



## State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

Sixteen funding and technical assistance opportunities are available for state, local, and tribal governments from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and others that can be used to support climate and energy initiatives, including economic development, sustainable communities, green infrastructure, and water efficiency. For full eligibility and application details, please visit the links provided below.

In addition, please visit EPA's [Grants website](#) for further grant opportunities, guidance on how to apply, and training.

## Funding Opportunities

### **EPA Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY18 – \$4 million**

*Applications Due: April 3, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: tribal governments and Alaska Native Villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality*

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality. Further, priority for funding will be given to projects which result in outcomes that benefit affected communities, those that engage affected communities with respect to the design and performance of the project, and those which can demonstrate the ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended.

For more information, visit the Clean Diesel Tribal Grants [web page](#).

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### **DOI BIA Grant to Build Tribal Energy Development Capacity – \$1 million**

*Applications Due: May 10, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, regional or village corporations, and tribal organizations*

The goal of the Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) program is to develop tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on Indian land. The TEDC grant gives tribes the ability to develop or enhance their business and regulatory environment for energy resource development. Proposed projects must include building tribal capacity to: develop organizational structures, business entity structures, or develop or enhance regulatory functions. All of the functions are related to building tribal energy development capacity for the purpose of strengthening tribal capacity for development and management of energy projects.

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

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## **New!** DOE Energy Infrastructure on Tribal Lands – \$17 million

*Applications Due: May 1, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: Native American tribal organizations, Native American tribal governments*

Projects sought under this FOA are fuel and technology neutral. Specifically, DOE's Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations to:

1. install energy generating system(s) and/or energy efficiency measure(s) for Tribal Building(s) (Topic Area 1); or,
2. Deploy community-scale energy generating system(s) on Tribal Lands (Topic Area 2); or,
3. Install energy system(s) for autonomous operation (independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid) to power a single or multiple essential tribal facilities during emergency situations or for tribal community resilience (Topic Area 3). (See Section III.A. for eligibility information and Appendix A for the definitions).

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

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## **DOI BOR WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for FY19 – \$9 million**

*Applications Due: March 27, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: state governments, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must be located in the Western United States or Territories as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended.*

The WaterSMART Drought Response Program supports a proactive approach to drought by providing financial assistance to water managers to develop and update comprehensive drought plans (Drought Contingency Planning) and implement projects that will build long-term resilience to drought (Drought Resiliency Projects).

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

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## **DOI BOR WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for FY19**

*Applications Due: April 24, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: state governments, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must be located in the Western United States or Territories as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended.*

Through Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects, Reclamation provides assistance to states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other entities with water or power delivery authority to undertake small-scale water efficiency projects that have been prioritized through planning efforts led by the applicant. These projects conserve and use water more efficiently; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States. For further information on WaterSMART Grants, please see [www.usbr.gov/watersmart/index.html](http://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/index.html).

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

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## **New!** DOI BOR Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for FY19 - \$1.5 million

*Applications Due: May 14, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: Native American tribal organizations, Native American tribal governments*

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program (TAP), provides technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations. The TAP establishes cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to assist tribes as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. Reclamation's Native American and International Affairs Office, Washington, D.C., plans to make fiscal year (FY) 2019 funds available for the TAP through Reclamation's five Regional Offices.

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

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## **DOI FWS 2019 National Fish Habitat Action Plan – \$3.2 million**

*Applications Due: Contact local Fish Habitat Partnership to determine submittal deadline*

*Eligible Entities: state, local, and Native American governments*

The Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance Program provides technical and financial assistance to other federal agencies, states, local governments, Native American tribes, non governmental organizations, citizen groups, and landowners for the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources. This includes minimizing the establishment, spread, and impact of aquatic invasive species. Specifically, aquatic habitat conservation projects under this program must protect, restore, and enhance fish and aquatic habitats, as outlined in the National Fish Habitat Action Plan (Action Plan). Likewise, projects under this program directly or indirectly, support and promote public access to recreational fishing opportunities and the sustainable use of other natural resources. Funded projects may be carried out by Fish Habitat Partnerships (FHPs) recognized by the National Fish Habitat Board (Board) or the partners of Board recognized FHPs. More information about the FHPs and their partners can be found online at [www.fishhabitat.org](http://www.fishhabitat.org).

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

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## **DOI FWS Great Lakes Restoration Initiative – \$800,000**

*Applications Due: March 29, 2019*

*Eligible Entities:* state fish and wildlife agencies, Native American tribes, and other non-federal conservation agencies or organizations that provide at least 25% of the grant request. Projects must be within the U.S. watershed of the Great Lakes as defined by the U.S. EPA.

The goal of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is to target the most significant environmental problems in the Great Lakes ecosystem by funding and implementing federal projects that address these problems. As part of this initiative, the two bird habitat joint ventures that are in the Great Lakes watershed – the Upper Mississippi / Great Lakes Joint Venture and the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture – will be working with the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration programs in the Midwest and Northeast Regions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to competitively fund state and other partner projects for long-term habitat protection, restoration, or enhancement, for conservation of native Great Lakes fish and wildlife populations, particularly migratory birds. Preference will be given to activities that help meet the habitat goals of the Upper Mississippi / Great Lakes Joint Venture Implementation Plan or the Lower Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Plain (BCR 13) Bird Conservation Region Plan, other relevant bird conservation plans, and State Wildlife Action Plans.

