



## State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

17 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. Please double check application deadlines: many are being extended due to COVID-19 disruptions.

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

## Funding Opportunities

### **NEW!** EPA OAR Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants - \$800,000

*Applications Due: Sep 15, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: state governments, local governments, territories, Indian tribes, and possessions of the U.S.*

EPA is soliciting applications from eligible entities (as described in Section III.A) to conduct demonstration, technical assistance, training, education, and/or outreach projects that seek to reduce exposure to indoor air contaminants by advancing national policy and systems-level initiatives. Applications should clearly:

- Articulate a plan to produce results that have implications and/or benefits on a national level.
- Address one or more of the following EPA Indoor Air Program priority areas:

- Radon
- Indoor Environmental Asthma Triggers
- Comprehensive Indoor Air Risk Reduction

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

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## **EPA OLEM FY21 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) Grants - \$3 million**

*Applications Due: September 22, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: local governments, Indian tribe, state governments, nonprofit organizations and more*

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field.

While Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants require training in brownfield assessment and/or cleanup activities, these grants also require that Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training be provided to all individuals being trained. EPA encourages applicants to develop their curricula based on local labor market assessments and employers' hiring needs, while also delivering comprehensive training that results in graduates securing multiple certifications.

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

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## **New! EPA OLEM FY21 Guidelines for Brownfield Assessment Grants - \$32 million**

*Applications Due: October 28, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: local government, special districts, city or township governments, state governments, federally recognized tribal governments*

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act (P.L. 115-141), requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish guidance for grants to assess and clean up brownfield sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofit organizations to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. This guidance provides information on applying for Assessment Grants.

Assessment Grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites. Assessment Grant funds may not be used to conduct cleanup activities.

Applicants may apply for a Community-wide and/or a Site-specific Assessment Grant, or apply as part of an Assessment Coalition.

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

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## **New!** EPA OLEM FY21 Guidelines for Brownfield Cleanup Grants - \$13 million

*Applications Due: October 28, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: local government, special districts, city or township governments, state governments, federally recognized tribal governments*

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Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities on brownfield sites owned by the applicant. An applicant may request up to \$500,000 to address hazardous substances<sup>1</sup> and/or petroleum<sup>2</sup> contamination at one or more brownfield sites. If the site is co-mingled with both hazardous substances and petroleum contamination and the hazardous substances and petroleum-contaminated areas of the site are distinguishable, the application must address both eligibility criteria. If the hazardous substances and petroleum are co-mingled and not easily distinguishable, the applicant must indicate which contaminant is predominant and respond to the appropriate site eligibility criteria.

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

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## **New!** EPA OLEM FY21 Guidelines for Brownfield Multipurpose Grants - \$8 million

*Applications Due: October 28, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: local government, special districts, city or township governments, state governments, federally recognized tribal governments*

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Multipurpose Grants provide funding to carry out a range of eligible activities. Applicants can apply for up to \$800,000 per grant under this solicitation. Multipurpose Grant applicants should have the capacity to conduct a range of eligible activities, for example:

- Developing inventories of brownfield sites;
- Prioritizing sites;
- Conducting community involvement activities;
- Conducting environmental site assessments;
- Developing cleanup plans and reuse plans related to brownfield sites;
- Conducting cleanup activities on brownfield sites owned by the applicant;
- Developing an overall plan for revitalization.

Multipurpose Grant funding must be used to conduct both assessment and cleanup activities, and to develop an overall plan for revitalization of the target area if a plan does not already exist.

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

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## **DOC EDA FY2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental – \$587 million**

*Applications Due: applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received*

*Eligible Entities: federally recognized tribal governments and and tribal organizations other than federally recognized*

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO. Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act) "as a result of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and of wildfires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019...".

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

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## **DOE GFO Energy and Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands - 2020 - \$15 million**

*Applications Due: September 30, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: tribal governments and tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)*

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is consistent with the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination, and with an all-of-the-above energy strategy that recognizes the breadth of energy resources on Tribal Lands, and each Tribe's right to use them as they see fit. 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 energy efficiency measure(s) for Tribal Building(s) (Topic Area 1); or,
2. Deploy community-scale energy generating system(s) or energy storage on Tribal Lands (Topic Area 2); or,
3. Install integrated 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); or,
4. Deploy energy infrastructure and integrated energy system(s) to electrify Tribal Buildings (Topic Area 4).

