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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. This Department of Energy (DOE) resources guide is just one way the Administration is working closely with Tribal governments and nongovernmental partners to navigate, access, and utilize funding opportunities.

The Biden-Harris Administration provided once-in-a-generation investments supporting businesses and local leadership in the just transition to clean energy economies. These historic levels of funding are available through programs specific for Tribal communities and Native people under President Biden's "Investing In America" Agenda, including: \$13 billion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and \$700 million in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Beyond historic guaranteed investment into Native communities, Tribes and Tribal entities also are eligible to apply for billions of dollars in competitive and other clean energy funding under the Biden-Harris Administration.

You can subscribe to the DOE's Office of Indian Energy biweekly e-mail newsletter [HERE](#). Current funding opportunities via the Office of Indian Energy are regularly updated online [HERE](#). As a first step for any questions, please reach out to IndianEnergy@hq.doe.gov. All Tribal consultation questions should go to tribalconsultation@hq.doe.gov.

OVERVIEW

The Department of Energy Is Committed to Close Partnerships with Tribal Nations and Native Communities: Since taking office, President Joe Biden has prioritized relationships with Tribal Nations that are built on respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance. And on top of funding available through annual appropriations, the Biden-Harris Administration is working hard to implement an economic agenda that includes once-in-a-generation levels of investments, such as through the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act*.

The Department of Energy's ongoing role in providing once-in-a-generation investments to Tribal Nations and Native communities builds upon its long history of Tribal energy development. Beginning in the late 1990s under Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE), the Tribal Energy Program began funding tribal energy project development. The Office of Indian Energy was authorized in the 2005 Energy Policy Act but was not established as a stand-alone program until 2010. The EERE Tribal Energy Program was consolidated into the Office of Indian Energy (IE) in 2015, bringing with it relationships and institutional knowledge of working in Indian Country deploying appropriate technologies to meet tribally identified priorities. DOE's Tribally dedicated funding has varied over the years, with a high watermark in 2009 being the formula funding provided under The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) of \$54 million and as low at \$8 Million in 2020.

Today, under the Biden-Harris Administration the base appropriations of the DOE's Office of Indian Energy have eclipsed the high-water mark, with a fiscal year 2023 budget of \$75 million. This appropriation supported a record high of \$75 million selected for award in calendar year 2023. IE's base appropriations provide stability and continued development of a strong foundation of competitive grants and a robust technical assistance environment Indian Country relies upon to pursue the historic *BIL* and *IRA* opportunities.

As the Department of Energy works closely with the White House and other agencies in the Biden administration to build on the progress that has already been made investing in Native communities across the country, below is an overview of current funding opportunities through the DOE, resources such as technical assistance and webinars, and highlights of key programs housed in other agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Aside from the historic “elective pay” provisions under the *Inflation Reduction Act*, which will be addressed in detail on page 15, there are three key ways for Tribal nations to access funding opportunities to help facilitate the clean energy transition within their communities and, in turn, foster more economic opportunity for their families and neighbors:

Formula funding programs, which are noncompetitive awards based on a predetermined formula, such as the *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program*, *Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants Program*; and *Home Energy Rebates Program*.

Competitive funding programs, which are grants awarded through a competitive application process, to support clean energy infrastructure projects like carbon storage as well as to facilitate the deployment of clean energy technologies like solar and wind power generation; and

Loan programs, which provides financing for clean energy projects such as electricity generation and energy storage facilities that is repaid.

A) FORMULA FUNDING PROGRAMS:

Below is information on three notable formula funding programs available to Tribal governments and Native communities through the Department of Energy.

* *For a comprehensive overview of current funding available from the Energy Department please refer to page 18.*

- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program:** Nearly \$9 million is available under the EECBG Program for financial assistance to eligible Tribes, including Alaska Native Regional and Village Corporations to implement strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency. Tribes may opt to receive their allocation under this program in the form of a formula grant or voucher for technical assistance or equipment rebate. Tribes may team up with other Tribes or EECBG-eligible local governments to pool their funds and streamline the application process. These flexible funds may be used across 14 eligible areas, including energy planning, energy efficiency upgrades to public or private infrastructure, and workforce development.

