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BPA FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT: Tribal Energy Efficiency Income Qualified Grant

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) invites you to apply for Tribal Energy Efficiency Income Qualified Grant funding. This is a non-competitive grant. This announcement outlines where to find details about this grant and how to apply.

Before Applying

- Review the full scope of work for grant funding** in the [Tribal Energy Efficiency Income Qualified Grant](#) published on [BPA's Tribal Income Qualified homepage](#). Details include but are not limited to allowable costs, project eligibility, qualification guidelines, and terms and conditions.
- Review the Budget Worksheet** and required budget details.
- Questions?** Reach out to the BPA team at EETribalgrants@bpa.gov.

Application Checklist of what to submit to EETribalgrants@bpa.gov:

- Cover Letter
- Technical Write-Up (limited to 3 – 5 pages)
- Most recently completed financial audit
- [Budget Worksheet](#) or alternative
- Alternative tribal income qualification guideline (*if applicable*)
- Negotiated Tribal Indirect rate, *if it applies and is included it in the budget request*

PART 1: BACKGROUND

The Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (the Act) passed in 1980 obligates BPA to acquire and encourage the development of energy conservation to maximize the value of the Federal Columbia River Power System, reducing the agency's need to acquire other resources to supply firm power to its customers. While the regional energy landscape has evolved significantly since the Act, energy conservation has proven to be a consistent and reliable resource for the agency, our customers, and the region at large.

In support of meeting the BPA's Energy Efficiency program goals, this funding opportunity seeks to identify and capture energy conservation which BPA customers may not otherwise have funds to support. BPA achieves energy conservation through BPA's Utility Customers, Northwest states and federally recognized American Indian Tribes (Indian Tribes). The full scope of this grant funding opportunity is outlined in the [Tribal Energy Efficiency Income Qualified Grant](#) published on the [BPA's Tribal Income Qualified homepage](#).

A. Goals and Objectives

The purpose of BPA grant funding opportunity is to increase energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by Eligible Participants (EP) in areas served by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Utility Customers. BPA's Tribal grant program is established to leverage the existing infrastructure within each tribe to serve residential households.

B. Submission Dates & Times

1) January 30, 2026: Priority Application

Priority applications are due by close of business on January 30, 2026. Those applications received by this date will receive priority in review and award.

2) February 13, 2026 and Beyond: Application Due Date to Ensure Funding is Available

Applicants are encouraged to submit requests for funding by February 13, 2026 to ensure that funding will still be available. However, applications will be accepted throughout the year and grants are awarded as budget is available.

C. Eligible Applicants

American Indian Tribes serving Eligible Participants (EPs) in areas served by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Utility Customers are eligible to submit applications for grant funding. See **Unit 3, Part B – B.2 Eligibility Requirements** in the [Tribal Energy Efficiency Income Qualified Grant](#) for more details on which participants and dwelling units qualify for funding through this grant. Reference **Unit 5** for a list of eligible BPA Utility Customers.

Funding grant applicants must be eligible to receive federal funding per the excluded parties list system at www.sam.gov.

D. Project Types

Funding may be utilized to fund services identified as outlined in **Unit 3 – Project Description** in the [Tribal Energy Efficiency Income Qualified Grant](#). BPA funding may also be used to enhance capabilities by covering training fees and travel associated with specialized training and attendance at BPA sponsored workshops.

E. Type of Award Instrument

This is a financial assistance funding opportunity. The award instrument shall be in the form of a grant. All awards will be a cost reimbursement unless an advance lump sum payment is requested by the recipient.

F. Period of Performance

The budget and performance period for grants awarded under this funding opportunity aligns with BPA's rate period. Performance periods are set depending on the Grantee's funding needs and available budget. Funding is made available beginning of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 from October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026. FY 2027 funding will be advertised by July 2026.

G. Estimated Funding Available

Up to \$1,801,500 is available for FY 2026-2028 awards, with approximately \$600,500 available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, \$600,500 available in FY 2027, and the remaining balance in FY 2028. At this time, BPA will only entertain funding requests for FY 2026. Funding is awarded on a first come, first served basis of applications and recipient agrees to incur all authorized expenditures within the negotiated performance period.

H. Cost Sharing/Voluntary Cost Sharing/Leveraging

There is no cost share requirement.

I. Anticipated Number of Awards & Award Size

BPA anticipates multiple awards resulting from this announcement. BPA anticipates that typical awards will range from \$15,000 to \$100,000 per fiscal year. There is no minimum or maximum award size.

J. Funding Restrictions

1) Cost Principles

Grants awarded under this program are subject to BFAI Part 5 – Cost Principles, found in the [Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions \(BFAI\) manual](#) starting on page 57.

2) Pre-Award Costs

BPA does not intend to authorize pre-award costs.

3) Supplanting Funds Expressly Prohibited

BPA funds must be used to increase or supplement the funding available for an awarded project. Applicants may not supplant available funds. Supplanting is to deliberately reduce or reallocate tribal, state, local or agency funds because of existence of federal agency funds.

4) Indirect Rates

Applicable federal indirect rates should be accounted for as an additional budget line item. If including federal indirect rates in applicable costs, include a copy of the current agreement.

K. Application Evaluation Process

1) Initial Review

BPA will perform an initial review to determine that (1) the Applicant is eligible for an award; (2) the information required by the announcement has been submitted; (3) all mandatory requirements are satisfied; and (4) the proposed project is responsive to the objectives of the program.

2) Evaluation Criteria

The application will be evaluated by one or more technical personnel and a Contracting Officer (CO) based on the identified criteria. Funding decisions are managed at the program level. If BPA's evaluation is favorable, funding is available for the project, and a determination is made to fund the application, the program will authorize the award and you will be notified by a CO. BPA may elect to fund your application at a lesser amount. Any negotiations on budget or programmatic aspects will be handled by the Contracting Officer (CO) and the Contracting Officer Representative (COR).

