

News From Our Federal Partners

Breaking Ground on the Future of Tribal Energy Financing and Rebates Webinar

April 25, 2024, 11:00am – 1:00pm MT

Join the Office of Indian Energy to hear about the [Viejas Microgrid](#) and Yakama Power, two Tribal energy projects that are breaking ground with novel financing opportunities: the [Tribal Energy Financing Program](#) and the Buy Indian Act.

Also, get the latest updates and application resources for the [Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program](#), which will provide up to \$14,000 per eligible Tribal household for energy efficiency and electrification home upgrades.

[Register today.](#)

Department of Interior Announces \$320 Million for Tribal Domestic Water Supply Projects

The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation issued a funding opportunity to assist federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations as they plan and construct domestic water infrastructure. Eligible projects include new domestic water supply infrastructure, improvements to existing infrastructure and facilities, extension of existing infrastructure and facilities to reach underserved service areas, and other projects that assess and address urgent water-related needs, among others.

Applications are due August 4, 2024

- [Tribal Domestic Water Supplies Program](#)
 - [Tribal Domestic Water Supply Projects Funding Announcement](#)
 - [News Release: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$320 Million for Tribal Domestic Water Infrastructure](#)
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IRS Clean Energy Credits: Online Registration Tool and Office Hours for Elective Pay and Transferability of Clean Energy Credits

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 allows Tribal Governments and Alaskan Native Corporations to benefit from certain clean energy tax credits through elective pay. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, an applicable entity that qualifies for a clean energy tax credit can make an elective payment election. This election will treat certain credits as a payment against their federal income tax liabilities rather than as a nonrefundable credit. The amount of the credit will first offset any tax liability of the entity, and any excess will be refundable.

- Tribal Governments can now register using the new IRS [IRA/CHIPS Pre-filing Registration](#) tool. Registration allows entities to take advantage of elective payment or transfer of credits.
 - Additional information about clean energy tax credits can be found at irs.gov/tribes and irs.gov/cleanenergy.
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The IRS is hosting office hours for direct pay-applicable entities that have questions specifically about the prefilling registration process.

- April 10, 2024, 1–2:30 p.m. ET: [Register here](#)
 - April 17, 2024, 1–2:30 p.m. ET: [Register here](#)
 - April 24, 2024, 1–2:30 p.m. ET: [Register here](#).
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Biden-Harris Administration Launches Clean Energy Connector to Bring Nearly \$15 Million in Annual Energy Savings to Up to 40,000 Low-Income Households

On March 19, the Biden-Harris Administration, through a partnership between DOE and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), launched the pilot of the [Clean Energy Connector](#), a tool that connects families to solar energy through HHS's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The first-of-its-kind software can now be used by local LIHEAP program administrators in Illinois, Washington, D.C., and New Mexico to connect

community solar subscriptions to as many as 40,000 households with low incomes.

Transmission Facilitation Program Public-Private Partnerships to Connect Microgrids in Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories

On Feb. 29, 2024, [DOE announced](#) a Request for Proposals for up to **\$200 million** for transmission projects to connect remote and isolated microgrids to existing infrastructure corridors in Alaska, Hawaii, and the territories of the United States.

This Request for Proposals will be designed to address the unique electric grid configurations and challenges faced by residents in these remote and often isolated communities. Strategically interconnecting existing microgrids to each other and to a larger operating transmission system will enhance grid reliability and resilience and expand access to clean, diverse, and more affordable energy in these areas. **Applications due May31, 2024.**

USDA Presents: How to Ensure Kids and Teens in Your Communities Have Access to Nutritional Meals and Snacks During the Summer

During This Webinar You Will Learn:

- About USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Whats new: Summer EBT
- How to become a sponsor with reimbursement benefits
- Why it's important to connect HUD-assisted residents with summer meals
- How to partner with other service providers to administer SFSP
- USDA resources available to all PHAs, Tribes and multi-family housing providers

When: April 11, 2024 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. EST [Register Here](#)

Department of Energy- Tribal Clean Energy Projects

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a \$25 million funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to support clean energy technology deployment on Tribal lands.

Through this FOA, the DOE Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations, to install clean energy technology on Tribal lands.

Applications are due **May 30, 2024, at 5 p.m. ET**

Read the [FOA press release](#) and download the [FOA for Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands-2024 \(DE-FOA-0003298\)](#).

Department of Energy– Transformative Clean Energy Led by Tribal and Local Governments

DOE announced the opening of the **Communities Sparking Investments in Transformative Energy funding opportunity** of approximately \$18 million in funding for community-identified, transformative clean energy projects and programs that advance local energy priorities and self-determination, spark additional investments, and deliver direct benefits to workers and residents.

DOE anticipates making up to 20 awards under this FOA, each ranging \$900,000 to \$3,600,000, to eligible applicants, **including Tribes** and local governments representing disadvantaged communities, energy communities, and small-to-medium-sized jurisdictions. Recipients will also receive technical assistance, including an on-site DOE-sponsored Clean Energy Fellow.

This is the first funding opportunity from the [Local Government Energy Program](#), a new permanent program designed to provide funding and technical support to communities often overlooked in clean energy opportunities after one-time Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act funds are spent.

Deadline to apply is May 31, 2024.

Department of Energy Tribal Nations and Native Communities Resource Guide

The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to working closely with Tribal Nations and Native communities to apply for and deploy transformative federal funding opportunities to build bright clean energy futures and, in turn, foster more economic prosperity.

With DOE's [resource guide](#), Tribal governments and nongovernmental partners can navigate, access, and utilize funding opportunities.

[2024 National Interagency Community Reinvestment Conference](#)

As the premier conference for community development, NICRC offers insights, emerging ideas, and promising practices shared by community development experts from around the country. The program includes our signature regulator-led sessions on Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). This year, attendees will learn about the current regulatory process as well as what to expect under the revised CRA regulation, which was issued on October 24, 2023.

EPA Opens Competition for Community Change Grant Program

The EPA has recently opened the competition for the **Community Change Grant Program**, that has \$2 billion dollars in funding for disadvantaged communities. The program aims to fund community-based grants for projects that reduce pollution and carbon emissions, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to respond to environmental and climate justice challenges such as extreme heat and flooding. Resilience improvements to housing infrastructure are eligible. The awards will range from \$10-\$20 million. The application for this grant program is rolling through **November 1, 2024**, with the opportunity resubmit your application if it is not initially accepted. Technical assistance is available for this application and can be accessed by [filling out this request form](#) or calling 1 (800) 540-8123.

Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Grant Program

The Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant (NAE) Program. Tribes are eligible to apply. The NAE

Program provides \$3.2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funds for projects that improve walkability, safety, and affordable transportation access and address existing transportation barriers, especially in disadvantaged or underserved communities. The program also provides funding for planning and capacity building activities in disadvantaged or underserved communities, and funding for technical assistance to local governments to facilitate effective planning for surface transportation projects. View the [NAE Program page](#) for more information about eligible projects, facilities, and recipients.