

Upcoming Opportunities for Tribes

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The Tribal Energy Program is pleased to forward the following information on job openings, upcoming webinars, and funding opportunities. Information courtesy of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Consultation

Tribal Leaders Consultation on HUD's Native Housing Needs Study

HUD will be conducting a series of consultations between HUD officials and tribal leaders on the agency's study, Assessment of Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs (Housing Needs Study). During this consultation, tribal leaders will have an opportunity to comment on the scope and design of the pending study.

The Northwest Regional Consultation is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2012, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, OR. The consultation is scheduled in conjunction with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians mid-year meeting.

Please visit <http://www.huduser.org/portal/consultations/> to register.

2012 Dates:

April 25 Southwest Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Albuquerque, NM

April 27 Alaska Anchorage, AK

May 10 Northern Plains Denver, CO

May 20 Eastern Woodlands Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville, LA

May 24 Northwest Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, OR

June 17 National Lincoln, NE

July 9 Southern Plains Durant, OK

Funding and Training Opportunities

ONAP's Proposed Training and Technical Assistance NOFA

HUD intends to competitively award training and technical assistance contracts to national and regional nonprofit and for-profit entities with demonstrated experience and expertise in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA).

HUD is soliciting public comments, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, on the information and data collection requirements for ONAP's proposed Training and Technical Assistance Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The data required includes pre-award application materials required to be submitted, and post-award requirements under the cooperative agreement, including technical budgets and reports on financial and task progress.

Comments are due May 21, 2012. For details, see the Federal Register Notice published March 20, 2012.

Energy Department Announces \$2.5 Million to Advance Technologies for Clean-Burning, Efficient Biomass Cookstoves

Deadline: May 23, 2012

The Energy Department announced last week that it is making \$2.5 million available this year for applied research to advance clean biomass cookstove technologies for use in developing countries. The funding will support the development of innovative cookstove designs that allow users to burn wood or crop residues more efficiently and with less smoke than open fires and traditional stoves, helping to save lives and improve livelihoods. DOE, along with other federal agencies, is a founding partner of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, a public-private partnership to advance cookstove technologies that improve indoor air quality, reduce carbon emissions, and deliver important benefits for people's health and the economies of developing nations around the world. [Learn more.](#)

Energy Department Announces \$5 Million to Assess Upgrade Opportunities at Hydropower Facilities

Letter of intent submission deadline: May 3, 2012

Full application submission deadline: June 14, 2012

In support of President Obama's all-of-the-above energy strategy, the Energy Department announced this week up to \$5 million available this year to assess opportunities to increase power production at up to 40 existing hydropower facilities around the nation. Through this competitive funding opportunity, DOE will work with hydropower professionals to conduct standardized assessments to identify opportunities to increase generation and value at hydropower plants, which are already the nation's largest source of renewable energy. As much of America's aging hydropower infrastructure is more than 50 years old, this effort could help accelerate the deployment of upgrades at existing hydropower facilities, creating clean energy jobs, supporting our nation's economic competitiveness, and increasing the supply of renewable energy to tribal families and businesses. [Learn more.](#)

Free Technical Assistance Grants for Plans, Policies, and Practices for Sustainable Communities (EPA)

Deadline: April 30, 2012

Free technical assistance is available to help communities implement smart growth strategies that attract growth, protect the environment, improve public health, facilitate job creation and economic opportunity, and improve overall quality of life. Competitively awarded grant funds from the EPA's

Office of Sustainable Communities' Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program to Forterra (formerly Cascade Land Conservancy) and a consortium of partners will provide technical assistance to help communities get the kinds of development they want. Assistance is limited to communities in four regions throughout the country: Central Puget Sound and the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State (counties of King, Pierce, Snohomish, Kittitas, Kitsap, Clallam, Jefferson, Mason or Grays Harbor), the San Francisco Bay Area in California, the Twin Cities Metro Area and Greater Minnesota and the Greater Boston Area in Massachusetts. Washington: application information. For more information, visit the Forterra website.

New Choice Neighborhoods Funding Opportunity (HUD)

Deadline: May 1, 2012

HUD announced availability of \$5 million in planning funds to help communities develop grassroots plans that link affordable housing with quality education, public transportation, good jobs and safe streets. For information about these opportunities, [click here](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Deadline: May 2, 2012

RWJ Foundation is offering grants to nonprofits and tribal groups for the Roadmaps to Health: Community Grants program. Funding will support communities' implementation of policy or system changes that address one of the social or economic factors that, as defined by the County Health Rankings, most strongly influences health outcomes in the community. These include education; employment and income; family and social support; and community safety. To learn more, [click here](#).

YouthBuild Grants (U.S. Department of Labor)

Deadline: May 8, 2012

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) will award grants to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. Based on FY 2012 funding, DOL expects to make 75 grants ranging from \$700,000 to \$1.1 million. View the full announcement.

Rural Community Development Initiative Grants (USDA)

Deadline: May 9, 2012

This opportunity will support customized solutions targeted to address the gaps and opportunities specific for individual regions by strengthening linkages to self-identified, high-potential industry clusters such as renewable energy, natural resources, food production, rural tourism, and advanced manufacturing. For more information, visit the [Grants.gov](#) website.

USDA Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

Deadline: May 15, 2012

Eligible entities: Local governments, federally recognized tribes, nonprofit entities

The purpose of the Community Forest program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management; environmental benefits including clean air, water, and wildlife habitat; benefits from forest-based educational programs; benefits from serving as models of effective forest stewardship; and recreational benefits secured with public access. Eligible entities may apply for grants to establish community forests through fee-simple acquisition of private forest land. Individual grant applications may not exceed \$400,000 and all applicants must demonstrate a 50% match of the total project cost.

For more information, visit the [USDA funding notice page](#).

Economic Development Administration Economic Development Programs

Applications due: Varies by program year; next due date is June 8, 2012

Eligible entities: State and local governments, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits, institutions of higher education

Under the Economic Development Assistance Programs (EDAP) Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement, EDA will make construction, nonconstruction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs 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. Through the EDAP FFO, EDA solicits applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. In fiscal year 2012, a total of \$50,060,000 is available.

For more information, visit the [EDA grant opportunity synopsis](#).

Energy Department Webinar April 23

Educational Opportunities in Bioenergy at National Laboratories

The Energy Department will present a live webcast on educational opportunities in bioenergy on Monday April 23, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Experts from DOE's National RENEwable Energy Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory will showcase specific bioenergy research programs and exciting educational opportunities available for undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students at both national labs. [Learn more.](#)