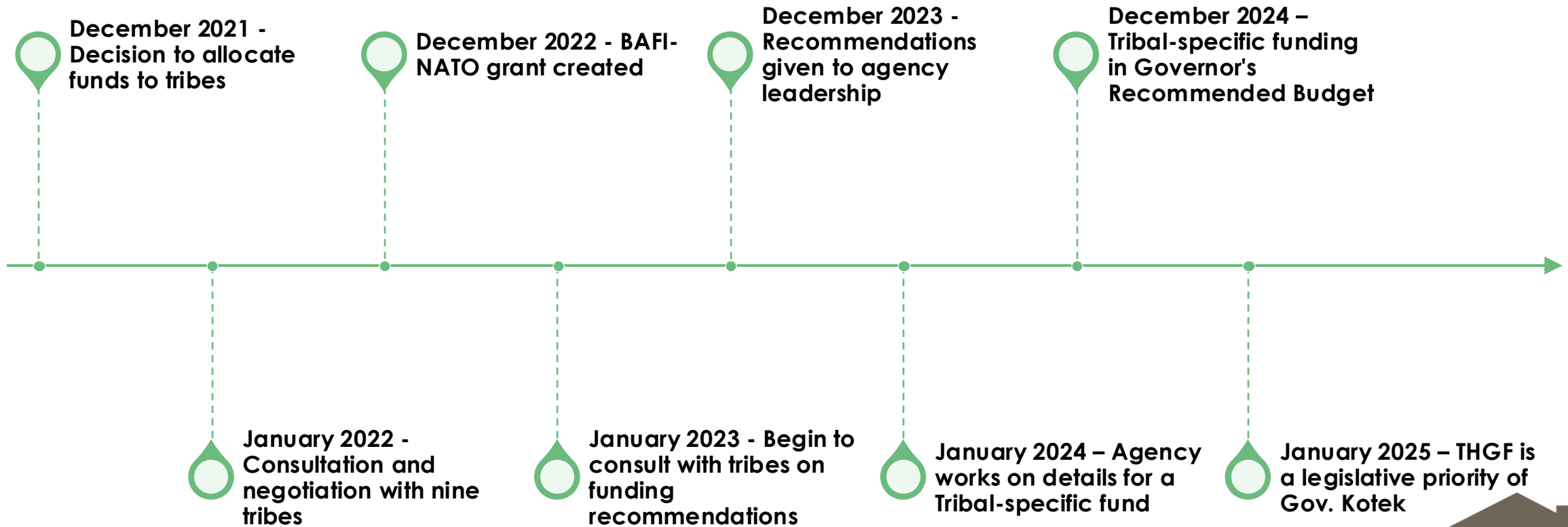
## Types of Engagement

- One-on-ones
- Months-long process before establishing written agreements
- Tribal housing work group
- BAFI-NATO office hours
- Legislative Commission on Indian Services and its cluster meetings
  - Health and human services meetings
  - Economic development meetings
- Year-long tribal housing funding work group

# Tribal Housing Grant Fund (HB 2139)

- HB 2139 is the result of the Tribal housing funding workgroup. It will:
  - Create an ongoing, dedicated funding source for Tribes to address their specific housing needs.
  - Expand eligible uses of funds to include affordable rental housing, homeownership, and more.

# Development Timeline



# Thank You!

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