



# MONEY MONDAY NEWSLETTER

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

### Grants Department



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Grants listed below are at least 6 weeks away from deadline in order to allow adequate time to prepare an application. If you see a grant you would like to pursue or want more information, email us at [grants@chugachmiut.org](mailto:grants@chugachmiut.org).

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

### Firewood Banks

#### Alliance for Green Heat

**DUE DATE:** open September 1, 2024; no due date announced

#### **AWARDS:**

New Applicant Grant Form. Existing firewood banks that have **not received funding previously** through the AGH Firewood Bank Assistance Program up to \$15,000 on a sliding scale.

Start-up Grant Form. These grants are aimed at individuals or organizations that are launching new firewood banks in 2024-2025 and plan to deliver 5 cords of wood or more are eligible for grants up to \$10,000. Documentation needed for the Start-up Grant application includes such things as:

- If you are a established non-profit, church, town or tribe, you just need a bank account and a UEI
- If you are applying as an individual, company, tree service, or firewood business we do require you to have a partnership agreement with an established non-profit, church, town, or tribal administration
- A mission statement that explains your motivation to start a firewood bank, how it expands on the heating needs in your community, and your ability to start a firewood bank
- A safety plan that can ensure the safety of your volunteers/workers

★ Large Firewood Banks (100+ cords): up to \$10,000

Your firewood bank was funded in FY1 or FY2 (between January 2023 and May 2023 or September 2023 and March 2024) AND distributes 100+ cords.

★ Small/Medium Firewood Banks (15-99 cords): \$2,500 to \$7,500

Your firewood bank was funded in FY1 (between January 2023 and May 2023) AND distributes between 15-99 cords.

50-99 cords: up to \$7,500

49-25 cords: up to \$5,000

15-24 cords: up to \$2,500

**ELIGIBILITY:** existing and new firewood banks

Eligible expenses include chain saws (electric or gas), 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.

An important document to review is our guidelines: [click here](#) for a list of the things we need firewood banks to agree to, in order to receive funding. <https://www.firewoodbanks.org/applynow>

### **Solid Waste Management Grant Program**

**Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service**

**ESTIMATED POST DATE:** Dec. 31, 2024

**AWARDS:** Up to \$1,000,000; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribe or group, non-profits, academic institutions

Funds under this program may be used to: evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources; provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the operation and maintenance of active landfills; provide technical assistance and/or training to help communities reduce the solid waste stream; provide technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development and implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements.

### **Social and Economic Development Strategies – SEDS FORECAST**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**ESTIMATED POST DATE:** January 13, 2025

**AWARDS:** From \$100,000 to \$900,000,000; match required

**ELIGIBILITY:** Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

This program is focused on community-driven projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, including the preservation of Native American cultures, and decrease the high rate of current challenges caused by the lack of community-based businesses, and social and economic infrastructure in Native American communities. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana>

### **Social and Economic Development Strategies – SEDS-AK FORECAST**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**ESTIMATED POST DATE:** January 13, 2025

**AWARDS:** From \$100,000 to \$900,000,000; match required

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible applicants under the SEDS-AK announcement are: Federally-recognized Indian tribes in Alaska, as recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); Alaska Native villages as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and/or non-profit village consortia; Non-profit Native organizations in Alaska with village-specific projects; Incorporated non-profit multi-purpose community-based Indian organizations (including Urban Indian Organizations as defined by 25 U.S.C. § 1603)(29)); Urban Indian Centers; Native Community Development Financial Institutions (Native CDFIs); Incorporated non-profit Alaska Native multipurpose, community-based organizations; Non-profit Alaska Native Regional Corporations/Associations in Alaska with village-specific projects; or Non-profit Alaska Native community entities or tribal governing bodies (Indian Reorganization Act or Traditional Councils) as recognized by the BIA. If the applicant is not a Federally recognized Alaskan Native tribal government, applicants must provide proof that a majority of the governing board of individuals are representative of the Alaskan Native community to be served. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana>

This program promotes economic and social self-sufficiency for Alaska Natives and is intended to respond to the unique governmental structures and needs in Alaska. The SEDS-AK supports the principle that social and economic development is interrelated and essential for the growth of thriving Native communities. ANA is interested in supporting community-driven projects that build and strengthen core governmental capacity in the areas of administration and project management at the Alaska Native Village level.

