

Tribal Energy Program

Funding Opportunities, Training, Events, News, and Resources for Tribes

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The Tribal Energy Program, under the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, is pleased to forward the following information courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) State and Local Climate and Energy Program, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), and DOE's Green Power Network.

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Funding Opportunities

Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

Applications due: March 18, 2013

Funding opportunity number: 2577-0191

Eligible entities: Eligible applicants are Indian Tribes or tribal organizations on behalf of Indian Tribes. For details, see the full [notice of funding availability](#)  (NOFA).

This posting provides information and instructions for the FY 2013 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program subject to Congress appropriating funding for this program. Because FY 2013 funding has not been appropriated, the availability of any such funding for this program is contingent upon future congressional action. Funds that are carried over from previous fiscal years or are recaptured may also be used for grant awards under this NOFA. HUD's ICDBG Program is authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and the ICDBG Program regulations at 24 CFR Part 1003.

Deadline

The application deadline is **11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time on March 18, 2013**. HUD will issue a technical correction to this NOFA if appropriations are enacted that require HUD to modify the funding criteria or application requirements, or if HUD determines that adjustments to estimated award amounts or timelines are necessary. Any such technical correction will provide detailed instructions for applicants to permit them to resubmit the application to address the revised NOFA requirements.

For Further Information

Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to your Area Office of Native American Programs. A [contact list for each Area ONAP](#) can be accessed online. Questions regarding the FY 2013 General Section should be directed to the Office of Departmental Grants Management and Oversight at [202-708-0667](tel:202-708-0667) (this is not a toll-free number) or the NOFA Information Center at 800-HUD-8929 (toll-free). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at [800-877-8339](tel:800-877-8339). The NOFA Information Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

HUD Transformation Initiative for Sustainable Construction in Indian Country Small Grant Program

Applications due: March 25, 2013

Funding opportunity number: 31895

Eligible applicants: Tribes and tribal organizations, nonprofit organizations, foundations, think tanks, consortia, institutions of higher education accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and other entities that will sponsor a researcher, expert(s), or analyst(s). HUD will not directly fund individual researchers.

HUD invites applicants to submit proposals for funding that encourages the use of sustainable construction practices in Native American housing. Proposals should take into account the multiple geographic, economic, and cultural aspects of Native American residential design and construction. HUD seeks applications in four broad areas: demonstration, technical assistance, curriculum development/training, and information dissemination related to sustainable construction in the Native community. For the complete NOFA, visit the Grants.gov [website](#). For more information on this funding opportunity, contact Michael.D.Blanford@hud.gov.

Applications for START Round 2 Now Being Accepted: Deadline Is March 15

Over the past year, the DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team (START) Program has helped nine tribal communities advance their clean energy technology and infrastructure projects—from solar and wind to biofuels and energy efficiency. Through the current round of START projects, energy experts at the Department's National Laboratories and at other federal agencies have worked side-by-side with tribal leaders to develop strategic community energy plans, conduct market research, and identify financing mechanisms to support cost-effective renewable energy project development.

This second round of START technical assistance awards will build upon the initial successes of the START Program and further help Native American and Alaska Native communities increase local generation capacity, enhance energy efficiency measures, and create local entrepreneurial and job opportunities. In the contiguous United States, Energy Department and National Laboratory experts will provide technical assistance on Tribes' clean energy project development—supporting community-scale renewable energy projects across the country. In Alaska, the Energy Department and the Denali Commission help rural Alaska Native communities conduct energy awareness and training programs and pursue new renewable energy and energy efficiency opportunities. The selected Alaska Native villages may also be eligible for grant funding that supports renewable energy or energy efficiency projects.

For more information and application requirements for the START Program, please visit the Energy Department's Office of Indian Energy [website](#).

EPA's Science to Achieve Results Program Request for Applications

Recently, as part of EPA's Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, EPA announced a request for applications (RFA) proposing research on science for sustainable and healthy Tribes. Award recipients will seek to better understand how tribal population health is impacted specifically by climate change as well as indoor air pollution exposure from traditional tribal life-ways and cultural practices. View the full RFA, titled Science for Sustainability and Healthy Tribes, on the EPA [website](#). If you have specific questions, please contact Kelly Widener at williams.ryann@epa.gov.

Other Opportunities

See the table below for other opportunities for funding or technical assistance.

Agency/Source	Submission Deadline	Additional Information
Economic Development Assistance Programs Grant (Department of Commerce)	Rolling	Cooperative agreement grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (Department of Agriculture)	Rolling	USDA Rural Development's grant program for Emergency Community Water Assistance.
Tribal Energy Program Technical Assistance (Department of Energy)	Rolling	Free technical assistance to assist federally recognized Indian tribes, bands, nations, and other organized groups and communities—including Alaska Native villages or regional and village corporations—with renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Typically limited to 40 hours and may include renewable energy technology information, renewable resource information, energy efficiency

		techniques, project support, system performance modeling, policy information, design review, special studies, strategic energy planning and training. To request assistance, complete the application online .
Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program Department of Commerce)	Rolling	Up to \$100K from EDA to assist eligible recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region.

Upcoming Events

DOE's 2013 Tribal Renewable Energy Webinar Series

The [DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs](#), the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy [Tribal Energy Program](#), and [Western Area Power Administration](#) (WAPA) are pleased to continue their joint sponsorship of the Tribal Renewable Energy Webinar Series in 2013. The series is intended for tribal leaders and staff who are interested in developing commercial-scale energy projects, responding to utilities' requests for proposals, and learning more about the competitive power market. Each of these webinars focuses on a different aspect of the energy project development process. Taken as a whole, the series is designed to help Tribes identify ways to promote tribal energy sufficiency and foster economic development and employment on tribal lands through renewable energy and energy efficiency technology development.

