

Analyzing the Impacts of the Pandemic and the Path Forward

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About Big Water Consulting







Empowering our clients to create a dynamic, data-driven story that engages the mind, speaks to the heart and demands a response.

Founded in 2011 in Seattle, Washington to promote, design and facilitate tribal data collection and analysis, research, program evaluation and strategic planning

Managing Director Kevin Klingbeil served as a lawyer for tribes and tribal housing programs, and as Regional Manager of Quality Assurance for the 2010 Census (covering New Mexico and Arizona).

Big Water has worked with TDHEs, tribes, non-profits, states, and other clients in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, and more.

Data Collection, Analysis and Mapping

Comprehensive tribal and housing needs assessment projects that include different combinations of the following activities:

- Analysis of existing tribal, federal and other data
- Household surveys
- Surveys of off-reservation members
- Housing unit mapping and condition evaluation
- Market and feasibility studies
- Focus groups
- Interviews with knowledgeable sources
- Extensive community outreach and engagement activities



Recent Project Examples

- White Mountain Apache Housing Needs Assessment
- Washington State Native Housing Needs Study
- We Count Washington: 2020
 Census Outreach and Education
- Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority Use-Related Methamphetamine Contamination Research
- South Dakota Native
 Homeownership Coalition Appraisal
 Market Study



COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- Analyze impacts of the pandemic within tribal communities
 - Social, economic/financial, health and education impacts
 - Develop targeted, granular reporting of impacts at community and household levels
- Conduct vulnerability and resilience assessments
 - Develop new plans, revise old ones and chart a proactive path forward
 - Proactively identify vulnerable populations and required equipment, transportation, supplies
 - Examine technology and resource gaps for education; evaluate and adjust office and business closure strategies based on experience





Additional Tribal Consulting and Capacity-Building Work

- Topics including, but not limited to:
 - IHBG Formula mechanics training
 - Tribal enrollment population projections
 - Evaluation of 2020 Census activities in Indian Country and resulting data
 - Integration of data collection efforts with community-centered housing and community design/planning processes (partnering with Native architects and other experienced design professionals)



Thank You!



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