- DOE has a comprehensive guide for eligible Tribes, including Alaska Native Regional and Village Corporations, on the *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program [website](#)*. It includes information on formula allocations, eligible activities, steps on how to apply, resources while applying, and ***[Tribe-specific remote office hours](#)***.
- You can reach out to Department of Energy's EECBG Program staff by emailing: ***EECBG@hq.doe.gov***
- Information on deadlines for Native communities to apply for EECBG program funding is available ***[HERE](#)***.

- **Electric Grid Resilience Programs:** BIL provides funding under several programs for enhancing the resilience of the electrical grid. A notable program for Tribal governments through BIL is the *Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants program*.



- Under the ***[Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants program](#)***, administered via *DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO)*, funding is distributed to states, territories, and federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Alaska Native Village Corporations, over five years to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters that are exacerbated by the climate crisis. Indian tribes may apply together as a tribal consortium and may accumulate funds from multiple allocations years to develop larger projects.
 - Information, such as application deadline and allocation request period for the third year of funding is available ***[HERE](#)***. Specific projects do not need to be identified at the time of application. For additional information or technical assistance, please contact: ***GDOTribalAssistance@hq.doe.gov***
- GDO's Resource Hub for State and Tribal Grid Resilience and Transmission Planning is available at: ***<https://www.energy.gov/gdo/state-and-tribal-grid-resilience-and-transmission-planning-resource-hub>***

- The Grid and Transmission Program Conductor is an interactive tool that helps determine which program is best for you based on a series of questions, and can be found here: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/state-and-tribal-grid-resilience-and-transmission-planning-resource-hub>
- You can get in contact with GDO at: GridDeployment@hq.doe.gov
- **Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program:** Under the *Inflation Reduction Act*, the *Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates* program provides \$225 million to Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations to develop, implement, and subsidize residential electrification and appliance upgrade projects. A “rebate” is a buying discount that can go to households, building owners, and contractors to 1) decrease the cost of residential energy improvements and, in turn, 2) help low- and moderate-income Tribal households enjoy lower energy bills and more comfortable homes.
 - This program will provide up to \$14,000 per eligible household for energy efficiency and electrification home upgrades, which can include HVAC systems, electric appliances like stove or oven, electric clothes dryers, electric circuit paneling and wiring upgrades, and/or insulation products. Tribes can restrict rebates to certain technologies for local needs, such as only using rebates for wiring of non-electrified tribal households.
 - Tribes first apply to DOE for a grant, then administer the program to their members.
 - **Tribes *should submit* a Letter of Intent to DOE for the Tribal Rebates program by May 15, 2024.** In addition to funding for *Tribal Home Energy Rebates*, the Department of Energy will provide up to approximately \$7 million (3% of the total \$225 million) in administrative support and technical assistance to Tribes as they set up rebate programs.
 - Lastly, Tribal households may also be eligible for rebates issued by their state, like *Home Efficiency Rebates*, that reduce the upfront cost for households that take whole-home measures to make their homes more energy efficient, depending on place of residency and eligibility.

- States and Indian Tribes are responsible for designing and administering their own Home Energy Rebate programs for households. Exact timing will vary across programs, and DOE expects households can access these rebates in much of the country in 2024.
 - An overview on *Tribal Home Electrification & Appliance Rebates*, including rules for combining other funding with Tribal rebates, is available [HERE](#)
 - An overview of what appliances and products may be eligible for rebates in Tribal communities is on DOE's *Energy Savings Hub* at energy.gov/save
 - Tribal Rebates program requirements and application instructions can be found [HERE](#)
 - Funding amounts for each Tribe and Alaska Native Corporation can be found [HERE](#)
 - Frequently asked questions are answered at: <https://www.energy.gov/scep/home-energy-rebates-frequently-asked-questions>
 - For additional questions, Tribes can email DOE at IRAHomeRebates@hq.doe.gov.



B) COMPETITIVE FUNDING PROGRAMS:

Tribal governments and Native communities are eligible to apply for competitive funding programs, including but not limited to those made available under the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act*, to fortify and build clean energy infrastructure across the country as well as to develop and expand clean energy projects.

