

# GRID RESILIENCE STATE AND TRIBAL FORMULA GRANTS

## Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity for Indian Tribes to Invest in Electric Grid Resilience

THE DEADLINE FOR FY 2024 IS APRIL 17, 2024 AT 11:59 PM ET






The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) initiated a five-year grid resilience formula grant program aimed to:

- Improve energy resilience against power outages caused by extreme weather, wildfires or natural disasters
- Invest in modernized grid infrastructure
- Create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union

Under Sec. 40101(d) of the BIL, Indian tribes, Territories, and States are allocated non-competitive funding called Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants. Entities must request these funds annually through an application. All federally recognized Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages, Alaska Native Village Corporations, and Alaska Native Regional Corporations are eligible to apply. Indian tribes may apply as a tribal consortium.

### How are funds allocated?

A five-part formula is used for this grant, which accounts for the following:

-  Land area
-  Probability of disruptive events
-  Severity of disruptive events
-  Expenditure on mitigation efforts
-  Population

#### FUNDING AVAILABILITY

**\$2.3 billion** in total program funding

**Year 3** of five years of funding  
- Missed the first two years of funding?  
Your tribe can still apply for the remaining years!

Allocations to Tribes range from **\$84,000 to \$5.1 million** for FY 24 allocations



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### A Process-Oriented Application

#### Before Application Submission (New Applicants only)\*

- Send out a public notice
- Hold a public hearing
- Develop a Program Narrative
- Complete other required documentation

\* Guidance for Existing Awardees who are requesting the FY 24 Allocation can be found [here](#).

#### Post-Award

- Develop and/or solicit resilience project proposals
- Determine sub-grants

Applicants may use the same application materials to receive future funding allocations if the public hearing and Program Narrative cover multiple years.

#### Program Narrative

- A plan for the distribution of funds
- Criteria and methods for evaluating grants or projects
- Evidence of notice and a public hearing on the plan

A Program Narrative example and other templates are available on the [website](#) under "Application Resources."

#### ELIGIBLE RESILIENCE INVESTMENTS

##### Funding can be directed toward a wide range of resilience measures, including:

- Hardening of power lines, facilities, or other systems
- Vegetation and utility pole management
- Weatherization activities
- Relocation or undergrounding of power lines
- Monitoring and control technologies
- Deployment of technologies to enable the use of distributed energy resources

##### Formula grant funding cannot be used for:

- Construction of a new electric generating facility
- Construction of a large-scale battery storage facility that is not used for enhancing system adaptive capacity during distributive events
- Cybersecurity measures

To find alternate funding opportunities that may support these technologies, visit: <https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/current-funding-opportunities>

### Sub-Granting to Eligible Entities

Tribes **must** have one of the following eligible entities complete their resilience projects.

- Electric grid operators
- Electricity storage operators
- Distribution providers
- Fuel suppliers
- Electricity generators
- Transmission owners or operators

Other entities may be separately approved as eligible entities.

#### Cost Match Requirements

- Grant recipients must provide a 15% cost match.
- Eligible entities must provide a 100% cost match of the amount of the sub-grant, unless they sell 4,000,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity per year or less, in which case the cost match is reduced to 1/3.

Cash or in-kind contributions, including staff time, can be used for cost matching as long as the contribution does not come from a prohibited source.

#### Technical Assistance and Program Administration

Up to 5% of the available funds may be used for providing technical assistance, facilitating distribution of information to reduce likelihood and consequences of disruptive events, and administrative expenses associated with the program.

The 15% cost match requirement for grant recipients may be used for technical assistance and administrative expenses.

Resilience projects do not need to be specified within the application. Formula grant applicants will be able to accumulate multiple annual allocations until they have enough resources to complete a larger project if specified in the Program Narrative. The period of performance for the initial award is five years. **Applicants may use the same application materials to receive future funding allocations if the public hearing and Program Narrative cover multiple years.**

NOTE: DOE has funding to provide technical assistance to those receiving grant funding under the formula grant program and would like to hear from you about how we can best serve your needs. Technical assistance and other assistance can be found on the grant website and requested here: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/request-grid-resilience-assistance>.

**Applications are due April 17, 2024 for FY24 grants.**

Visit <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/gridresilience> to apply and for application resources.



Questions/Comments? Contact the Grid Deployment Office at [GDOTribalAssistance@hq.doe.gov](mailto:GDOTribalAssistance@hq.doe.gov).

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