The intended results of the 50% cost-shared projects selected under this FOA are to reduce or stabilize energy costs and increase energy security and resiliency for Indian Tribes and tribal members.

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

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## **DOE GFO Building Technologies Proving Ground – Public Sector Field Validation - \$10 million**

*Applications Due: September 28, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: city or township governments, state governments, federally recognized tribal governments, county governments*

The Building Technologies Proving Ground – Public Sector Field Validation funding opportunity will invest up to \$10 million to allow state, local, and tribal government entities to compete for funding designed to meet U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) goals via field validation of high impact commercial building technologies. Projects funded through this FOA will have the potential to significantly reduce energy use in U.S. commercial buildings, develop new value streams for commercial building owners, and provide the end use flexibility required to dynamically balance the distribution grid.

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

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## **DOI BIA Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant - \$1 million**

*Applications Due: September 01, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations*

The Secretary of the Interior (“Secretary”), through the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), is soliciting grant proposals from Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Federally recognized Tribal entities to build Tribal capacity for energy resource regulation and management.

The Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant program seeks to develop the Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on American Indian and Native Alaskan land. TEDC grants equip Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Federally recognized Tribal entities to regulate and manage their energy resources through development of organizational and business structures and legal and regulatory infrastructure.

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

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## **NEW!** DOI BOR Water Reclamation and Reuse Research Projects - \$3 million

*Applications Due: October 7, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: state, regional, or local authorities; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; or other entities such as a water district, wastewater district, or rural water district.*

The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite research sponsors to submit proposals to cost-share Title XVI Research activities that seek to address water supply challenges by establishing or expanding the use of water reclamation and reuse, improving existing water reuse facilities, and/or streamlining the implementation of state-of-the-art technology for new facilities.

Water reclamation and reuse research helps states, tribes, and local communities tackle water supply challenges. For purposes of the Title XVI Program, a water reclamation and reuse project is a project that reclaims and reuses municipal, industrial, domestic, or agricultural wastewater or impaired groundwater or surface waters. Research funded under the Title XVI Program (Title XVI Research) supports the development of water reclamation and reuse projects to supplement urban and irrigation water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving efficiency, providing flexibility during water shortages, and diversifying the water supply. Water reclamation and reuse projects provide growing communities with new sources of clean water which increases water management flexibility and makes our water supply more reliable.

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

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## **DOI BOR Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for FY20 and FY21 – \$1 million**

*Applications Due: October 28, 2020 for FY21*

*Eligible Entities: federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations on the 17 Western States identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902*

The objective of this opportunity is to invite federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations to submit proposals for financial assistance for projects and activities that develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources.

Through this opportunity, Reclamation provides funding for projects that increase water reliability consistent with sections 3 and 4 of the October 19, 2018, Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West.

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

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## **DOI BOR WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency for FY21 – \$1.5 million**

*Applications Due: September 30, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the Western United States or United States Territories*

The objective of this FOA is to invite states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently; increase the production of hydropower; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; enable farmers to make additional on-farm improvements in the future, including improvements that may be eligible for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funding; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States. and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought.

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

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## **NEW! NOAA OAR Climate Program Office FY2021 - \$10 million**

*Applications Due: November 30, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: state governments, local governments, and Indian tribal governments.*

Climate variability and change present society with significant economic, health, safety, and security challenges. As part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) climate portfolio within the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), the Climate Program Office (CPO) addresses these climate challenges by managing competitive research programs through which high-

priority climate science, assessments, decision support research, outreach, education, and capacity-building activities are funded to advance our understanding of the Earth's climate system, and to foster the application and use of this knowledge to improve the resilience of our Nation and its partners. Through this announcement, CPO is seeking applications for 6 individual competitions in FY21. Several of these competitions are relevant to high-priority climate risk areas CPO is organizing some of its activities around to improve science understanding and/or capabilities that result in user-driven outcomes in four initial risk areas: Coastal Inundation, Marine Ecosystems, Water Resources and Extreme Heat

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

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## 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](#) .

## 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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## About this Newsletter



**State and Local  
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This newsletter is a service of U.S. EPA's [State and Local Energy and Environment Program](#) . We offer expertise about implementing cost-effective energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate policies and programs to interested state, local, and tribal governments.

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