**For comprehensive overviews and searchable databases for competitive funding available to Tribal governments and Native communities, please refer to page 18.*

Examples include:

- Office of Indian Energy’s Clean Energy Deployment on Tribal Lands funding opportunity regularly is available annually, subject to appropriations. In early January 2024, the Department of Energy **issued** a Notice of Intent (NOI) to release a \$25 million Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in spring 2024 to support clean energy technology deployment on Tribal lands. More information on this upcoming funding opportunity is available [HERE](#), and detailed information on the NOI can be found [HERE](#).
 - To be notified when the FOA is issued, please subscribe to the [DOE Office of Indian Energy email newsletter](#).
 - The DOE Office of Indian Energy’s [Tribal Energy Projects Database \(HERE\)](#) provides an interactive map and summaries of prior competitively funded projects. And below is an example projects funded in fiscal year 2023:
 - [\\$38 million in funding for 13 cost-shared projects deploying clean energy technologies in American Indian and Alaska Native communities](#) (selectees announced September 2023).
- \$18 million available to fund clean energy projects that deliver community benefits, spark additional investments, advance community-identified priorities, and build local capacity and partnerships. Additional

funds are available for technical assistance, on-site capacity, and peer exchanges. A [new annual program](#) will be launching FOA in Spring 2024.

- [\\$2.25 billion available](#) to support the transport and permanent storage of carbon dioxide captured from industrial and power generation facilities (More information, including on submission deadline, is available [HERE](#).)
- [Up to \\$300 million in grants](#) to accelerate and strengthen electric transmission siting and permitting processes and promote economic development (More information, including on Round 1 application deadline, is available [HERE](#).)
- [Up to \\$3.9 billion available for Grid Resilience](#) and Innovation Partnerships Program for projects that will deploy Federal funding to maximize grid infrastructure deployment at-scale and leverage private sector and non-federal public capital to advance deployment goals.



C) TRIBAL ENERGY LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM (TELGP):

Direct loans or loan guarantees in energy-related projects are available to Tribal governments and Native communities to support investment in and development of energy resources like solar panels, wind farms, microgrids, and transmission and distribution infrastructure.

- The *Inflation Reduction Act* increased loan authority in *DOE's Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program* from \$2 billion to \$20 billion (allows 100% loan guarantees of FFB loans in addition to partial third-party loan guarantees and appropriates \$75 million for carrying out the program, including for the credit subsidy costs of loans and loan guarantees).
 - The *Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program* supports tribal investment in energy-related projects by providing loan guarantees to federally recognized tribes, including Alaska Native villages or regional or village corporations, or a Tribal Energy Development Organization that is wholly or substantially owned by a federally recognized Indian Tribe or Alaska Native Corporation.
 - More information, including eligible uses, is available from *DOE's Loan Program Office* at: [Energy.gov/LPO/Tribal-Energy](https://www.energy.gov/LPO/Tribal-Energy)
 - An overview of the process is available here: <https://www.energy.gov/lpo/articles/tribal-energy-financing-program-brochure>
 - And a detailed overview of Tribal energy financing is available here: <https://www.energy.gov/lpo/articles/lpo-tribal-energy-financing-overview-slide-deck>



Office of Indian Energy Director Wahleah Johns and Loan Program Office representatives traveled to meet with the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians tribal council and staff to learn about their energy sovereignty vision, and share information about DOE technical assistance and loan opportunities.

CLEAN ENERGY TAX CREDITS OPPORTUNITIES

The *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* is delivering the largest investment in clean energy in United States history – and much of that investment is delivered to communities and consumers across the country via tax incentives.

A) **Communities:** Tax credit and “elective pay” (more on that below) incentives will help Tribal entities bring clean energy technologies to their communities, which will help provide affordable, reliable, and resilient electrical power and transportation to communities – and in turn, help mitigate, rather than worsen, climate-fueled extreme weather.

Ways in which communities can utilize *IRA* tax incentives include generating clean electricity through solar, wind, and battery storage projects; building community solar projects that bring clean energy to neighborhood families; installing electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure; and purchasing clean vehicles for state or city vehicle fleets.

B) **Consumers:** Under President Biden’s *Investing in America* agenda, tax credits are available to homeowners, renters, and drivers to help lower energy costs, make their lives healthier and more comfortable, and save the planet from climate change.

