



FACT SHEFT

GRID RESILIENCE STATE AND TRIBAL FORMULA GRANTS:

ILLINOIS

As states, tribes, and territories face threats from severe weather, the **Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants** will distribute **\$2.3 billion** over five years to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters that are exacerbated by the climate crisis. The first round of funding applies to fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

In support of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, in September 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy awarded \$16,063,450 to Illinois via the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants program, which is supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

State awards are based on a formula that includes factors such as population size, land area, probability and severity of disruptive events, and a locality's historical expenditures on mitigation efforts. Under the administration of the **Illinois Finance Authority**, Illinois will hold a competitive selection process to identify projects for which the roughly \$16 million in federal funding will be deployed.



GOALS INCLUDE

- Focusing on reliability and resiliency improvements in Equity Investment Eligible Communities and disadvantaged communities that also align with potential climate change impacts.
- Ensuring grid investments support environmental objectives such as reducing emissions and leveraging nature-based solutions.
- > Ensuring cost-saving measures prioritize low- and moderate-income residents to lower their energy burden.
- Supporting equity through building awareness in frontline communities, increasing access and opportunities for residents and businesses in Equity Investment Eligible Communities and disadvantaged communities, and supporting communities and small utilities in planning and investing in resiliency.
- > Ensuring safe operations and supporting the preparation of the workforce for emerging technology opportunities.

HELPFUL LINKS

- > Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant Program
- > About the Grid Deployment Office