



**SCEP**  
STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS

# TRIBAL NATIONS

*SCEP Partnering with Tribal Nations to Enhance Clean Energy Resources*



The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) works with Tribal communities to develop and provide clean energy solutions that lower energy costs, avoid pollution, create economic opportunity and jobs, and advance clean energy technologies. SCEP supports Tribal energy sovereignty and is committed to assisting Tribes reach their clean energy goals.

Historic investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act increase access for Tribal Nations and Native communities to develop clean energy programs that prioritize energy efficiency, save money, increase health and safety, and create clean energy job opportunities.

## SCEP offers technical assistance resources in the following areas:

- How to develop strategic energy plans and programs
- How to collect, analyze, monitor, and maximize energy and cost savings
- How to find funding or financing
- How to empower your workforce

To access numerous resources developed by the U.S. Department of Energy, National Laboratories, public sector partners, and stakeholders, visit [State and Local Solution Center Resource Guide \(energy.gov\)](#)



*Pueblo of Picuris solar project site in New Mexico, which is partially funded by DOE grant*

## Which Programs Can Tribal Nations Apply to?

### **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)**

Provides flexible formula funding directly to Tribes to implement projects relating to energy efficiency, reducing fossil fuel emissions, and cutting overall energy use and costs. Example projects include energy planning, energy efficiency upgrades (e.g., LED lights, appliances), EV chargers & EVs, and workforce development. DOE also has an alternative, streamlined application option through vouchers for equipment rebates and technical assistance. Teaming with other Tribes is allowable. Deadline extended to May 31, 2025.

### **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**

WAP has core funding that provide formula grants to Native American Tribes to increase the energy efficiency, health, and safety of low-income households and reduce their energy costs. Competitive programs under WAP Enhancement and Innovation grants expand the types of residential buildings eligible for energy efficiency retrofits, prepare more homes for electrification and increase opportunities for local clean energy jobs.

### **Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program for Indian Tribes**

Provides formula grants to Tribal governments and Alaska Native entities for energy efficiency and electrification home upgrades.

### **Communities Sparking Investments in Transformative Energy (C-SITE) through the Local Government Energy Program**

Provides direct funding and comprehensive technical assistance to federally recognized Indian Tribes, disadvantaged and energy communities, and small- to medium-sized jurisdictions to implement municipally- or Tribal-led clean energy projects.

### **Communities Local Energy Action Program (C-LEAP)**

Competitive technical assistance program for low-income, energy-burdened communities that are also either disadvantaged or experiencing direct economic impacts from the shift from reliance on fossil fuels.

### **Energy Futures Grants**

Provides financial assistance and technical assistance to local, state, and Tribal government-led partnership efforts that advance clean energy program innovation in the power, transportation, and buildings sectors.

*\*Formula Funding – noncompetitive grants based on a predetermined formula*

*\*Competitive Funding – grants awarded through a competitive application process*

## Partnering Opportunities for Tribes

Tribal Nations and Native communities may have the opportunity to benefit from partnerships with prime recipients or other entities that receive direct funding.

- State Energy Program
- Renew America's Schools
- Renew America's Nonprofits
- Workforce Development Programs
- Energy Savings Performance Contracting
- Building Energy Codes and Performance Standards



*\*This list does not include all available programs through SCEP or the U.S. Department of Energy. Entities are encouraged to contact programs of interest to find out eligibility and partnership opportunities.*

For more information about clean energy and climate investments across the federal government, visit [Inflation-Reduction-Act-Tribal-Guidebook.pdf \(whitehouse.gov\)](#) and the [Department of Energy's Tribal Nations and Native Communities Resource Guide](#).



## The Office of Community Engagement (OCE)

OCE serves as the central hub for DOE's engagement efforts, providing a consolidated platform for communities to access comprehensive technical assistance and guidance on clean energy development. OCE supports Tribal communities with the necessary knowledge and resources to effectively navigate the clean energy landscape, and leverages the expertise of DOE offices across the department.

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SCEP's mission is to work with states, Tribal Nations and Native communities, local governments, nonprofit organizations, K-12 public schools, and community serving institutions to provide technical assistance and funding to advance place-based clean energy projects that aim to catalyze local economic development and create jobs, reduce energy costs, and avoid pollution.