For more information on the webinar series, see the attached flier. For recordings and presentations from past webinars, go to www.wapa.gov and click the Renewables link, then click on the Tribal Webinar Series link.

Registration

There is no charge to participate in the webinars, but registration is required. To register, click on the links provided in the table below. The following webinars will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mountain time.

DATE	TOPIC
March 27, 2013	Understanding the Grid
April 24, 2013	How Power Marketing Administrations Market Power and Work with Tribes
May 29, 2013	Regional Transmission Planning
June 26, 2013	Renewable Energy Project Leasing on Tribal Lands
July 31, 2013	Conducting Transmission Feasibility and System Impact Studies
August 28, 2013	Renewable Energy Market Expectations and Trends
September 25, 2013	Tribal and Utility Partnership Opportunities
October 30, 2013	Renewable Energy Case Studies: Tribal and Developer Perspectives

Other Upcoming Events

For details about and contact information for webinars and other upcoming events, visit the [events calendar](#) on the Tribal Energy Program website.

Internships and Fellowships

Tribal Energy Program Announces Summer Internship Opportunity; Application Deadline Is March 15

As part of its mission, Tribal Energy Program provides Native communities with education and training to build the knowledge and skills that are essential to developing, implementing, and sustaining energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Indian Country. Because future generations have an important role in fulfilling that mission, each year the program offers summer internship opportunities for full-time technical undergraduate and graduate students interested in gaining on-the-ground experience in clean energy technology deployment in Indian Country.

The 12-week 2013 Tribal Energy Program Summer Internship will be located at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Working closely with experienced renewable energy program staff and Tribes interested in deploying renewable energy

systems, interns will benefit from direct tribal energy project experience and exposure to a variety of issues concerning tribal renewable energy technology use and application. Frequent travel will be required, as interns will participate in field visits to current tribal energy projects.

The application period is March 1–15. Interested students may apply via the SNL website beginning March 1, by searching on the keyword tribal energy:

<http://www.sandia.gov/careers/index.html>

Deadline for submitting applications is March 15, 2013. For details about eligibility, application requirements, and compensation, see the attached flier. Visit the Tribal Energy Program website to learn more about [College Student Summer Internships](#).

Requests for Proposals for Renewable Energy

The following solicitations are included in this update as a courtesy to our subscribers. These requests for proposals (RFPs) are neither supported nor endorsed by the DOE Green Power Network. A complete list of active RFPs can found on the [Renewable Energy RFPs](#) page.

Deadline - March 28, 2013

The [Environmental Security Technology Certification Program \(ESTCP\) RFP](#) seeking proposals for demonstrations of energy technologies on Department of Defense (DOD) installations as candidates for funding in FY 2014 on behalf of DOD. The solicitation requests pre-proposals via calls for proposals to DOD organizations and Non-DOD federal organizations and via a broad agency announcement for private sector organizations. ESTCP requests pre-proposals for the following topics:

1. Smart and Secure Military Installation Energy Management
2. Advanced Building Energy Management and Control

Contact: Jon Bunger, [571-372-6565](tel:571-372-6565)

Other Information Resources

American Planning Association Releases Report on Green Infrastructure

A recent report from the American Planning Association demonstrates how green infrastructure cleans the air and water, replenishes aquifers, reduces flooding, and moderates climate. Green infrastructure approaches also help promote healthy exercise and access to more grown food. The report also notes that green infrastructure can make communities safer and even helps reduce crime, while boosting the economy as it attracts business, raises property values, and lowers energy and healthcare costs. The report presents six principles for successful green infrastructure projects, and provides detailed case studies describing these principles at work. The report is available for \$60 from the American Planning Association's [website](#).

Northeast Regional Energy Efficiency Database Goes Live

The Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership (NEEP) has announced the launch of its [Regional Energy Efficiency Database \(REED\)](#), a public resource that currently includes 2011 electric and gas energy efficiency program data for eight states: Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Energy efficiency data for the year 2012 from these eight states, along with data for Delaware and the District of Columbia, will be added to REED this autumn.

NEEP plans to hold user webinars for REED in March and April. Throughout 2013, NEEP will be working with states and program administrators to identify key similarities and differences in energy efficiency program impacts, and plans to issue periodic reports on its findings.

New Website Helps Local Governments Advance Solar Energy Initiatives

The SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership (SolarOPs), funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative, has created a [new website](#) to help local governments adopt solar energy. The site includes a resource database, a calendar of events and trainings, a blog, and access to "Ask the Expert" services and technical assistance offerings.

EPA's Climate Ready Water Utilities Initiative Announces Extreme Events Workshop Planning Tool

2012 was the second most expensive year on record for extreme events in the United States, and events like these are expected to occur more frequently and with greater intensity in the years ahead. Extreme events, such as the current prolonged period of drought, can have devastating impacts on drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities. It is important that water utilities identify actions that can be taken today to better prepare for these events. EPA's Climate Ready Water Utilities initiative has just released its "Preparing for Extreme Weather Events: Workshop Planner for the Water Sector" to help utilities plan for extreme events. The planner provides all of the materials needed to plan, conduct, and facilitate an adaptation planning workshop on five extreme event scenarios: floods, drought, wildfire, sea level rise, and reduced snowpack. To download the workshop planner, visit the [Climate Ready Water Utilities website](#).

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