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

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## **New!** DOI FWS Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund - \$80 million

*Applications Due:* May 17, 2019

*Eligible Entities:* State governments

The principal objective of the grants is to support the development and implementation of States' programs to conserve and recover threatened and endangered species under the Service's jurisdiction. Funding may also be used to support the conservation of candidate and at-risk species. Candidate Species are those that the Service determined warrant listing as a threatened or endangered species, but the listing is precluded by other higher priority actions. Candidate species are listed at: <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/table/candidate-species.html>. Under this Notice of Funding Opportunity, we will also consider funding projects to conserve certain at-risk species, including 1) those species that are the subject of a positive 90-day finding but not yet the subject of a proposed rule, 2) species that are the subject of a proposed listing rule but not a final rule or 3) species for which the Service has initiated an ESA status review and has announced the review in the Federal Register.

This Notice of Funding Opportunity applies specifically to the Non-Traditional Grant program elements: Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Planning Assistance, HCP Land Acquisition, and Recovery Land Acquisition.

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

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## **New!** DOI NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund State and Local Assistance Program - \$50 million

*Applications Due:* April 30, 2019

*Eligible Entities:* State lead agency for Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State and Local Assistance Program was established in 1964 to assist in preserving, developing and assuring accessibility to present and future generations of U.S. citizens and visitors "such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation and to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the U.S.".... This is accomplished in part by authorizing and providing grants to States, and through States to local units of government and Indian tribes, for projects that acquire lands and

waters for parks and other public outdoor recreation purposes, as well as develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities.

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

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## **DOT Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Low or No Emission Program – \$85 million**

*Applications Due: May 14, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: state, local, and Native American tribal governments*

The main purpose of the Low-No Program is to support the transition of the nation's transit fleet to the lowest polluting and most energy efficient transit vehicles. The Low-No Program provides funding to State and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.

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

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## **NOAA NMFS FY19 Community-Based Restoration Program Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Grants – \$12 million**

*Application Due: April 16, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: state governments, local governments, and native american tribal governments*

The principal objective of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Community-based Restoration Program Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration solicitation is to support habitat restoration projects that use an ecosystem-based approach to foster species recovery and increase populations under NOAA's jurisdiction. Proposals submitted under this solicitation will be primarily evaluated based on their ability to demonstrate how the proposed habitat restoration actions will help recover threatened and endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (hereafter, Listed Species), including species identified by NMFS as "[Species in the Spotlight](#)", sustain or help rebuild fish stocks managed under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and contribute to the sustainability of saltwater recreational fisheries.

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

# **No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities**

## **EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program**

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: state, local and tribal governments*

EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program helps communities, states, tribes and others understand risks associated with contaminated or potentially contaminated properties, called brownfields, and learn how to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse them. EPA funds three organizations—Kansas State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Center for Creative Land Recycling—to serve as independent sources of technical assistance. Each of these TABs has an

extensive network of partners, contractors and other contacts that provides services across the country. They help communities tackle a variety of challenges related to identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. The technical assistance comes at no cost to communities.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

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## **On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy**

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: tribal governments*

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#).

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## **DOE Clean Cities Coalition Network Technical Assistance**

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: Clean Cities Coalitions*

Clean Cities connects transportation stakeholders with objective information and experts to assist with alternative fuels, fuel economy improvements, and emerging transportation technologies. Through these trusted, time-tested resources, Clean Cities has helped fleets and fuel providers deploy hundreds of thousands of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations that serve a growing market. Clean Cities continues to support the entry of new transportation technologies into the marketplace.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

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## **NREL Decision Support for States**

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: State governments*

### **Energy Efficiency Technical Assistance Team**

The Energy Efficiency Technical Assistance Team is a network of energy efficiency policy and implementation experts who provide timely, unbiased expertise to assist policymakers and regulators in making informed decisions about energy efficiency programs and policies. Requests for technical assistance must be submitted by state officials, including state legislative or regulatory bodies and their staff members.

### **Solar Decision Support**

NREL provides direct decision support to state and local governments on matters that require solar market expertise to either answer a time-sensitive question or to provide expert testimony on policy best practices.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

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## NREL Decision Support for Tribes

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: Tribal governments*

NREL's State, Local, and Tribal program partners with Native American tribes and Alaska Native villages, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and other federal agencies, nonprofits, and intertribal organizations to provide resources and direct assistance that support energy technology delivery and connect motivated tribal governments with NREL's world-class science and analytics.

### Energy Decision Support

To connect tribes with credible, timely, and actionable scientific information on which to base their energy decisions, NREL provides the following tailored programs:

- Technology and market analytics
- Direct technical assistance
- Capacity building
- Resilience assessment and planning

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

## Grant Writing Basics Blog Series

Learn tips and advice for writing federal grant applications through the Grant Writing Basics Blog Series. The goal of the series is to provide the essential basics to begin writing on a solid foundation.

Topics covered include:

- How to Start Working on Future Funding Opportunities
- Demystifying Funding Opportunity Announcements
- Tips to Avoid Last Minute Problems
- Making Sure You Are Eligible before Writing

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