



Tribal Clean Energy Funding Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy), DOE Offices, and other government entities provide funding and financing on a formula and competitive basis to support the development and deployment of clean energy infrastructure and technology on Tribal lands. From 2010 through 2024, DOE's Office of Indian Energy has invested over \$190 million in more than 240 Tribal energy projects implemented across the contiguous 48 states and in Alaska. These projects, valued collectively at over \$300 million, are leveraged by more than \$125 million in recipient cost-share.

Current Funding Opportunities for Indian Tribes and Tribal Entities

For questions regarding a specific funding opportunity in this table, please contact the listed agency.

Title	Description	Agency	Amount	Deadline
Tribal Clean Energy Planning and Development	DOE is soliciting applications for \$25 million in new funding to support the planning, assessment, and development of clean energy projects and anticipates making approximately 20-40 awards that range from \$100,000 to \$2,500,000.	DOE–Office of Indian Energy	\$25 million	Jan. 23, 2025
2024 Clean School Bus Rebates	The EPA will award rebates to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emissions models. Funds can be used to cover bus and infrastructure costs and training.	EPA	\$965 million	Jan. 9, 2025
Transmission Acceleration Grants	This program will support state and Tribal efforts to accelerate and improve transmission siting and permitting and strengthen transmission planning for critical transmission lines (100 kV or greater) in any area of the country.	DOE - Grid Deployment Office	\$10 million	Jan. 21, 2025
NEW Climate United NEXT – Native Communities	This pre-development grant program will help underserved and low-income communities deploy the next generation of clean energy projects with grants up to \$300,000 to support community-led projects that increase energy independence, reduce pollution, and save money.	Climate United (nonprofit)	\$30 million	Deadline extended: Jan. 24, 2025
Community Microgrid Assistance Partnership	Participants can plan a resilient microgrid system, make improvements on an existing system, build workforce capacity, or add renewable energy.	DOE	Technical assistance and funding	Deadline extended: Jan. 31, 2025
Good Jobs in Clean Energy Prize	This prize is designed to encourage coalition-building in communities across the country that focus on creating quality jobs and fostering an equitable and inclusive workforce in clean energy sectors.	DOE	\$3.4 million	Phase 1 deadline Jan. 31, 2025
Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas – FY25	This funding will spur innovative, community-focused, clean energy solutions for rural and remote communities with awards from \$2–\$50 million to help communities lead in developing tailored clean energy projects best suited for their unique needs.	DOE	\$400 million	Concept papers Feb. 27, 2025; Applications Aug. 28, 2025

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NEW High Energy Cost Grant	This program assists energy providers, including Tribes and Tribal entities, in: lowering energy costs in communities with high energy costs; installing on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems; making energy efficiency improvements.	USDA–Rural Development	\$10 Million	Feb. 28, 2025
Rural Business Development Grant	These grants support targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities that promote the development and expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas.	USDA–Rural Development	\$10K–500K per grant	Feb. 28, 2025
LASSO Prize	This competition aims to bring solar developers, farmers, ranchers, and other stakeholders together to form teams; build pilot sites; identify best practices; and more.	DOE	\$8 million	Phase 1 applications due March 6, 2025
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling	This program will fund high-impact projects to increase recycling, reduce contamination, and promote a circular economy for materials through investments in solid waste management infrastructure.	EPA	\$20 million	March 14, 2025
NEW Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program	This Notice of Funding Opportunity offers technical assistance grants to rural and Tribal communities for the planning and design phase development of transportation projects. There is no local funding match required.	DOT	\$27 Million	April 2, 2025
Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates	This program will provide up to \$14,000 per eligible Tribal household for energy efficiency and electrification. While funding is non-competitive, Tribes must apply to DOE for a grant before receiving funds. View the Fact Sheet.	DOE	\$225 million	May 31, 2025
EECBG Grant Program for Indian Tribes	This noncompetitive program provides funding to Tribes to meet energy efficiency goals including upgrading buildings, installing renewable energy equipment, or developing climate and clean energy plans.	DOE	\$8.8 million	May 31, 2025
Tribal Energy Financing	This program supports Tribal investment in energy-related projects by providing direct loans or partial loan guarantees. DOE can support a broad range of projects and activities for the development of energy resources, products, and services that utilize commercial technology.	DOE Loan Programs Office (LPO)	\$20 billion for loans or guarantees; \$80 million for costs	July 31, 2028
NEW Clean Bus Planning Awards	This program reduces barriers to zero-emission bus deployment by providing school and transit bus fleets with free technical assistance to develop comprehensive and customized fleet electrification transition plans.	Joint Office	Technical assistance	Ongoing
Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program	This program, under §48(e) of the Internal Revenue Code promotes cost-saving clean energy investments in low-income communities, and on Indian land. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis.	IRS, DOE	N/A	Ongoing
Environmental Review Tribal Assistance Program (TAP)	This funding opportunity is designed to help Tribes build capacity when engaging in the environmental review and permitting process for infrastructure projects covered by the FAST-41 program	Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council	\$5 million	Ongoing

For a list of all current funding opportunities for Tribes, please visit energy.gov/indianenergy/current-funding-opportunities.

For questions, contact IndianEnergy@hq.doe.gov.

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