### **2025 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund**

#### **Department of Transportation**

**DEADLINE:** Jan. 15, 2025

**AWARD:** Up to \$24,518,400; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

This program funds strategies, activities, and projects on a public road that are consistent with a transportation safety plan and that (i) correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature, or (ii) address a highway safety problem. TTPSF emphasizes the development of strategic transportation safety plans using a data-driven process as a means for Tribes to identify transportation safety needs and determine how those needs will be addressed in Tribal communities. FHWA has identified four eligibility categories: transportation safety plans; data assessment, improvement, and analysis activities; systemic roadway departure countermeasures; and infrastructure improvements and other eligible activities.

### **Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia**

#### **Environmental Protection Agency**

**DUE DATE:** March 14, 2025

**AWARDS:** \$100,000-\$1,500,000; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Federally recognized tribes or intertribal consortia

This program has the goal of funding projects that:

- Focus on encouraging environmentally sound post-consumer materials management;
- Decrease the generation of municipal solid waste and/or an increase in the diversion of municipal solid waste from landfills and incineration; and/or
- Provide or expand access to source reduction, reuse, recycling, backhaul, anaerobic digestion, and composting for Tribal communities.

Examples of a projects that aligns with program goals would be ones that improve infrastructure, such as facilities for reuse, recycling, or composting; collection and storage bins for recyclable or organic material, purchasing and maintaining equipment or supplies such as scales, crushers, balers, and sorting equipment, trucks, forklifts, and safety equipment.

Note: This program will not fund constructing, improving or operating landfills; incineration; burn units; waste-to-energy (except anaerobic digestion); chemical and thermal recycling; biofuels; and environmental cleanup.

### **Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program for Indian Tribes**

#### **State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Home Energy Rebates, U.S.**

#### **Department of Energy, State and Community Energy Program, Golden Field Office**

**DEADLINE:** Rolling and open until May 31, 2025

**AWARDS:** Allocated by formula

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribal governments (both federally recognized and other than federally recognized), non-profits, a consortium of tribes, or a tribally authorized third-party agent

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of State and Community Energy Programs has up to \$225 million to grant to Tribal governments and Alaska Native entities for Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates. This program will provide up to \$14,000 per eligible household for energy efficiency and electrification home upgrades.

Submitting a letter of intent to apply by May 15, 2024 is recommended. To learn more about the program and see a list of allocations, visit <https://shorturl.at/mtBLX>.

### **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program**

#### **Department of Energy**

**DUE DATE:** May 31, 2025

**AWARDS:** Formula grants (roughly \$10,000). DOE is providing local and Tribal governments applying for an EECBG Formula Program award with the option to select a grant or voucher.; cost match is not required

**ELIGIBILITY:** States, local governments, and Indian Tribes. The list of eligible entities and funding allocations are attached to the ALRD and available on the EECBG Program website at: <https://www.energy.gov/clean-energy-infrastructure/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program>

The EECBG Program assists eligible states, units of local government, and Indian Tribes, as described below in implementing strategies to:

- Reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and, to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities;
- Reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities; and
- Improve energy efficiency in the transportation sector, the building sector, and other appropriate sectors.
- Build a clean and equitable energy economy that prioritizes disadvantaged communities and promotes equity and inclusion in workforce opportunities and deployment activities, consistent with the [Justice40 Initiative](#) [Department of Energy](#).

### **Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas – Fiscal Year 2025 Release**

**Department of Energy**

**DEADLINE:** Aug. 28, 2025

**AWARD:** \$2 million-\$50 million; with match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Indian Tribes, state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations. This program serves rural and remote communities with 10,000 people or fewer.

Applicants must propose projects that support at least one of these eligible activities: A. Improving overall cost-effectiveness of energy generation, transmission, or distribution systems; B. Siting or upgrading transmission and distribution lines; C. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from energy generation in rural or remote areas; D. Providing or modernizing electric generation facilities; E. Developing microgrids; and F. Increasing energy efficiency. Applications may include any technology that meets these eligible activities, as long as those technologies are commercially available.

### **2026 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund FORECAST**

**Department of Transportation**

**DEADLINE:** Jan. 15, 2026

**AWARD:** \$25,118,400; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

This program funds strategies, activities, and projects on a public road that are consistent with a transportation safety plan and that (i) correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature, or (ii) address a highway safety problem. There are four eligibility categories: transportation safety plans; data assessment, improvement, and analysis activities; systemic roadway departure countermeasures; and infrastructure improvements and other eligible activities. (NOTE: This is a forecast. The notice of funding for this grant is expected to be published Oct. 1, 2025.)