When families need to replace air conditioners, water heaters, or furnaces, they can save up to 30% with tax credits for efficient heating and cooling equipment that can save them hundreds of dollars on utility bills. Households also can save up to 30% with tax credits for home construction projects on windows, doors, insulation, or other weatherization measures that prevent energy from escaping homes.

And an instant price reduction or cash is available through a local auto dealer for qualified new and used electric vehicles, including cars, vans, SUVs, and pick-up trucks. Tax credits also are available for home electric vehicle chargers.

You can learn more on what qualifies and how to access at [energy.gov/save](https://www.energy.gov/save).

What is “elective pay” (often referred to as “direct pay”)?

Under the *Inflation Reduction Act*, there are multiple provisions – such as tax credits and corresponding “elective pay” opportunities – focused on empowering communities across the United States – like Tribal governments and nonprofits – to be leaders in building clean energy economies, lowering costs for families, and advancing environmental justice.

As non-taxable entities, Tribes generally have not been able to take advantage of tax credits designed to incentivize clean energy deployment. Now for the first time, “elective pay” / “direct pay” provisions allow tax-exempt and governmental entities, like Tribes and nonprofits, to utilize tax credits when building clean energy projects.

Elective pay allows entities, including ***federally recognized*** Tribal governments, their subdivisions, and their agencies as well as Alaska Native Corporations, to receive a payment equal to the full value of tax credits for building qualifying clean energy projects. And unlike competitive grant and loan programs, where an applicant may not receive an award, elective pay ensures Tribal entities and nonprofits receive funding if they meet requirements.

How to utilize “elective pay” / “direct pay”:

- An overview is available here: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5817.pdf>
- For more information about using elective pay on projects that are receiving grants and forgivable loans, click here: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/elective-pay-and-transferability-frequently-asked-questions>
- A full list of applicable tax credits for elective pay is available here: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5817g.pdf>
- Requirements for elective pay and underlying tax credit is here: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/elective-pay-and-transferability-frequently-asked-questions>

The Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program: The *Inflation Reduction Act* added a provision to the Internal Revenue Code to establish the *Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program*, which promotes cost-saving clean energy investments, like solar and wind facilities, on Indian land.

- DOE’s Office of Energy Justice and Equity is administering the Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the IRS.
- The bonus credit provides a 10 or 20 percentage point increase to the investment tax credit for qualified solar and wind energy facilities with a maximum net output of less than five megawatts (AC).

- A 10-percentage point increase is available to eligible solar and wind facilities that are installed in low-income communities or on Indian land and a 20-percentage point credit increase is available to eligible solar and wind facilities that are part of a qualified low-income residential building or a qualified low-income economic benefit project.
- An overview of the program, program guidance and resources, how to apply, and other information is available here: <https://www.energy.gov/justice/low-income-communities-bonus-credit-program>
- For program-related questions, please email EJBonusSupport@hq.doe.gov.



REGULARLY UPDATED FUNDING CLEARINGHOUSES FOR TRIBAL ENTITIES

Below are regularly updated funding clearinghouses for Tribal entities that shows what competitive and other clean energy funding currently are available from the Department of Energy to Tribal governments and Native communities:

The “Other Funding and Opportunities” table on the *Office of Indian Energy’s Current Funding Opportunities* webpage: <https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/current-funding-opportunities#other>

Funding opportunities listed on the *Interagency Working Group on Coal & Power Plant Communities & Economic Revitalization’s* searchable database. This includes competitive and formula grants, tax credit information, and funding clearinghouse that can be sorted by eligible recipient (i.e. Native / Tribal Entity): <https://energycommunities.gov/funding-opportunities/>



BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION RESOURCES FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

A) STAY INFORMED + CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:

Two recommended ways to receive the latest updates on funding from the *Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy* is to sign up for its newsletter [HERE](#) (which includes a Weekly Funding Opportunities Flyer) and monitor its current funding webpage [HERE](#).