- a. Organizational technical capability and capacity to manage and deliver low-income energy efficiency services to the target population.
- b. Demonstrated need for BPA support.
- c. Proposed portfolio of program activity and how it aligns with BPA's goals for the overall program portfolio.
- d. Demonstrated experience and accomplishments in delivering low-income energy efficiency services.
- e. Readiness of the organization to implement the proposed program.
- f. Financial Capabilities
- g. The budget will be evaluated for reasonableness of proposed costs and in relation to proposed activities and outcomes.

L. Grant Award Process

1) Discussions and Award

The Contracting Officer (CO) may discuss with a selected Applicant for any reason deemed necessary, including but not limited to: (1) the budget is not appropriate or reasonable for the requirement; (2) only a portion of the application is selected for award; (3) BPA needs additional information to determine the recipient's financial management capabilities; and/or (4) special terms and conditions are required.

Failure to resolve satisfactorily the issues identified by the CO will preclude award to the Applicant.

Applicants are advised that financial assistance awards are made at the sole discretion of BPA and are not subject to appeal or review.

2) Anticipated Notices of Selection & Award Dates

For those applications received by the priority application due date, BPA anticipates notifying applicants of BPA's intent to award within 30 days. BPA will attempt to make the award by January 15, 2026. For applications submitted after that date, please allow at least 30 days for review and a minimum of 30 days for award.

M. Contact for Questions & Submissions

1) BPA Contact

Name: Amy Burke
Email: EETribalgrants@bpa.gov
Alternative Email: aaburke@bpa.gov
Telephone: 503.230.4364

2) Questions

Any questions regarding this funding offer should be submitted electronically to the BPA contact.

PART 2: APPLICATION CONTENT

A. Narrative Application

Application can be submitted as one combined document or separate documents in Word, Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), or Excel as needed.

The narrative write-up should be limited to three to five pages in length. Not included in the page count limit are resumes, audit information, indirect rate documentation, budget template, or budget justification narrative.

1) Cover Letter

Brief cover letter should list what projects you intend to complete, what the funds will cover, how much budget is requested, and if the request is a pre-paid or invoice-as-you-go grant. The cover letter should be signed by the party with authority to enter into a grant agreement with BPA.

2) Technical Description *(limited to 3 – 5 pages, which do not include resumes and audit information)*

- a. **Organizational capability and capacity.** Brief description of your organization and its capabilities to manage and deliver energy efficiency services. Provide a brief overview of your organization's experience in delivering services under BPA's Energy Efficiency Income Qualified program and/or the U.S. DOE program. Identify any DOE-certified Weatherization Auditors or Installers, key personnel (or subcontractors) which should include individuals with primary responsibility for managing the program and verifying, inspecting or overseeing on-site work. This may just include the program manager. Include the following information:
 - Names
 - Background roles
 - Relevant experience these individuals bring to the program
 - Relevant resumes (restricted to one page each and attached to the application)
- b. **Need for BPA Support.** Explain the impact of BPA funding and the need for an energy efficiency income qualified program. Include:
 - Number of eligible houses
 - Number of residents on a waiting list (if applicable)
 - Number and type of intended projects
 - Number of houses already served
 - Identify if other Tribes will benefit from the program (e.g., if applicant will serve two Tribes with a grant or if applicant will provide audit assistance to another Tribe).
 - Outcomes if your application and budget are awarded
- c. **Readiness.** Address if any other conditions must be addressed to implement the program. This could include, but is not limited to, acquiring certified weatherization auditors or vendor services.
- d. **Challenges.** Identify any expected challenges and/or risks in the proposed program and how the applicant plans to address and mitigate identified risks.

B. Most Recent Financial Audit

Attach an electronic copy of your most recently completed audit under Subpart F of 2 CFR 200. If any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies are noted for internal controls over financial reporting or major programs, please explain and identify how your organization has taken corrective action.

C. Budget Worksheet

Complete and electronically submit the [**BPA Tribal Grant Budget Worksheet**](#) with the application. This is an optional template. The applicant can use an alternative budget template at their choosing as long as it provides all relevant information about the budget request.

Applicants must review all the Scope of Work. For applicants requesting additional funds under a current grant, the budget should clearly show the additional budget requested and the revised budget total. For grant applications limited to training support only, the budget format may be simplified accordingly. No administrative overhead pay will be paid for reimbursement of grants that only cover the cost of training and travel.

Details about the following budget information to include in your application are included in the [**BPA Tribal Grant Budget Worksheet**](#):

- a. Personnel
- b. Fringe Benefits
- c. Travel
- d. Equipment
- e. Materials/Supplies
- f. Contractual & Subrecipient Services
- g. Other Direct Costs
- h. Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost (if applicable)

D. Documentation of Negotiated Tribal Indirect rate

If the Applicant is including a request for budget to cover applicable costs associated with the negotiated Tribal Indirect rate and it applies to the work that is planned, documentation of the negotiated rate should be included with the application.

E. Alternative Income Qualification Guidelines

If the Recipient (Indian Tribe) determines and sets new income eligibility policies, provide this new policy in writing to BPA for review and approval prior to beginning the work to income qualify residents. Please allow at least 30 days for BPA to review and respond if the proposed policy is approved. See **Unit 3, Part B – B.2 Eligibility Requirements** in the [**Tribal Energy Efficiency Income Qualified Grant**](#) for more details.

Thank you for applying for this non-competitive grant funding! Submit your application to ETribalgrants@bpa.gov and please let BPA know if you have any follow-up questions.