



# MONEY MONDAY



Richardson Highway near Valdez

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Funding for Firewood Banks

##### Alliance for Green Heat

Due: Applications will be processed on a rolling basis until the end of summer in 2023 or until they run out. Eligible firewood banks can apply by filling out the online application at this site: [firewoodbanks.org/copy-of-overview](https://firewoodbanks.org/copy-of-overview). Almost any items needed to run your firewood bank is an eligible expense except for food & drink, entertainment, lobbying, and items over \$5,000. Eligible expenses include chain saws, splitters, tarps, moisture meters, conveyor belts, trailers, wheelbarrows, safety equipment, first aid kits, equipment repair, building materials for firewood sheds or tool sheds, educational materials/activities, sales tax, signage, travel, gas money, and miscellaneous supplies like small tools that cost less than \$20. Firewood banks are invited to add other additional items not listed here that they use or think may be helpful.

### COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

#### Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT)

##### Program

DOT Federal Highway Administration

Deadline: August 18, 2023

Award: Minimum \$100,000; no maximum specified. Cost match of 80%-100% required

Projects selected under this program should support the continued operation or rapid recovery of crucial local, regional, or national surface transportation facilities. Furthermore, selected projects should utilize innovative and collaborative approaches to risk reduction, including the use of natural infrastructure, which is explicitly eligible under the program. Also called nature-based solutions, these strategies include conservation, restoration, or construction of riparian and streambed treatments, marshes, wetlands, native vegetation, stormwater bioswales, breakwaters, reefs, dunes, and shade trees. They reduce flood risks, erosion, wave damage, and heat impacts while also creating habitat, filtering pollutants, and providing recreational benefits.

### **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Fixed Award Grant Program**

**Department of Energy**

**Deadline: October 12, 2023**

Award: \$500,000-\$5,000,000; no match

Eligible: Native American tribal organizations (Federally recognized and other than Federally recognized); Nonprofits

This FOA is designed to support small community-driven clean energy projects requiring \$500,000 to \$5 million in Federal funding. DOE's Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations will provide financial investment, technical assistance, and other resources to advance clean energy demonstrations and energy solutions that benefit rural and remote communities. ERA aims to fund clean energy projects that will: 1. Deliver measurable benefits to energy customers in rural or remote areas by funding replicable energy projects that lower energy costs, improve energy access and resilience, and/or reduce environmental harm; 2. Support new rural or remote energy system models using climate-resilient technologies, business structures that promote economic resilience, new financing mechanisms, and/or new community engagement practices; and 3. Build clean energy knowledge, capacity, and self-reliance in rural America.

### **Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Awards**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Deadline: Rolling**

Eligible: Public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, federally recognized tribes

Match: Grant assistance is limited to a maximum of 75% of eligible project costs.

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and to pay related project expenses. Rural areas including including Federally recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program. Funds are available as low-interest direct loans, grants, or a combination of the two.

### **Indian Housing Block Grant**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

**Deadline: Rolling**

The Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program is the primary means by which the Federal Government fulfills its trust responsibilities to provide adequate housing to Native Americans and is the single largest source of Indian housing assistance. It is a formula grant that is distributed annually and funds affordable housing activities including new housing construction, rehabilitation, and housing services, and more.

### **Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program NOFO**

**Department of Transportation**

**Deadline: August 14, 2023**

Award: \$360,000; no match

Eligible: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

This pilot program provides grants to fund financial, technical, and legal assistance to states and rural and tribal communities. The grants are intended to increase organizational capacity in communities that may not have resources available to evaluate and develop projects that qualify for federal funding and financing programs. Grants reimburse expenses incurred to hire third-party advisory firms to assist with project development.

# LANGUAGE, CULTURE, & PRESERVATION

## Our Town, FY2024

### **National Endowment for the Arts**

**Deadline: Aug. 3, 2023**

Award: \$25,000-\$150,000; 1:1 match

Eligibility: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); non-profits

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, we support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities over the long term.

## Public Engagement with Historical Records

### **National Archives and Records Administration**

**Deadline: Nov. 2, 2023 (draft deadline Aug. 15, 2023)**

Award: \$50,000-\$150,000; 25% match

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks projects that encourage public engagement with historical records. The idea behind this program is to form collaborations among archivists, educators, historians (including documentary editors) and people working in community-based archives to involve the public in discovering and using historical records. The NHPRC is looking for collaborative projects that create models, tools, and technologies that other institutions can freely adopt to serve other communities. Projects that center the voices and document the history of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are especially welcome. In addition, with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence approaching, the Commission is interested in projects that promote discovery and access to collections that explore the ideals behind our nation's founding and the continuous debate over those ideals to the present day.

# OTHER

## Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Granting Program

Eligible: Tribal governments, Native American organizations, and Native American serving schools.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in Minnesota has created a new granting portal for their philanthropic efforts. Grants and mini-grants are issued to tribes in areas including: Cultural programming and support, economic development, educational program support, environmental and sustainability, event and/or program sponsorship, general program support, health and wellness programming and support and holiday support. For more information, see: [tinyurl.com/y72z7de7](https://tinyurl.com/y72z7de7).