Indian Energy Funding Opportunities

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Deployment Program

Financial Assistance
We facilitate tribal energy project development through financial assistance (competitively awarded grants).

Technical Assistance
We provide federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, regional and village corporations, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy and infrastructure projects at no charge.

Education and Capacity Building
Thorough regional workshops, webinars, and college student internships, we support tribal efforts to build internal capacity to develop energy projects and navigate energy markets.
Invested over $114 million in more than 200 tribal energy projects valued at nearly $200 million (2010-2021)
The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced nearly $9 million in funding to 13 American Indian and Alaska Native communities for 14 projects that will harness their vast undeveloped solar, hydro and geothermal energy resources, reduce or stabilize energy costs, and increase energy security and resilience on Tribal lands.

To learn more about this funding announcement, read DOE’s full press release.
Unique Tribal Forum for Sharing and Learning

- Forum for Tribes to meet and learn from each other and to share their successes and challenges
- Networking & learning opportunity
- Hear about 40 to 50 Tribal energy from across the country
- ~200 participants

For more, see https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/projects/program-review
Energy Infrastructure Funding

1) Install clean energy generating system(s) and/or energy efficiency measure(s) for Tribal Building(s) (Area of Interest 1); or,

2) Deploy community-scale clean energy generating system(s) or energy storage on Tribal Lands (Area of Interest 2); or,

3) Install integrated energy system(s) for autonomous operation (independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid) to power a single or multiple essential Tribal Buildings during emergency situations or for tribal community resilience (Area of Interest 3).

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Today, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy) issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to release a $15 million Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) this summer to support powering unelectrified tribal buildings.

Through this planned FOA, the Office of Indian Energy intends to solicit applications from federally recognized Indian tribes including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations, to deploy energy infrastructure or integrated energy system(s) to provide electricity to Tribal buildings.

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BIL Tribal Playbook

Yesterday, the White House issued the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Tribal Playbook: A roadmap for delivering opportunity and investments in Indian Country.

This playbook has two specific goals, and is organized in two parts:

1. Identify programs and sources of funds specifically set aside for Tribal communities under the law.
2. Provide a guide to Tribal eligibility for other programs under the law.

In response to chronically underfunded infrastructure in Tribal communities, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) will deploy record investments to provide affordable high-speed internet, safer roads and bridges, modern wastewater and sanitation systems, clean drinking water, reliable and affordable electricity, and good paying jobs in every Tribal community. The law provides more than $13 billion in funding to directly support Tribal communities and makes Tribes eligible to apply for or request billions in discretionary, formula, and other funding. In total, this funding represents the single largest investment in Tribal infrastructure ever. To help Tribal applicants navigate the full range of funds both available to Tribal Nations and set aside for their communities, this playbook provides an overview of the “what, when, where, and how” to apply for funds.