



Unleashing Tribal Energy Development

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs seeks applications to advance affordable, reliable, and secure energy development of Tribal energy resources for the benefit of Tribes and their members. A \$50 million Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is now open and will fund energy projects that are intended to lower or stabilize Tribal energy costs, expand energy access, and advance development of energy projects for Tribal economic development.

Eligible Applicants:

- Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native regional corporations and Village corporations)
- Tribal and intertribal organizations
- Tribal Energy Development Organizations
- Tribal Colleges and Universities.

Funding opportunity:

DE-FOA-0003548



Deadline to Apply:

July 24, 2026, 5 p.m. ET



Informational webinar:

April 9, 2026



Learn more and register for the webinar:

http://bit.ly/IE_NOFO

For questions, contact:

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What's New in This Funding Announcement?

This NOFO delivers expanded opportunities for Tribes, such as:



Projects in any phase can apply, from community-scale to large-scale projects.



There is 0 or 10% cost share available with no reduction request required.



Both grants and cooperative agreements may be awarded.



Open to an expansive set of technologies and approaches.



Topic Area 1: Tribal community energy deployment projects

Applicants should propose constructing energy assets that serve the electric loads and support the energy needs of a Tribal community or communities.

- Up to \$7,500,000
- Minimum cost share required: 10% of total project costs
- Approximate award project period: 24–48 months.



Topic Area 2: Tribal community energy project planning, assessment, and feasibility

Projects are eligible to complete predevelopment activities necessary for the deployment of a potential future project under Topic Area 1.

- Up to \$1,500,000
- Minimum cost share required: 0% of total project costs
- Approximate award project period: 12–48 months.



Topic Area 3: Large-scale planning, assessment, and feasibility for Tribal energy projects

Projects should be designed for commercial development of Tribal energy resources, with the primary benefit to the Applicant being the generation of revenue and economic development.

- Up to \$2,500,000
- Minimum cost share required: 0% of total project costs
- Approximate award project period: 12–48 months.

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