



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. In addition to the \$75 million committed to Tribal energy projects selected in 2023, the Office of Indian Energy has invested over \$120 million in more than 210 Tribal energy projects across the United States between 2010 and 2022, valued at nearly \$215 million.

Current Office of Indian Energy Funding Opportunities

Title	Description	Funding Amount	Deadline
Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands - 2024 (DE-FOA-0003298)	On February 27, 2024, the Office of Indian Energy issued a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to make \$25 million available to support clean energy technology deployment on Tribal lands. Awards from this FOA are anticipated to range from \$100,000 to \$2.5 million or from \$250,000 to \$5 million, depending on the Area of Interest.	\$25 million	May 30, 2024

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
Rural Energy for America Technical Assistance Grant Programs	This program will provide grant funds to qualified applicants to provide technical assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Funds can be used for renewable energy or energy efficiency projects, identification of electrical engineering services, preparation of Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) applications for financial assistance, and more.	United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business-Cooperative Services (RBCS)	\$16 million nationwide \$500k for Alaska	March 15, 2024
Transmission Siting and Economic Development Program	This initiative is designed to overcome state and local challenges to expanding transmission capacity while also supporting communities along major new and upgraded lines. DOE will support two distinct categories of activities related to the development of new or upgraded interstate and offshore transmission lines: siting and permitting and economic development.	DOE Grid Deployment Office (GDO)	\$300 million	Full application: April 5, 2024
Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI)	This funding opportunity will support building energy code adoption, training, and technical assistance at the state, Tribal, and local level. Applicants for this program must include a relevant state, or Tribal government agency. DOE will prioritize teams that include strategic partnerships, such as with local building code agencies, codes and standards developers, or associations of builders and design and construction professionals	DOE Building Technologies Office (BTO)	\$90 million	Concept paper: April 5, 2024 Full application: June 6, 2024
Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants	This program will help modernize the electric grid to reduce the impacts of climate-driven extreme weather and natural disasters while ensuring the reliability of the power sector.	DOE GDO	\$562 million (formula grants)	April 17, 2024

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to States and Indian Tribes	Formula grants are noncompetitive funding programs that distribute funds according to a formula set by federal statute.			
Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates	This program will provide up to \$14,000 per eligible Tribal household for energy efficiency and electrification home upgrades. On November 17, 2023, DOE published its final formula for the program funding allocations.	DOE State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP)	\$225 million	Letter of intent to apply: May 15, 2024
Local Government Energy Program: Communities Sparking Investment in Transformative Energy (C-SITE)	This funding opportunity supports local governments and Tribes to implement projects that provide direct community benefits, spark additional investments, meet community identified priorities, and build local capacity community benefits that may include creation of local economic opportunities for workers, workforce measures and agreements, community revitalization, lowered energy burdens, increased access to renewable energy, improved air quality, increased public participation in energy decision-making processes, and more.	DOE SCEP	\$18 million	May 30, 2024
Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program	This program supports disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will focus on communities most adversely and disproportionately impacted by climate change, legacy pollution, and historical disinvestments.	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	\$2 billion	November 11, 2024
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes	This program provides funding to Tribes to meet energy efficiency goals including upgrading buildings, installing renewable energy equipment, or developing climate and clean energy plans. Funding through this program is noncompetitive and all Tribes have been allocated money. The only requirement is to apply to receive the funding.	DOE SCEP	\$8.8 million	May 31, 2025
Environmental Review Improvement Fund (ERIF) 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. Funding can be used for several resources including additional staff for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices or natural resource offices, upgrading office equipment, training, and more.	Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council)	\$5 million	No deadline, applications open
Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program	This program provides an increase of 10 percentage points to the Section 48 investment tax credit for qualifying solar and wind energy facilities located in low-income communities or on Indian land, and an increase of 20 percentage points for facilities that are built as part of a Qualified Low-Income Residential Building Project, or as part of a qualified Low-Income Economic Benefit Project.	DOE Office of Energy Justice and Equity (EJE)	N/A	Applications are being accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis while capacity remains through early 2024.
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 associated costs	No deadline, application open

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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