



Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program

Financing All-of-the-Above Tribal Energy Development Projects in the U.S.

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Financing American Energy Infrastructure

The Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office (LPO)

was established for borrowers seeking access to debt financing for energy infrastructure projects.

With over \$40 billion in available debt capital, LPO programs finance high-impact projects and first-time commercializations, partnering with

borrowers to customize deal structures.

Access to Debt Capital

that private lenders cannot or will not provide.



Flexible Financing

customized for the specific needs of individual borrowers.



A Committed Partner

offering expertise to borrowers for the lifetime of the project.



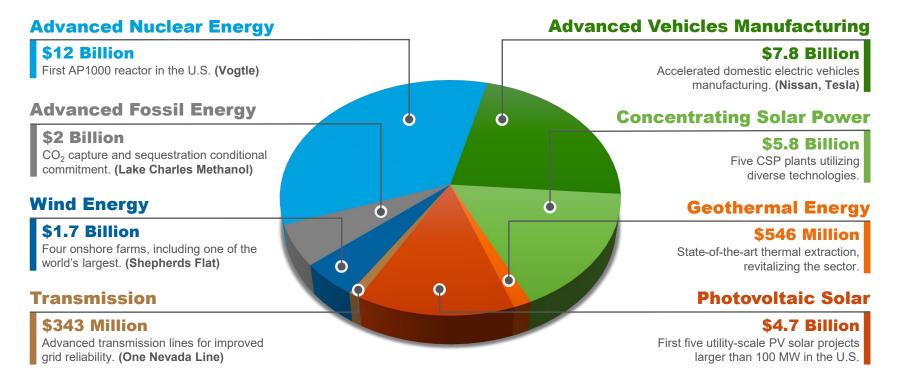
Over \$35 Billion in Energy Deals Financed

More than 30 projects of broadly distributed technologies across the United States.



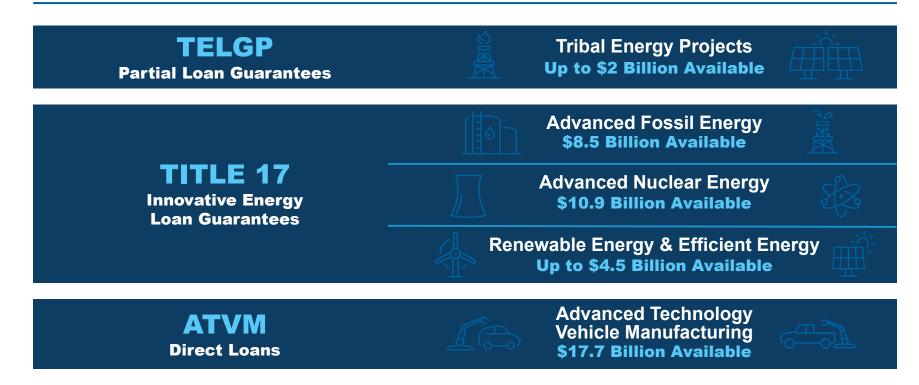
A Diverse Portfolio of Innovative Technologies

LPO financed-projects have catalyzed new energy technologies and supported thousands of jobs.



\$40 Billion in Available Debt Capital

LPO offers project financing across energy sectors through three distinct loan programs.





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Tribal Energy Projects



Up to \$2 Billion in Partial Loan Guarantees Available

LPO supports all-of-the-above energy development projects and activities through its Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program (TELGP).

Financing

Eligibility

LPO provides access to debt capital for tribal ownership of energy projects and activities that support economic development and tribal sovereignty.

LPO can consider tribal energy projects that:

- 1. Are owned by a tribe or entity that is majority tribally owned and controlled.
- 2. Are located in the U.S. (project may be single site or distributed portfolio and on non-tribal land).
- 3. Are financially viable—TELGP is not a grant program and the borrower will be required to invest equity in the project.
- 4. No innovation requirement, though projects employing commercial technology are preferred.

