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1. What's New!

MAY IS NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH: May 2013 is the 14th Annual National Military Appreciation Month to recognize our armed services and honor those who have served our nation and the achievements of the [Armed Forces](#). The month honors our active duty service members, our veterans, and our military families and the sacrifices they have made and continue to make for our great nation. On May 22nd, HUD will have a special Memorial Day ceremony honoring our veterans and current military service members. [Learn more about the month of recognition](#)

Federal News Briefs & Important Due Dates:

(HUD/ONAP): HUD'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE RECOGNIZED BY HARVARD'S KENNEDY SCHOOL AS A TOP 25 INNOVATION IN GOVERNMENT: Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government recognized HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) as one of this year's Top 25 programs in its **Innovations in American Government Award** competition, recognizing and promoting excellence and creativity in the public sector. HUD's SCI was created to help build strong and resilient communities through a more integrated planning process connecting housing and transportation options to job centers to help the average American family alleviate their housing and transportation costs. By partnering with the Dept of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, SCI is creating communities that are economically prosperous, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable, by connecting housing to jobs, fostering local innovation, and supporting energy-efficient and healthy affordable housing. In addition, SCI has been pioneering an approach to community and economic development that is helping regions increase their economic competitiveness. This initiative is encouraging comprehensive regional planning to guide state, metropolitan, and local investments in job creation, transportation, and housing through Regional Planning Grants and Community Challenge Grants. For example, in one of the nation's youngest, most economically depressed regions, the **Oglala Lakota nation** is leveraging a Regional Planning Grant to catalyze an economic transformation of their community while holding true to their cultural values. Through leveraging participation of multiple state and federal agencies, the planning process is setting the groundwork for a 34-acre sustainable planned development on the heart of the **Pine Ridge Reservation** that will provide homeownership opportunities, which have traditionally been lacking there. In addition, the **Thunder Valley CDC** is balance their community development and physical infrastructure work with a focus on enhancing programs for physical health (including healthy food and active living), mental health, and spiritual health efforts that bring healing to the Oglala Lakota people. The SCI initiative would not be possible with the support of HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, DOT Secretary LaHood, and former EPA Administrator Jackson, and the hard work of our federal colleagues and the partnerships created with private investors, philanthropic and community organizations, and local and regional governments. These partner efforts create the catalysts that many communities need to create long lasting change and economic sustainability for a more prosperous future. To read more about the Harvard recognition, see [here](#). The Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) will be rolling out a toolkit to encourage teams to host regional roundtables titled "**Building Livable and Economically Resilient Communities**" through the spring and summer. Regional DOT, EPA and HUD staff will come together with their counterparts to participate in the webinar and work together to plan and coordinate local roundtables. Watch for more soon.

SWONAP ANNOUNCES NEW TRAINING AND TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES: General training workshops are being scheduled for 2013-2014 in the SW region. These trainings will include NAHASDA Essentials, Procurement, Construction & Contract Management, Board of Commissioners' Training and others. For a schedule of trainings in our region, visit <http://www.hud.gov/local/shared/working/r9/swonap/calendar/calendar.cfm?state=az>! Additionally, specialized technical assistance for tribal and TDHE grant recipients is available in a variety of areas related to Indian housing. For more info., contact David Southerland (david.w.southerland@hud.gov or 505/346-6925), Debbie Broermann (deborah.s.broermann@hud.gov or 602/379-7198), or Carolyn O'Neil (carolyn.j.o'neil@hud.gov or 602/379-7235).



(DOC) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (NTIA) | FirstNet Announces Regional Workshops with Tribal, State, Territorial, and Local Entities: To View the Press Release, [Click Here](#)

(NTIA) announced a series of six regional workshops scheduled throughout summer 2013. These workshops will also serve as consultation sessions with individual states. However, states have also been directed to consult with tribal and local entities to receive input on FirstNet deployment and network schematics. The first in a summer-long series of consultations with states, tribes, territories and localities will take place **May 15-16** in the Washington, D.C area. FirstNet will conduct regional workshops in six regions and will also meet with each state individually during the consultation process to solicit input from attendees to help in the design of a public safety-grade next-generation wireless network that meets the specific communications requirements of police, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel in their respective jurisdictions.