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **National Fish Passage Program Base Funding Fiscal Year 2024**

**Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service**

**DEADLINE:** Applications may be submitted continuously between March 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024

**AWARD:** \$500-\$1,000,000; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), State governments, County governments, institutions of higher education, school districts, others

The National Fish Passage Program (NFPP) is a voluntary program that provides direct technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic organism passage and aquatic connectivity for the benefit of Federal trust resources. Activities proposed under this award may include project planning and feasibility studies, engineering and design, permitting, on-the-ground fish passage restoration, near-term

implementation monitoring, project outreach, and capacity to manage these project-related activities. ([Link to grants.gov synopsis here.](#))

### **Philanthropy Northwest's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

#### **Region 10 Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grant**

**DEADLINE:** Dec. 15, 2024 through April 2026, depending on application type

**AWARD:** \$300,000.00; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Nonprofit organizations, Tribal governments (both federally recognized and state-recognized) and intertribal consortia, local governments, institutions of higher education, Native American/Indigenous-led organizations, Institutions of higher education

The Region 10 Environmental Justice Thriving Communities grant program will provide funding to organizations addressing the unequal impacts of environmental justice issues in local communities throughout the region. There are three project types:

-Type One (Assessment Projects) for up to \$150,000 (*1-year project period*): funding is focused on gathering information, assessing and understanding the problem(s) before developing a plan.

-Type Two (Planning Projects) for up to \$250,000 (*1- to 2-year project period*): grants for those who already have a strong understanding of the local environmental and/or public health issues and are ready to formulate a community-wide plan to address those issues.

-Type Three (Project Development) for up to \$350,000 (*2-year project period*): grants for those who already have a strong understanding of the local environmental and/or public health issues, have already formulated a community-wide plan addressing those issues, and/or are now ready to develop the technical aspects of the project (i.e., implement the project on the ground).

Deadlines vary by round number and project type – contact us for specifics on the grant type you are interested in applying for.

### **Community Wood Energy and Wood Innovation Program**

#### **U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service**

**DEADLINE:** Dec. 18, 2024

**AWARD:** \$10,000-\$1,000,000; no cost match required

**ELIGIBILITY:** Non-profits; local, state, and tribal governments; businesses, companies, corporations (for profit); institutions of higher education; and special purpose districts

The Forest Service is soliciting proposals for projects that expand thermally led community wood energy or innovative wood product opportunities, improve forest health, and stimulate local economies.

This funding opportunity is intended for shovel ready projects that will not require additional funding or time to complete after the award period.

Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

1. Install a thermally led community wood energy system for heating, cooling, and/or electricity that replaces fossil fuels such as coal, oil, propane, or natural gas.
2. Purchase and install equipment at a new facility to produce biofuels from forest residues.

For more details, [see the project synopsis here.](#)

### **Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance Program**

#### **U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service**

**DEADLINE:** Dec. 18, 2024

**AWARD:** \$50,000-\$1,000,000; no cost match required

**ELIGIBILITY:** : For-profit entities, state and local governments, Indian Tribes, school districts, communities, not-for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, special purpose districts

The intent of this program is to decrease the cost of conducting restoration projects involving vegetation removal on federal and Tribal lands and invest in surrounding communities. These ecosystem restoration byproducts could include trees and woody biomass harvested through timber sales, thinning, hazardous fuels reduction treatments, or other restoration management activities.

Funding priority will be to provide financial assistance to an entity seeking to establish, reopen, retrofit, expand, or improve a sawmill or other wood-processing facility that will utilize the byproducts from projects on federal land,

Tribal forestland, and Tribal rangeland that have been identified as at risk for fire, insect, or disease and a high priority for ecological restoration. For more details, see the project synopsis here.  
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### **Farm to School Implementation Grant**

**Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service**

**DEADLINE:** Jan. 10, 2025

**AWARD:** \$50,000-\$500,000; 25% cash or in-kind match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribal organizations (Federally recognized AND other than Federally recognized), independent school districts, nonprofits, local governments

The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program is designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools and connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals. Grants can launch new farm to school programs or expand existing efforts. [See grant synopsis here](#).