Technologies

Technology areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Fossil Energy
- Renewable Energy
- Transmission Infrastructure
 & Energy Storage
- Transportation of Fuels



TELGP Tribal Borrower Eligibility

The following are additional eligibility requirements for TELGP Tribal Borrowers to consider.

- ✓ For the purposes of TELGP, an "Eligible Tribe" is an Indian tribe or Alaska Native corporation that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.
- Tribal Energy Development Organizations are eligible if majority owned and controlled by an eligible tribe.
- Project ownership must be by the tribe itself or tribally owned joint venture, not individual members of the tribe.
- ✓ **Tribe will be required to provide equity** for a proposed project to be eligible.
- ✓ An eligible project is expected to have a credit rating from a nationally recognized rating agency of at least a credit rating equivalent of 'BB' from Standard & Poor's or Fitch or 'Ba2' from Moody's.



The Role of the Tribal Borrower

The Tribal Borrower takes an active role in the TELGP Loan Transaction Process.

- Borrower coordinates activities with Lender and its council/government to ensure decisions are made quickly and effectively.
- Borrower is responsive to Lender and LPO's requests for information.
- Borrower identifies and develops an energy development activity that benefits the tribe.
- Borrower approaches various lenders with proposal for energy development project.
- Borrower identifies and selects a lender and negotiates the loan terms for the energy development project.
- ✓ **Borrower schedules** a pre-application consultation(s) with LPO.





The Role of the Lender Applicant

The Lender plays an integral role in the TELGP Loan Transaction Process.

- ✓ Lender applies for the DOE guarantee of up to 90% of the loan.
- ✓ **DOE partners** with the Lender in the due diligence phase.
- Lender runs traps on the security package, confirming lack of conflicts vis à vis other debt on the project financing or corporate undertaking.
- ✓ Lender's credit committee approves the financing.
- ✓ Lender brings real value to the transaction, especially in the case of a pre-existing credit relationship with the Borrower.



Offering Flexible Financing Solutions

LPO can provide affordable, custom financing to meet the specific needs of individual borrowers.

- ✓ **Loan Type** | Partial guarantee of up to 90% of commercial debt.
- Competitive Pricing | Pricing negotiated by lender and borrower; partial guarantee includes a risk-based fee.
- ✓ **Long Tenor** | Tenor of up to 30 years or 90% of projected useful life of assets financed.
- Flexible Deal Structures | Structures may include project finance, structured corporate, corporate or warehousing lines.
- Debt Amount Determination | Debt amount based on credit profile, business plan, technology, cash flows, project risk allocation and other relevant factors.
- Acquisition Financing | May be eligible if the substantial improvement or modification of existing facilities is involved.
- ✓ **Viability Standard** | Emphasis placed on certainty of cash flow to the project during initial financial viability review and during subsequent due diligence.



TELGP Loan Transaction Process

LPO engages early with applicants and remains a partner throughout the lifetime of the loan.

Pre-Application Consultations

Meet with LPO for no-fee, pre-application consultations to review project 1) technical eligibility and 2) financial viability and bankability.

Formal Application Submission

Borrower engages with commercial lender and Lender applies for loan guarantee on behalf of tribal borrower and project.

TELGP requires a Part I application fee of \$10,000 and if invited to Part II, a \$25,000 fee. Monthly application deadlines are scheduled through January 2022.

Due Diligence & Term Sheet Negotiation

Borrower, Lender, and DOE engage in confirmatory due diligence and negotiate term sheet.

Credit Approval Process

Formal approval process of the term sheet, including interagency consultations.

Loan Closing & Project Monitoring

Negotiate and execute loan documents using the approved term sheet. Loan closing and funding are subject to conditions precedent in the executed loan documents.

After loan closing, LPO monitors the loan.

More Variable Timing Length of these stages varies greatly, depending on project complexity and readiness.

Less Variable Timing Timing for these stages is largely fixed, with targeted timelines.





Let's Talk About Your Project

Contact LPO to see what financing options may be available for your project:



Call or write to schedule a no-fee, pre-application consultation: **202-586-8336** | **Ipo@hq.doe.gov**



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