(DOE) ENERGY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES \$7 MILLION TO PROMOTE CLEAN ENERGY IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES: The Energy Department announced up to \$7 million to deploy clean energy projects in tribal communities, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and promoting economic development on tribal lands. DOE's [Tribal Energy Program](#), in cooperation with the [Office of Indian Energy](#), will help Native American communities, tribal energy resource development organizations, and tribal consortia to install community- or facility-scale clean energy projects. Tribal lands comprise nearly 2% of U.S. land, but contain about 5% of the country's renewable energy resources. With more than 9 million megawatts of potential installed renewable energy capacity on tribal lands, these communities are well positioned to capitalize on our domestic renewable energy resources—thereby enhancing U.S. energy security and protecting our air and water. Through the ["Community-Scale Clean Energy Projects in Indian Country"](#) funding opportunity, the Energy Department will make up to \$4.5 million available, subject to congressional appropriations, for projects installing clean energy systems that reduce fossil fuel use by at least 15% in either new or existing tribal buildings. Renewable energy systems for power generation only must be a minimum of 50 kilowatts and use commercial-warranted equipment. Through the ["Tribal Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment Assistance"](#) funding opportunity, the Department will make up to \$2.5 million available, subject to congressional appropriations, for projects installing renewable energy and energy efficiency that reduce fossil fuel use in existing tribal buildings by at least 30%. These projects must use commercial-warranted equipment with renewable energy systems for power generation only of at least 10 kilowatts. Leveraging state or utility incentive programs is encouraged.

2. Trainings, Conferences and Events:

Training/ Conference/Event	Date/ Location	Description
CULTURAL TOURISM CONFERENCE (Inst. Of Am Indian Arts Center for Lifelong Education)	May 13-15 Moenkopi, AZ	Conference will focus on forming effective tourism networks, cultural sensitivity and authenticity, cultural heritage marketing, cultural tourism and photography, grant writing, managing tourism effectively and customer service in cultural tourism. Attendees can tour the tribal lands of northern AZ to experience the beauty, culture and hospitality of this region of Native America. Program sponsors include the Arizona Office of Tourism, the New Mexico Office of Tourism, and the Hopi Tribe. For more info., visit www.iaia.edu/cle/events/ctw_home/ or call (505) 424-2308 or (928) 283-4500.
USDA Rural Development Housing Repair Programs	May 15 Webinar	Course focuses on Rural Development's Housing Repair Programs: Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Program, and the Section 504 Rural Housing Repair Loan and Grant Program. The type of work that can be accomplished in both programs is similar, but tribes are eligible to apply for the HPG program whereas homeowners are eligible for Section 504 loans and grants. Course is designed to share up-to date program information, FY 2013 (Continuing Resolution) funding information, basic application process, and best practices. To register, visit www.nativelearningcenter.com , or call 1-866-217-8190.
Strengthening Rural Organizations through Grassroots Funding (NARP)	May 16 Webinar	Nonprofit organizations located in rural areas often have a difficult time raising money through traditional methods. While most grant-making foundations tend to concentrate on urban regions of the country, it is critical to identify and develop the resources that rural communities have in order to strengthen organizations that serve these communities. Reserve your Webinar seat now at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/424510089
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program Workshop	May 20-23 Blue Lake, CA	Hosted by EPA Region 9. This workshop teaches how to implement an effective Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program using water quality data to guide the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and thinking outside the reservation boundaries using the watershed approach. For more info, visit http://smallwatersupply.org/Calendar/EventDetails/tabid/65/Default.aspx?ID=47690 or contact Audrey Johnson at 415-972-3421 or Johnson.audrey@epa.gov . Tribal Operators Only!
39th Annual NAIHC Convention	May 21-23 Chicago, IL	National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) 39 th Annual Convention & Trade Show. For more info. and to register, visit http://www.naihc.net/index.php/events/annual-convention/
Indian Preference Under NAHASDA	May 22 Webinar	
Native American Fatherhood & Families: 'Healthy Relationships'	May 23-24 Sacramento, CA	A FREE <i>"Healthy Relationships"</i> Regional Seminar. Click to REGISTER.. Click to view - Agenda at a Glance. Call (480)833.5007 for more info., or visit www.nativeamericanfathers.org



