

Nearly \$490 Million in Funding Available for State, Local, and Tribal Governments

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The Tribal Energy Program, under the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Reliability (EERE) is pleased to forward the following information on various funding opportunities that may be of interest to Tribes. Nearly \$490 million in funding is available for state, local, and tribal governments from DOE, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Funders' Network. The funding can be used to support climate and energy initiatives, including sustainable planning, sustainable transportation, renewable energy, and urban forestry. For full eligibility and application details, please visit the links provided below.

In addition, please visit the [calendar of 2013 EPA grant opportunities](#) that may be of particular interest to tribal communities.

DOE Community-Scale Clean Energy Projects in Indian Country – \$4.5 Million

Applications due: June 27, 2013

Eligible entities: Indian Tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, or tribal consortiums on whose Indian lands the project(s) will be located

The Energy Department is soliciting applications to install “community-scale” or “facility-scale” clean energy systems on Indian lands to provide electricity and/or heating and cooling for local use in tribal buildings. For purposes of this announcement, “clean energy systems” include “renewable energy systems” and “combined heat and power systems.” Projects selected under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) are intended to reduce energy costs and increase energy security for Indian Tribes and tribal members. For the complete FOA, visit the DOE Funding Opportunity Exchange [website](#).

DOE Tribal Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment Assistance – Approximately \$2.5 Million

Applications due: June 20, 2013

Eligible entities: Indian Tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, or tribal consortiums on whose Indian lands the project(s) will be located

The Energy Department is soliciting applications to install “community-scale” or “facility-scale” clean energy systems on Indian lands to provide electricity and/or heating and cooling for local use in tribal buildings. The renewable energy and/or energy efficiency projects are intended to provide electricity and/or heating and cooling or efficiency measures for existing tribal buildings, including homes, businesses, community buildings, government buildings, or other tribal facilities. Projects selected under this Funding Opportunity Announcement are intended to reduce energy costs and increase energy security for Indian Tribes and tribal members. For the complete FOA, visit the DOE Funding Opportunity Exchange [website](#).

Funders' Network Local Sustainability Matching Fund – Between \$25,000 and \$75,000 per Project

Applications due: May 22, 2013

Eligible entities: The proposal must be submitted by a team of at least two partners who are (1) the sustainability director of a city (municipality) or a county and (2) the local, place-based foundation.

The Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities announces round 3 of the Local Sustainability Matching Fund. The Matching Fund is intended both to support significant urban sustainability projects and to build bridges between public sector sustainability leaders and local foundations. The Fund will provide matching investments from national foundations on a competitive basis to build partnerships between sustainability directors and local place-based foundations to advance discrete sustainability initiatives that demonstrate broad-based community support and engagement.

For more information, visit the [Funders' Network](#).

HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants – Total Funding Available TBD

Applications due: May 28, 2013

Eligible entities: Public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofits, tribal entities, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity

The Choice Neighborhoods program targets funding to improve severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multifamily housing that is located in distressed neighborhoods. Planning Grants support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which, when implemented, will be expected to achieve the following three core goals: 1) Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; 2) People: Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth and supports delivered directly to youth and their families; and 3) Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

For more information, visit the [funding announcement](#).

DOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program – \$473.847 Million

Applications due: June 3, 2013

Eligible entities: State, local, and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations, other political subdivisions of state or local governments, and multi-state or multi-jurisdictional groups applying through a single lead applicant

The FY 2013 TIGER program is designed to invest in road, rail, transit, and port projects that may help achieve critical national objectives which include environmental sustainability, livability, and economic competitiveness. Priority will also be given to projects that are expected

to quickly create and preserve jobs and stimulate rapid increases in economic activity. Applicants must request no less than \$10 million, or \$1 million minimum in rural areas, and provide at least 20% match.

For more information, visit the TIGER grants [website](#).

EDA Economic Development Assistance Programs Federal Funding Opportunity – Total Funding Available TBD

Applications due: June 13, 2013

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

Under the Economic Development Assistance Programs Federal Funding Opportunity 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. EDA is soliciting applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. EDA's investment priorities include environmentally sustainable development and economically distressed and underserved communities.

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

EPA Science for Sustainable and Healthy Tribes – \$6 Million

Applications due: June 25, 2013

Eligible entities: State and local governments, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, U.S. territories or possessions, public nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes public institutions of higher education and hospitals)

EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results program, is seeking applications proposing research to develop sustainable solutions to environmental problems that affect Tribes. The objectives of the awards to be made under this solicitation are to improve understanding of: 1) the health impacts of climate change on tribal populations; and 2) the health impacts of indoor air pollution exposures that derive from or are directly affecting traditional tribal life-ways and cultural practices. In both cases, projects should focus on impacts to vulnerable sub-populations of the tribal communities. Proposals should also consider sustainable, culturally appropriate, and acceptable pollution prevention, and adaptation/mitigation strategies.

For more information, visit the [funding announcement](#).