



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. 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.

Powering Affordable Clean Energy

Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service

Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023

Award: \$1M-\$100M, with match

Eligibility: Indian Tribes defined by the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act; Alaska Native Corporations, including regional or village corporations; nonprofits

Under Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE), USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will forgive up to 60 percent of loans for renewable energy projects that use wind, solar, hydropower, geothermal, or biomass, as well as for renewable energy storage projects.

The PACE program allocates funding across three applicant categories, where applicants can receive up to 20%, 40%, or 60% loan forgiveness.

Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Deadline: Sept. 5, 2023

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

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

The primary objective of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons of low- and moderate-incomes. Single Purpose Grants. Projects funded by the ICDBG program must principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. These are competitive grants and are the subject of this NOFO. b. Imminent Threat Grants. Projects funded with Imminent Threat grant funds are to address issues that have an immediate negative impact on public health or safety of tribal residents. You do not have to apply for an Imminent Threat grant by the deadline established in this NOFO. These funds are awarded on a first-come first-serve basis until the amount set aside for this purpose is expended.

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.

LANGUAGE, CULTURE, & PRESERVATION

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.

Of the People: Widening the Path: Community Collections Grants to Individuals

Library of Congress

Deadline: Aug. 18, 2023

Award: Up to \$50,000

Eligible: Individuals

This is a multiyear initiative that entails public participation in the creation of archival collections. Specifically, the Library of Congress seeks to make awards to support contemporary cultural documentation focusing on the culture and traditions of diverse, often underrepresented communities in the United States today. These projects will result in archival collections preserved at the American Folklife Center and made accessible through the Library of Congress' web site.

Forecast: Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: Jan. 11, 2024 (estimated)

Award: Up to \$350,000; no match

Eligibility: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), nonprofits

The Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections program helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting environmentally sustainable preventive care measures that mitigate deterioration, prolong the useful life of collections, reduce energy consumption, and strengthen institutional resilience to disasters resulting from current and future effects of climate change or human activity. Note: this is a forecast opportunity.

Estimated NOFO post date is Sept. 1, 2023.

Forecast: Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: Jan. 11, 2024 (estimated)

Award: Up to \$10,000

Eligibility: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); nonprofits

The Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions program helps small and mid-sized institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. Note: this is a forecast opportunity. Estimated post date is Sept. 1, 2023.

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.