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Indian Housing Management/ Tribal Constitutions, ByLaws & Ordinances	May 23-24 Las Vegas, NV	Falmouth Institute offers this introductory course. For more info. and to register, visit www.falmouthinstitute.com/training/calendar.html .
Grant Writing for Tribal Communities (KIVA Institute)	May 23-24 Las Vegas, NV	Become skilled in seeking grants and securing much needed funding for your special projects and initiatives. Highly experienced grant writers and former tribal administrators will teach you the fundamentals of grant writing and how to create the best verbiage, sensible budgets, and how to organize your grant proposals. Click here for Registration Form or call 1-866-202-KIVA.
 NEW MEXICO NATIVE AMERICAN ECONOMIC SUMMIT	May 28-30 Sandia, NM	This 3 day summit will have 90 presenting companies, 26 breakout / general sessions, a 2 day procurement and trade fair with over 85 trade booths and will host its 7 th Annual Golf Classic. For more info., visit http://www.nmnaec.com/ or www.aiccnm.com , or call (505) 766-9545.
Regional Transmission Planning Seminar (DOE)	May 29 Webinar	Find ways to promote tribal energy sufficiency and foster economic development and employment on tribal lands using renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. Prior to this webinar, get a basic overview of how the electricity grid works by watching a free DOE Office of Indian Energy on-demand webinar on: Electricity Grid Basics . The webinar is available on the National Training & Education Resource (NTER) website. You will be asked to create an account to access the webinar. Register today for the Regional Transmission Planning webinar.
Roles & Responsibilities of Board of Directors	May 29 Webinar	FREE training from Native Learning Center. Course provides an overview of the roles & responsibilities of Board of Directors. For more, visit www.nativelearningcenter.com or call 1-866-217-8190.
Basic Flooring (NAHC)	May 29-31 Albuquerque, NM	Native American Housing Consultants offers this course providing various concepts and skills needed in floor installation for a variety of residential or commercial projects. For more info., send an e-mail to nmahctraining@aol.com .
Indirect Cost Principals and Contract Support Costs (KIVA Institute)	May 30-31 Scottsdale, AZ	This course teaches the fundamentals of indirect costs and indirect cost rates; and the funding provisions of the Act. Come learn from professionals who participated in the development of the BIA's contract support cost policy; the development of '638 regulations; and who are experienced in preparing tribal indirect cost rate proposals. Click here for Registration Form or call 1-866-202-KIVA.
No Tribe Left Behind	June 3-4 Temecula, CA	Join us as we take a comprehensive look at the next wave of business opportunities that technology, e-commerce, and iGaming will create for the tribes and entrepreneurs of Indian Country. For more info., visit http://www.indiancountryonline.net/ .
Strengthening Tribal Communities into the Future (NLC)	June 4-6 Hollywood, FL	Native Learning Center's (NLC) 5th Annual Summer Conference sessions focusing on five focus area: Celebrating Culture & Language, Financial Wellness, Grant Education, Housing Strategies, and Tribal Government. For more information, visit http://nativelearningcenter.com/5thsummerconference/ .
 24 CFR Part 58 Environmental Review Training (HUD)	June 4-5 Choose from 4 sites: LA, SF, Phx, Tuc, or Las Vegas	HUD's Regional Environmental Office will conduct a free two-day training seminar to help grantees, federal, state, and local government staff, "Responsible Entities," and consultants undertaking HUD environmental reviews to gain a better understanding of Federal environmental requirements and procedures. This training is designed to assist those who actually prepare Environmental Review documents under 24 CFR Part 58, as well as those who review and approve such documents. Specific topics to be addressed include the National Environmental Policy Act, sole source aquifers, scenic rivers, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Air Act, wetlands, floodplain management and flood insurance, coastal zone management, endangered species, farmlands, environmental justice, noise abatement, toxic and hazardous substances, other factors and procedural requirements of 24 CFR Part 58, incl. recommended formats for compliance documentation. Training will be conducted in-person in Los Angeles & San Francisco and will be presented via live video-conferencing in Tucson, Phoenix (AZ) and Las Vegas (NV) HUD conference rooms. For more info., visit http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=1668&update=N .
NAIHC Leadership Institute Training Expo	June 11-13 Seattle, WA	National American Indian Housing Council's Leadership Institute offers training for Maintenance Management; Supervisory Management; Environmental Compliance, and NAHASDA - LIHTC Compliance. For more info., visit http://www.naihc.net/index.php/events/seattle-2013
Reservation Economic Summit (RES) California (NCAIED)	June 17-19 Temecula, CA	The theme of RES California is "Sustaining Economic Momentum," and the NCAIED will do just that by offering an all inclusive RES event that will feature business leaders from across Indian Country and provide a variety of activities aimed at fostering small business, enterprise, and leadership development. RES California activities will begin with the, "National Center Golf Classic." For more info. and to register, visit HTTP://WWW.NCAIED.ORG .
Sec. 502 Guaranteed Rural Housing Loans	June 19 Webinar	FREE training from Native Learning Center. Course provides an overview and uses of USDA-Rural Development's Section 502 Rural Housing Loans. For more, visit www.nativelearningcenter.com .
NCAI mid-year Conference & Marketplace	June 24-27 Reno, NV	National Congress of American Indians mid-year conference. For additional details, conference agenda and registration info., visit http://www.ncai.org/events/2013/06/24/2013-ncai-mid-year-conference
20 th Annual Indian Child Welfare Act Conference	June 25-27 Temecula, CA	Info. about this statewide conference is available at http://www.pechanga-nsn.gov/page?pagelid=1 . For more info., contact Angela Medrano at amedrano@pechanga-nsn.gov or (951) 770-6177.