Other ways to receive updates from and contact the Department of Energy include:

- **Subscribe + Follow:** If you haven't already, you can..
 - Sign-up for e-mail updates from *Office of Indian Energy* [HERE](#)
 - Follow on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/DOEIndianEnergy>
 - Follow on X/Twitter: [@DOEIndianEnergy](#)
- **Contact DOE's Office of Indian Energy:**
 - Please direct general inquiries to: indianenergy@hq.doe.gov or 240-562-1352
 - To request a meeting with *Office of Energy Staff*, please submit the information below at least a week or two in advance to indianenergy@hq.doe.gov
 - Purpose of meeting request
 - Contact name, organization, title, email address, and phone number
 - Meeting request date and time (or range of possible dates and times)
 - Estimated duration of the requested meeting
 - Meeting format (in person, phone call, or virtual meeting)
 - Organization website URL

- **Webinars + Online Curriculum:** DOE's *Office of Indian Energy* provides Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with information on energy efficiency, energy technologies, and project development through webinars and an online curriculum.
 - You can register for upcoming webinars and/or access prior ones at <https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/webinars>.
 - And the *Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs* provides access to online curriculum on developing and financing renewable energy projects on tribal lands, which is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/online-curriculum>
- Events: DOE's *Office of Indian Energy* regularly hosts online events on clean energy projects and programs impacting Indian communities. You can learn more and register for upcoming events at: <https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/events>
- Other Resources: Additional resources from *Office of Indian Energy*, including a Resource Library and Tribal Energy Atlas, can be found at: <https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/education-and-capacity-building>

B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

The Department of Energy can offer Tribal governments and Native communities' actions and services to support them as they work to receive federal funding through technical assistance. More information, including how to request technical assistance, is below:

- *Department of Energy: Office of Indian Energy:* The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native regional and village corporations, and Tribal entities, with technical assistance to advance Tribal energy projects. Indian Tribes and Tribal entities may receive technical assistance upon request at no-cost.



- Information on eligibility, types of technical assistance, and how to request technical assistance from DOE is available here: <https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/request-technical-assistance>
 - For general information or questions on technical assistance, please e-mail: indianenergy@hq.doe.gov
 - And to request technical assistance, please click on link [HERE](#), which will direct you to correct e-mail address along with instructions on information that needs to be provided.
- *The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)*: NREL provides decision support, technical assistance, and resources to assist federally recognized U.S. Tribes and Alaska Native villages plan for and implement clean energy solutions.
 - More information can be found on NREL's website: <https://www.nrel.gov/state-local-tribal/decision-support-tribes.html>
 - Tribes can request free access to NREL expertise through DOE's *Office of Indian Energy*, please reach out to indianenergy@hq.doe.gov for general information and/or questions. And please click [HERE](#) to request technical assistance.
- *WH Technical Assistance Guide*: The White House has published a Technical Assistance Guide as a tool for communities across the country, including Tribes, to navigate, access, and deploy infrastructure, climate resilience, and clean energy funding under President Biden's Investing In America agenda. The guide provides comprehensive information about more than 100 federal technical assistance programs that can support efforts to win Federal funding and deploy it in communities across the nation.
 - An overview of the *Technical Assistance Guide* is available here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/technical-assistance-guide/>
 - A copy of the *Technical Assistance Guide* is [HERE](#). Note: It includes information on how to get in touch for pertinent programs.
 - And an accompanying sortable spreadsheet detailing types of technical assistance provided for pertinent programs is available [HERE](#).

C) TRIBAL CONSULTATION & POINTS OF CONTACT ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT:

DOE's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs (CI) is responsible for maintaining the government to government relationships between the agency and tribal governments.

- You can visit the department's tribal consultation page here:
[***Strengthening Tribal Consultation and Engagement with Tribal Leaders | Department of Energy***](#)
 - The website will have regular updates on recent and upcoming tribal consultations as well as all tribal points of contact in each DOE office.
- Any consultation related questions can be referred to
[***tribalconsultation@hq.doe.gov***](mailto:tribalconsultation@hq.doe.gov).



BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION RESOURCES FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

President Biden's *Investing in America* agenda unlocks billions of dollars across multiple agencies that allows Tribal communities to make once-in-a-generation investments in infrastructure, clean energy, and climate resilience. And these investments span a number of programs housed in agencies beyond the *Department of Energy*.