### **NOAA's Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grants Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law-Round 3**

**Department of Commerce, DOC NOAA - ERA Production**

**DEADLINE:** Feb. 10, 2025

**AWARD:** \$750,000-\$8,000,000; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribal organizations (Federally recognized AND other than Federally recognized), special school districts, nonprofits, local and state governments, small businesses, private institutions of higher education

The principal objective of NOAA's Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Notice of Funding Opportunity is to provide federal financial and technical assistance to fish passage through the removal of dams and other in-stream barriers for native migratory or sea-run fish. Funding will be used for fish passage that rebuilds productive and sustainable fisheries, contributes to the recovery and conservation of threatened and endangered species, enhances watershed health, promotes resilient ecosystems and communities, especially in underserved communities, and improves economic vitality, including local employment. [See grant synopsis here](#).

### **Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Notice of Funding Opportunity under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Round 3**

**Department of Commerce, DOC NOAA - ERA Production**

**DEADLINE:** Feb. 27, 2025

**AWARD:** \$300,000-\$6,000,000; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribal organizations (Federally recognized AND other than Federally recognized)

The principal objective of the Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Funding Opportunity is to provide federal financial and technical assistance to Indian tribes and organizations that represent Indian tribes through formal legal agreements to remove barriers to fish passage for native migratory or sea-run fish. Funding will be used for fish passage that rebuilds productive and sustainable fisheries, contributes to the recovery and conservation of threatened and endangered species, enhances watershed health, promotes resilient ecosystems and communities, and increases tribal capacity to participate in fish passage barrier removal efforts while improving tribal commercial, recreational, subsistence and cultural practice opportunities. [See grant synopsis here](#).

## **LANGUAGE & CULTURE**

### **Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections**

**National Endowment for the Humanities**

**DUE DATE:** Jan. 10, 2025

**AWARDS:** Up to \$420,000; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), state and local governments, nonprofits, institutions of higher education

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Preservation and Access is accepting applications for the Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections program. This 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 institutions' ability to anticipate and respond to disasters.

### **Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions**

#### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

**DUE DATE:** Jan. 9, 2025

**AWARDS:** Up to \$15,000; no match

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), state and local governments, institutions of higher education, nonprofits

Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized organizations preserve and manage humanities collections, ensuring their significance for a variety of users, including source communities, humanities researchers, students, and the public, by building their capacity to identify and address physical and intellectual preservation risks. These collections may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

### **Outreach of Interest: Heritage Site Protection**

#### **Department of Agriculture, Forest Service**

**DUE DATE:** Feb. 7, 2025

**AWARDS:** None announced

**ELIGIBILITY:** For profit; non-profits; institutions of higher education; federal, state, local, and Native American tribal governments; organizations and special purpose districts

The Forest Service has issued an outreach of interest (OOI) to cultivate relationships and connect with potential partners. This OOI is intended to solicit responses to explore future projects meeting the needs and interests of potential partners through partnership agreements within legislative authority with USDA Forest Service.

USDA Forest Service is looking seeking assistance in the protection and management of significant cultural resources on public lands through its Heritage Program. This initiative aims to foster co-stewardship between USDA Forest Service, and historic preservation focused partners to assist the agency to manage, preserve and share our history for public enjoyment and professional use.

A response to this OOI signals an opportunity for USDA Forest Service to explore with you your ideas/projects/programs and federal funding opportunities.

### **Landmarks of American History and Culture**

#### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

**DEADLINE:** Feb. 12, 2025

**AWARDS:** Up to \$190,000; no cost match required

**ELIGIBILITY:** Native American tribes (both federally recognized and other than federally recognized); institutions of higher education; state and local governments

The program supports a series of one-week residential, virtual, and combined format workshops across the nation to enhance how K-12 educators and higher education faculty and humanities professionals incorporate place-based approaches to humanities teaching and scholarship.

For more details, [see the project synopsis here](#).

## **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Weatherization Assistance Program**

#### **Alaska Community Development Corporation**

Weatherization helps low-to-moderate-income households who own or rent eligible homes: apartments, cabins, condominiums, houses, mobile homes, and multi-family dwellings (duplexes and larger).

Thousands of qualified Alaskans have received free home weatherization to bring their homes up to safe, healthy, and energy-efficient standards. Weatherization adds years of life to buildings in Alaska's harsh arctic climate. It also benefits energy conservation, saving homeowners on their previous heating bills. The Weatherization Assistance Program is available to renters and homeowners throughout the state. A home may be weatherized once every 15 years.

Alaska CDC accepts applications year-round. However, there always is a wait list, as most work is done during the construction season. Applying early may help expedite the process. See the [application packet here](#).

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