

**RCW 70A.65.180 Assistance program for offsets on tribal lands.**

(1) In order to ensure that a sufficient number of high quality offset projects are available under the limits set in RCW 70A.65.170, the department must establish an assistance program for offset projects on federally recognized tribal lands in Washington. The assistance may include, but is not limited to, funding or consultation for federally recognized tribal governments to assess a project's technical feasibility, investment requirements, development and operational costs, expected returns, administrative and legal hurdles, and project risks and pitfalls. The department may provide funding or assistance upon request by a federally recognized tribe.

(2) It is the intent of the legislature that not less than \$5,000,000 be provided in the biennial omnibus operating appropriations act for the purposes of this section. [2021 c 316 s 20.]