



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.

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>

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.

Indian Highway Safety Tribal Grants/Lifesavers Conference

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

DEADLINE: Feb. 10, 2025

AWARD: \$50,000-\$1,000,000 with match

ELIGIBILITY: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

This grant opportunity will cover Lifesavers Conference registration fees and travel expenses to attend the conference and Indian Highway Safety Tribal Grants session. [See grant synopsis here.](#)

Community Wildfire Defense Grant 2024 (FY25) Tribes

Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

DEADLINE: Feb. 28, 2025

AWARD: Up to \$10 million; with match

ELIGIBILITY: State governments and local governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized and other than Federally recognized), institutions of higher education, nonprofits

This program helps communities in the wildland urban interface implement the three goals of the [National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy](#) (Cohesive Strategy): Restore and maintain landscapes, create fire adapted communities, and improve wildfire response.

Match and Gap Funding Assistance for Surface Transportation Projects

Denali Commission

DEADLINE: Feb. 28, 2025

AWARD: \$50,000-\$1,000,000 with match

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

The Denali Commission is inviting statements of interest for rural Alaska transportation projects in need of local match or gap funding assistance. Many Alaskan communities lack the tax base or resources necessary to meet cost share requirements. This opportunity seeks to provide funding to cover local match needs or address funding gaps, facilitating the completion of surface transportation projects and supporting infrastructure development in rural communities. [See grant synopsis here.](#)

SOI - Non-Federal Match/Cost-Share for Other Federal Infrastructure Grants

Denali Commission

DEADLINE: Feb. 28, 2025

AWARD: \$50,000-\$1,000,000 with match

ELIGIBILITY: Native American tribal organizations (Federally recognized and other than Federally recognized tribal governments), non-profits, local and state governments, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, school districts

The Denali Commission is inviting statements of interest for rural Alaska infrastructure projects in need of local match or non-federal cost share for other federal funding. This opportunity aims to provide financial support to meet local match requirements, enabling infrastructure projects in rural areas that often face challenges in securing funding for critical needs such as energy, healthcare, community wellness, climate resilience, broadband, housing, and sanitation. Transportation projects are not eligible for this opportunity. Respondents are encouraged to identify specific, shovel-ready infrastructure improvement projects and specify the funding needed for their completion. [See grant synopsis here.](#)

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.

Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program NOFO

Department of Transportation

DEADLINE: April 3, 2025

AWARD: \$200,000-\$750,000; no match

ELIGIBILITY: Grants will support hiring staff or expert firms to provide technical, legal, or financial assistance to advance transportation projects that would be reasonably expected to be eligible for select Department of Transportation discretionary grant or credit programs. [See grant synopsis here.](#)

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 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

Bringing Youth Outdoors Together and Environmental Steward Program

Department of the Interior, National Park Service

DEADLINE: Feb. 8, 2025

AWARD: Award range not announced; no match

ELIGIBILITY: Native American tribal organizations (Federally recognized AND other than Federally recognized tribal governments), non-profits, state and local governments, institutions of higher education

The Bringing Youth Outdoors Together and Environmental Program focuses on youth development, recreation, service, social and environmental responsibility, and healthy living that emphasizes the value and significance of natural and cultural resources in nearby parks and communities. The program provides young people--particularly youth from underserved communities in urban, rural, military, and native settings -- with outdoor experiences and excursions to their local national park. [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.](#)

Bureau of Land Management Headquarters (HQ) Wildlife Program

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

DEADLINE: Feb. 14, 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 BLM Headquarters Wildlife Program works with partner organizations to maintain or restore habitats for upland game, waterfowl, big game, pollinators, sensitive species, and watchable wildlife species. Some examples of activities: Conserving priority wildlife habitat or reducing threats to habitat or species; Monitoring and

inventorying wildlife populations; Performing education projects (including citizen science and student-based science) to facilitate wildlife stewardship and conservation for species that depend on BLM managed lands; Increasing public awareness of wildlife resources, conservation challenges and successes on BLM managed lands, including with a targeted focus on communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities. [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: Up to \$240,000; no match

