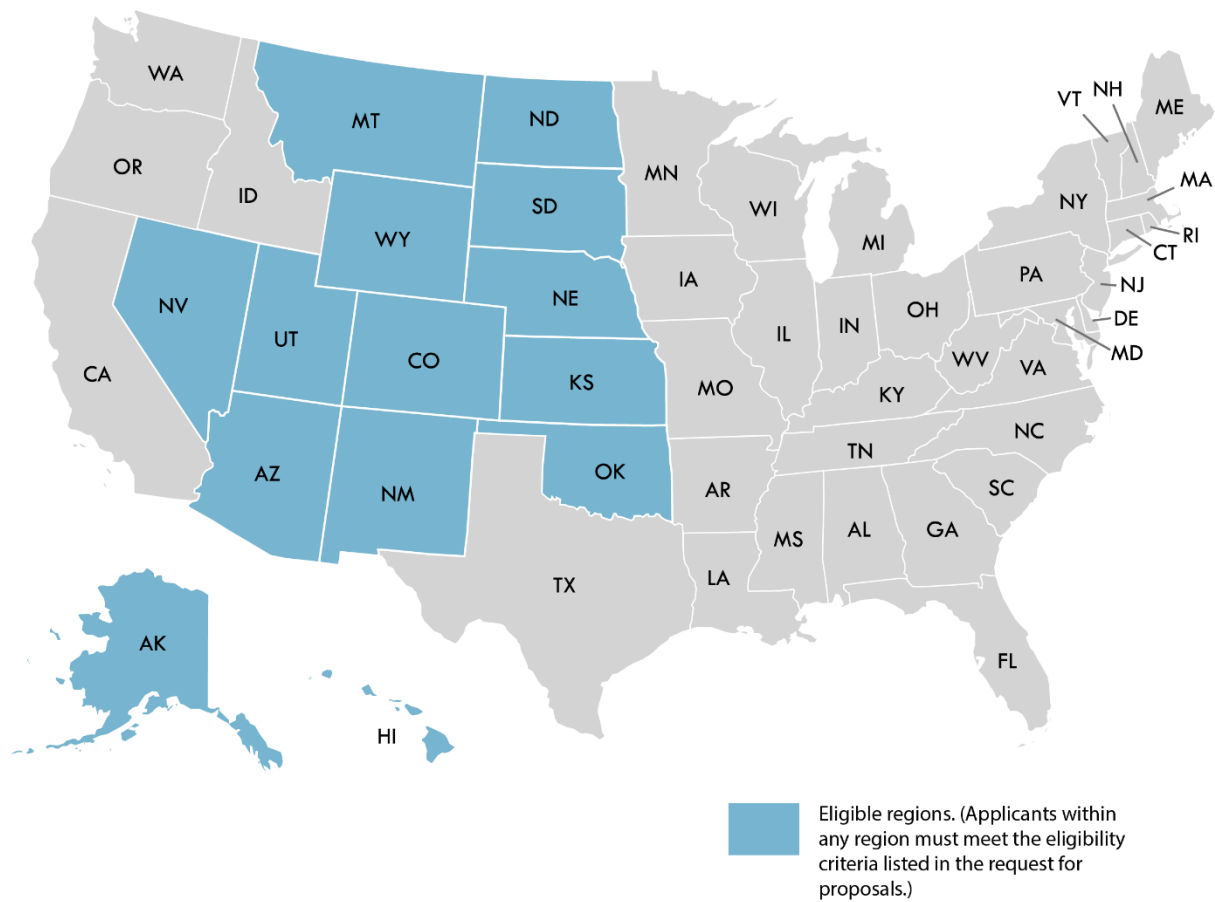


## Q&A from C-MAP Proposal Webinar

**Question:** So participation is limited to federally recognized western Tribes in the blue region?

**Response:** In addition to federally recognized Tribes, C-MAP is also available to non-profit entities, including energy cooperatives, and state and local governmental entities in the blue regions.



**Question:** A microgrid system designed NOT to be independent of the existing energy grid. Still eligible?

**Response:** Sorry, no. If the microgrid is not designed to operate independently, then it would not be eligible.

**Question:** What is the minimum time off grid?

**Response:** We have not tried to define a minimum off time because it really is application-specific. It is meant to cover systems that are focused on community resilience. For this we are thinking about days

of independence, but we would want the proposal to express why the grid off time is considered significant.

**Question:** The property disclosure is confusing. Why would NREL act as an owner when these are public grant funds that are being managed, or am I confused about the funding source?

**Response:** While it is often not the intention of NREL and the technical monitor to keep any equipment/property proposed, we like to point out that legally NREL has a right to any equipment/property that it pays for. NREL is a prime contractor to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and does not have authority to issue grants, the awards will be subcontracts. NREL also does not have the authority to vest title to Government property, that decision is held by the DOE, and NREL is not able to determine what DOE will do at the end of the project.

**Question:** What are the overlaps (if any) between the C2C learning cohorts and this partnership?

**Response:** The C-MAP program is intended to be a subsequent option for communities that completed C2C, ETIPP, C-LEAP, and other similar technical assistance programs. The C-MAP program can help communities that would like to develop or expand their microgrids get to an advanced microgrid design phase that will enable them to pursue funding for implementation.

**Question:** At first glance, it doesn't seem like the grant amounts will cover entire projects in California, for instance. Are there firms that you've identified that are willing to work within your funding parameters? I am also presuming that we have to follow federal procurement policies.

**Response:** The C-MAP program is focused on helping communities that would like to develop or expand their microgrids get to an advanced phase in the microgrid design, which in turn will enable them to pursue funding for implementation. Yes, federal procurement policies will need to be followed for subcontractors funded through an award.