In December 2023, the Biden Administration launched a website providing a searchable database of all federal funding opportunities, including grants and loans, available to Tribal Nations and Native businesses:

- NEW: "Access to Capital Clearinghouse": <https://www.bia.gov/atc>

Here are comprehensive Tribal playbooks on *Investing In America Agenda* funding opportunities outside of DOE:

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Tribal Playbook [HERE](#)
- Funding for Tribes in the Inflation Reduction Act [HERE](#)

And below is an overview and some initial steps on key clean energy and climate mitigation federal funding opportunities outside of DOE:

Joint / Interagency Programs:

- ***Electric Vehicles + School Buses:*** The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (JOET) provides federal funding and technical assistance to Tribal partners in the planning and execution of two clean energy transition priorities: 1) building a national electric vehicle (EV) charging network and 2) procurement of zero-emission transit and school buses.
 - To learn more about current funding opportunities and upcoming deadlines, you can go to: <https://driveelectric.gov/tribal-funding>
 - Information on JOET technical assistance and resources for Tribal nations is available here: <https://driveelectric.gov/tribal-nations>
 - And please fill out the form on this webpage to get in contact with JOET – whether it is to ask a general question or request technical assistance: <https://driveelectric.gov/contact>

- ***Economic Revitalization of Coal and Power Plant Communities:*** Thriving Communities Network: Interagency Working Group: This interagency working group is pursuing a whole-of government approach to create good-paying union jobs, spur economic revitalization, remediate environmental degradation in order to support energy workers in coal, oil and gas, and power plant communities across the country.
 - A step-by-step guide on how to get started is here: <https://energycommunities.gov/getting-started-guide/>
 - More information on funding opportunities under the Administration's *Investing In America* agenda is available here: <https://energycommunities.gov/funding-opportunities/>
 - Information on technical assistance can be found here: <https://energycommunities.gov/technical-assistance/>
 - And to get in contact with their Navigator team, please fill out this form: <https://energycommunities.gov/contact/>

Department of Agriculture:

- ***Wildfire Mitigation:*** USDA Forest Service Community Navigators: Community Navigators are resources for Tribal communities who are at high risk of wildfires who have not previously worked the Forest Service. Utilizing this direct technical assistance is not a competitive process, Community Navigators are available to advise and support eligible applicants for Forest Service programs under the Administration's *Investing In America* agenda.



- For more information, contact John at USDA: john.sikking@usda.gov

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

- ***Clean School Bus (CSB) Program:*** The *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* provides \$5 billion over five years (2022-2026) for the replacement of existing school buses with zero-emission and clean school buses.

- You can learn more about funding opportunities and how to receive technical assistance here: <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-06/csb-ta-overview-utility-considerations-webinar-2023-06-08.pdf>
- To get in contact and receive technical assistance, please e-mail: CleanSchoolBusTA@nrel.gov
- **Climate Pollution Reduction Grants:** Under the *Inflation Reduction Act*, the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program provides \$5 billion in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution.