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Oil, Gas & Renewable Energy on Tribal Lands: The New Landscape (Law Seminars)	July 25-26 Washington, DC	This seminar will focus on new developments in Indian energy development, exploring the partnerships that are being created between and among Tribes, the federal government, states and the private sector to develop fossil fuels, renewables and transmission capacity. It will frame these relationships within the context of legal and policy developments in Washington that will have far-reaching consequences for Indian energy development, including changes to the tax code, proposed legislation to streamline environmental regulations on Tribal lands, and the effect of major agency decisions. For more info., visit http://www.lawseminars.com/detail.php?SeminarCode=13TRIBDC
Intermediate Plumbing (NAHC)	June 26-28 Albq, NM	Native American Housing Consultants offers this workshop to introduce the theory and practice of plumbing maintenance issues. For more info., send an e-mail to nmahctraining@aol.com
13th Annual FOR ALL MY RELATIONS (National Indian Justice Center)	July 18-20 Anaheim, CA	13 th Annual Conference will include special workshops for youth, Tribal Transportation programs, and more. Registration will open soon. For more info., call (707) 579-5507 or visit www.nijc.org/training.html
Orientation to Sustainable Environmental Assessment	Aug. 5-9 Chicago AND online June 16 – Sept 30	This course uses the HUD (24 CFR 58) environmental process that delegates NEPA & 18 other environmental authorities to the local level as a framework for providing insights into issue identification and analysis pointed to consideration of alternatives. Environmental review prior to project approval allows local government and other stakeholders to identify and evaluate alternative sites and designs that can mitigate adverse impacts and/or lower long-term maintenance costs. All federal projects come with environmental assessment responsibilities under NEPA, and many local governments now like to routinely include environmental considerations in their local decision making process. To view agenda & register on line go to: Chicago UIC http://www.cvent.com/d/gcqcqc ; for On line UIC http://www.cvent.com/d/zcqv1 . For more info, call 312-996-6904 .
2013 Leadership Institute Training (NAIHC)	Aug. 6-8 Colorado Springs, CO	National American Indian Housing Council's Leadership Institute offers Training Expos in 2013 with four classes at each Expo. Classes incl. Housing Services, Development & Modernization, Basic Accounting, and Acquisition Basics. For more info., call (202) 789-1754. Click here for the LI Training Expo schedule.
Solid Waste Mgmt-Safety & Recycling Strategies (NIJC)	Aug. 13-15 Denver, CO	Registration will open soon. To view more information, call (707) 579-5507 or visit www.nijc.org/training.html
American Indian Law: Critical Issues Grant Writing & Administration (NIJC)	Oct. 9-11 Las Vegas, NV	Registration will open soon. To view more information, call (707) 579-5507 or visit www.nijc.org/training.html
Native American Contractors Association Annual Conference	Nov. 11-13 Palm Springs, CA	NACA's 1st Annual B2B Conference & Expo will feature three (3) different learning tracks that include: Getting Business Started and on the Right Course, Legislative Issues Impacting Small Business, and Contemporary Issues Impacting Small Business Federal Contractors. The conference will feature 60+ experts on small business matters. The complete 2013 conference agenda, online registration, and other conference information is available online now at www.nativecontractors.org .

