



Fact Sheet

# Transmission Siting and Economic Development (TSED) Program General Overview

On August 29, 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Grid Deployment Office (GDO) released a [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) (FOA) for up to \$300 million through the Transmission Siting and Economic Development Program (TSED) to strengthen and accelerate state siting and permitting processes for electric transmission lines and to ensure robust community benefits. Established under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the TSED program offers two types of funding opportunities. First, it provides funds to support Tribal, state, and local siting authorities in carrying out activities to examine siting and permitting applications for certain new or upgraded transmission lines and to reduce the time it takes to process them. Second, it provides funds for economic development activities in communities affected by the construction and operation of such transmission lines, including economically disadvantaged and environmental justice communities.

## Who can apply for funds through the TSED program?

- **For siting and permitting activities:** siting authorities, defined as Tribal, state, or local governmental entities with the authority to make a final determination regarding the siting, permitting, or regulatory status of a “covered transmission project.”
- **For economic development activities:** siting authorities or any Tribal, state, or local government entity proposing to undertake a project in a community impacted by the construction or operation of a “covered transmission project”.

## What is a “covered transmission project”?

A covered transmission project is a high voltage interstate or offshore electricity transmission line that is proposed to operate either (1) on land at a minimum of 275 kV of either AC or DC electric energy; or, offshore at a minimum of 200 kV of either AC or DC electric energy.

## What else should potential applicants know?

Funds for siting and permitting activities must be used within two years and siting authorities must commit to accelerated permitting timelines. DOE can award economic development funds now but cannot make those funds available until the transmission project is permitted or begins construction. A cost-share of 5% or greater may be required for projects. Please read the [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) (DE-FOA-0003101) for more important information and to apply.

## TSED Funding Dates (Round 1 – up to \$300 million)

FOA Issue Date	<b>August 29, 2023</b>
Concept Paper Deadline	<b>November 17, 2023</b>
Full Application Deadline	<b>April 2024</b>
Expected Date for Selection Notifications	<b>Summer 2024</b>

Updated October 2023. For more information, visit: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/transmission-siting-and-economic-development-grants-program>.