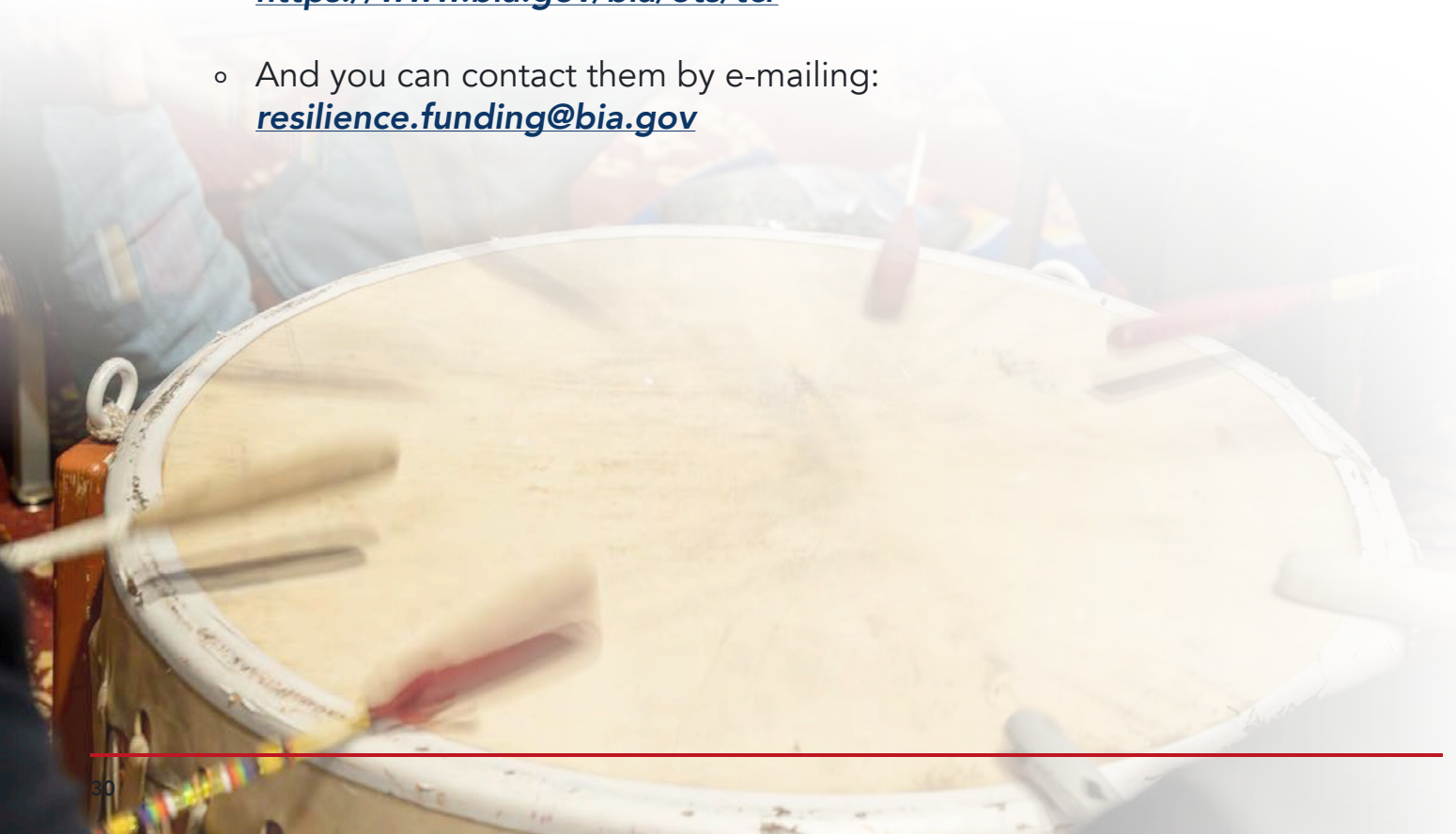
You can learn more here: <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>

And to contact EPA about the CPRG program, please e-mail: CPRG@epa.gov

Department of the Interior:

- **Tribal Electrification Program:** Office of Indian Economic Development: Under the *Inflation Reduction Act*, there are opportunities through the Tribal Electrification Program for Tribes and Tribal organizations 1) to provide electricity to unelectrified Tribal homes through zero-emission energy systems and 2) to transition electrified homes to zero-emission energy systems.
 - You can learn more about the program here: <https://www.bia.gov/service/electrification>
 - Answers to frequently asked questions are available here: <https://www.bia.gov/service/electrification/faq>
 - And to get in contact, please e-mail: electrification@bia.gov
- **Tribal Orphaned Well Grant Program:** Bureau of Land Management: The *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* created a \$150 million program to plug, cap, and remediate orphan oil and gas wells on Tribal lands. Funds can be used for all stages of clean-up, including inventorying the number and scope of abandoned wells, removal of equipment, and site restoration.

- More information can be found [HERE](#)
- And you can get in contact by reaching out to this e-mail address: orphanedwells@blm.gov
- **Tribal Climate Resilience - Community Relocation:** Bureau of Indian Affairs: The *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* is providing \$130 million for Tribal governments to plan and implement managed retreat, expansion, protect-in-place, and relocation options for threats associated with climate change and environmental degradation.
 - You can learn more on the Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience’s website: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr>
 - And you can contact them by e-mailing: resilience.funding@bia.gov
- Tribal Climate Resilience – Adaptation Planning: Bureau of Indian Affairs: The *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* allocates \$86 million for Tribal governments to pursue climate-resilient planning. These funds can be deployed towards a variety of activities related to risk assessment, monitoring, and coastal management, among other eligible purposes.
 - You can learn more on the Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience’s website: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr>
 - And you can contact them by e-mailing: resilience.funding@bia.gov





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