



Fact Sheet

Transmission Siting and Economic Development (TSED) Program: What Siting Agencies Need to Know

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 (TSED) program. The TSED program invites non-federal siting authorities to apply for funds to support activities that will strengthen and accelerate siting and permitting activities for covered transmission projects. Under the TSED program, DOE can provide financial support to state, Tribal, and local entities that are responsible for issuing the permits needed to move forward with critical electric transmission. DOE also invites any non-federal government entity (including siting authorities) to apply for funds to support economic development in communities impacted by covered transmission projects.

What is a “covered transmission project”?

A covered transmission project is a high voltage interstate or offshore electric transmission line that is proposed to operate either:

- ▶ 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 types of siting and permitting activities will DOE's TSED Program fund?

The Inflation Reduction Act lists a number of siting activities that DOE grants may support and also allows flexibility for other proposed activities. The following activities are specified by law:

- ▶ Studies and analyses of the impacts of the covered transmission project.
- ▶ Examination of up to 3 alternate siting corridors.
- ▶ Participation by the siting authority in regulatory proceedings or negotiations in another jurisdiction, or under the auspices of a Transmission Organization (as defined in section 796 of title 16) that is also considering the siting or permitting of the covered transmission project.
- ▶ Participation by the siting authority in regulatory proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or a State regulatory commission for determining applicable rates and cost allocation for the covered transmission project.
- ▶ Other measures and actions that may improve the chances of, and shorten the time required for, approval by the siting authority of the application relating to the siting or permitting of the covered transmission project, as the Secretary determines appropriate.

What else should siting agencies know?

DOE will offer multiple rounds of funding. To apply in the first round, concept papers are due November 17, 2023, with full applications due April 5, 2024. Siting agencies must use grants for siting and permitting activities within 2 years of receiving the award and commit to accelerated permitting timelines. For most activities, applicants must provide a non-federal cost-share of 5%, while activities 3 and 4 above are subject to a 50% cost-share.

For more information, visit: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/transmission-siting-and-economic-development-grants-program>. Please read the [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) (DE-FOA-0003101) for more important information and to apply.