

# **2022 Nisqually Tribe Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**

## **Strategic Plan Outline for Public Review and Comment**

**July 7, 2022**

**This is an outline of the strategies the Tribe is proposing to adopt to guide community and economic development for the next 2-5 years.**

Tribal members are invited to review the document on the Tribal website and provide comments by **August 12, 2022.**

Comments may be delivered to Chelsie Sharp at the Tribal Planning Office, Tribal Administration Building, 4820 She-Nah-Num Drive SE Olympia WA 98513.

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**Economic Vision:** The Nisqually economy is diversified, strong and resilient. The Tribe operates a number of successful enterprises that generate income and employment opportunities for the Tribal membership. The Tribe is always considering new opportunities for investment and diversification. The Tribal government prioritizes investment in infrastructure for the long-term health of the community. The government offers a robust program of workforce training and small business development for tribal members of all ages. Tribal members are able to support their families in a sustainable way that leaves plenty of time to engage in traditional cultural activities. The Tribal community is, as it always has been, flexible and resilient in adapting to changing economic and environmental conditions.

### **A. Infrastructure**

Goal: The Nisqually Indian Tribe has all of the basics (water, wastewater, roads, power, and high-speed communications) that community households, businesses, and government need to flourish.

### **B. Community Facilities and Programs**

Goal: The Tribe is able to meet the needs of the growing Nisqually community with quality facilities for education, cultural practices, and healing.

### **C. Revenue Diversification**

Goal: Continue to create tribal enterprises for long-term economic diversification, revenue, and jobs for the Tribal community

### **D. Artisan Tourism Economy**

Goal: Develop a Nisqually artisan tourism sector of the economy that provides employment and revenue to Nisqually people, tells the public the Nisqually story, and continually supports tribal members in developing their artistic abilities.

### **E. Small Business Development, Access to Capital, and Community Asset Building**

Goal: Just as the Tribal government is building an asset base and saving for the future, Tribal families and small businesses should be able to do the same.

### **F. Resiliency/ Planning for the Future/ Tribal Land Sovereignty**

Goal: The Tribe is always restoring the land and waters of the ancestral homelands for long term sustainability and survival.

### **G. Workforce Development**

Goals: Every tribal and community member has a range of employment and career choices without leaving the reservation. Tribal workforce programs offer hands-on vocational education and training in high demand careers.