ELIGIBILITY: Native American tribal organizations (Federally recognized AND other than Federally recognized tribal governments), non-profits, state and local governments, institutions of higher education

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.](#)

Bureau of Land Management Alaska Invasive and Noxious Plant Management

Department of the Interior

DEADLINE: March 17, 2025

AWARD: \$5,000-\$1,000,000; no match

ELIGIBILITY: State governments and local governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized and other than Federally recognized), institutions of higher education, nonprofits

BLM Alaska Invasive and Noxious Plant Management Programs work to prevent, detect, inventory, control, and monitor weed populations on public lands. (Noxious weeds are particularly aggressive plants legally designated by states as being injurious to public health, the environment or the economy.). [See grant synopsis here.](#)

IJJA/IRA Bureau of Land Management Alaska Good Neighbor Authority

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

DEADLINE: March 17, 2025

AWARD: \$10,000-\$400,000; no match

ELIGIBILITY: State governments and local governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized and other than Federally recognized), institutions of higher education, nonprofits

Strategic goals of this program include: Restoring landscape connectivity and function; conserving and restoring lands to combat climate change; improving water resources and restoring legacy disturbances. Examples of Alaska projects include but not limited to: Noxious weeds and invasive species treatments, mechanical treatments (e.g. thinning, piling, mastication, mowing), forest management and more. [See grant synopsis here.](#)

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

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](#).

Historic Preservation Fund - Tribal Heritage Grants

Department of the Interior, National Park Service

DEADLINE: Feb. 27, 2025

AWARDS: \$15,000-\$75,000

ELIGIBILITY: : Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized and other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

The National Historic Preservation Act authorizes grants to federally recognized Tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. These grants assist Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations in protecting and promoting their unique cultural heritage and traditions. This program is focused on protecting: Traditional skills, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices. For more details, [see the project synopsis here](#).

NEA Challenge America, FY 2026

National Endowment for the Arts

DEADLINE: April 24, 2025

AWARDS: \$10,000 with a 1:1 match

ELIGIBILITY: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized only), non-profits, state and local governments, school districts and institutions of higher education

Challenge America offers support for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved groups/communities.

Project activities may include but are not limited to: arts programming; audience and community engagement, including educational activities; marketing and promotional activities; and organizational planning. For more details, [see the project synopsis here](#).

Publishing Historical Records in Collaborative Digital Editions

National Archives and Records Administration

DEADLINE: Nov. 5, 2025

AWARDS: Up to \$125,000; no match

ELIGIBILITY: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), non-profits, state and local governments, institutions of higher education

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish online editions of historical records. All types of historical records are eligible, including documents, photographs, born-digital records, and analog audio. Projects may focus on broad historical movements in U.S. history. Projects that center the voices and document the history of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are especially welcome. For more details, [see the project synopsis here](#).

Archival Projects

National Archives and Records Administration

DEADLINE: Nov. 5, 2025

AWARDS: Up to \$150,000; no match

ELIGIBILITY: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), non-profits, state and local governments, institutions of higher education

The NHPRC seeks archival projects that will significantly improve online public discovery and use of historical records collections. The Commission encourages projects focused on collections of America's early legal records, such as the records of colonial, territorial, county, and early statehood and tribal proceedings that document the evolution of the nation's legal history. Collections that center the voices and document the history of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are especially welcome. For more details, [see the project synopsis here](#).

OTHER

AmeriCorps State and National Native Nation Planning Grants

AmeriCorps

DEADLINE: April 9, 2025

AWARDS: Up to \$240,000; no match

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

AmeriCorps planning grants provide support to eligible organizations that develop an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in solving community problems. Grant recipients are awarded up to \$240,000 for a 12-month planning period and are encouraged to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the following grant cycle if they deem the fit with AmeriCorps to be of use to their community. For more details, [see the project synopsis here](#).

Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2025

Department of the Interior. Bureau of Reclamation

DEADLINE: Feb. 27, 2025

AWARDS: Up to \$1,000,000

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

The objective of this NOFO is to invite federally recognized Indian Tribes to submit proposals for financial assistance for projects and activities that develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. For more details, [see the project synopsis here](#).

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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