3. Funding Announcements for Tribes/Tribal Entities:

Agency/Source	Submission Deadline	Additional Information
Tribal Energy Program Technical Assistance (Dept. of Energy)	Rolling	Free technical assistance to assist federally recognized Indian tribes, bands, nations, and other organized groups and communities—including Alaska Native villages or regional and village corporations—with renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Typically limited to 40 hours and may include renewable energy technology info., renewable resource information, energy efficiency techniques, project support, system performance modeling, policy information, design review, special studies, strategic energy planning and training. To request assistance, complete the on-line form . For more, see Technical Assistance the Tribal Energy Program website
UWP- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant	Rolling	USDA – Rural Development's grant program for Emergency Community Water Assistance. For more info., visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm .
Native American Rural Business Enterprise Grants (USDA-RD)	Contact your local USDA Rural Development office for due dates	Grant program to develop small & emerging private business opportunities in tribal & rural areas. Program provides grants for rural projects that finance the development of small and emerging rural businesses, and help fund distance adult learning for job training and advancement. Small & emerging private businesses are those with fewer than 50 employees with less than \$1 million in projected gross revenues. USDA-RD expects to award approx. \$3.2 million via a single national competition. There is no state set-aside for this program; Native American RBEG applications compete with other Native American RBEG applications from around the nation. For a tribally owned business to be considered private, it must be held through a separate entity such as a tribal corporation. The corporation may be owned by the tribe and distribute profits to the tribe. However, the governing board must be independent from the tribal government & elected or appointed for a specific time period. Pre-applications are strongly encouraged and are available at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nvrbeg.html .



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Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants (HHS)	May 14	Up to \$300,000 over 2 years for 5 entities. Program makes one-time grants to Tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia that are seeking to develop and implement a Title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance and, at tribal option, guardianship assistance program. Grant funds under this program may be used for the cost of developing a Title IV-E plan to carry out programs; costs relating to the development of data collection systems, a cost allocation methodology, agency and tribal court procedures necessary to meet the case review system requirements; or any other costs attributable to meeting any other requirement necessary for approval of a Title IV-E plan. Link to RFP: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2013-ACF-ACYF-CS-0579/pdf .
FY 2013 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants	May 28	Tribes are eligible. Individual HUD grant awards may be for up to a maximum of \$500,000. Planning Grants assist communities in developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan and building support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented. The NOFA and application package are available at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/cnpg
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE/ TRIBAL PLANNING GRANTS AmeriCorps Funding	May 30	Indian Tribes have the opportunity to apply for funding. If awarded, tribes can receive up to \$75,000 for a one-year period to provide support for the development of an AmeriCorps program and take the opportunity to identify ways that AmeriCorps members can help them defeat the unique challenges and barriers in tribal communities. Click here for more information. For potential applicants, tribal-specific technical assistance has been made available by CNCS. A schedule of upcoming assistance calls and FAQs can be found here . For more, visit http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/13_0410_2013_ameriCorps_indian_tribes_planning_grant_nofa.pdf
Rural Energy for America Program (REAP-USDA Rural Development)	May 31	<i>Grant Program Supports Renewable Energy Systems or Energy Efficiency Improvements for Agricultural Producers or Small Business in Rural Areas.</i> Grant funding for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) has increased to \$60 million nationwide. As a result, the REAP grant application deadline has been extended. Eligible applicants include small businesses and agricultural producers in communities of 50,000 or less. Eligible projects include installing renewable energy systems such as wind turbines, solar, geothermal, biomass, anaerobic digesters, hydroelectric or hydrogen systems. Funding may also be used to purchase energy-efficient equipment, add insulation, and improve heating and cooling systems. For more info. visit www.grants.gov .
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Grants (IRS)	May 31	IRS grants for VITA: Apply for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) grants for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The IRS will accept applications May 1 through May 31 for the VITA grant program. Applications must be submitted via Grants.gov . The application instructions for this grant are currently available on IRS.gov . The publication is: Publication 4671.VITAE Grant Program Overview and Application Instructions. Grant application materials are here: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=232233 and http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4671.pdf . For questions about the VITA and TCE Grant, contact Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov or visit http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/IRS-VITA-Grant-Program
National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER Funds - DOT)	June 3	(Tribes are eligible). The U.S. Dept of Transportation TIGER Funds will be competitively awarded for projects that will have significant impact on the nation, metropolitan area or a region. For more: http://www.dot.gov/sites/dot.dev/files/docs/Final%20TIGER%20NOFA%20for%20TIGER%20Website_22April%202013.pdf All applications must show that project can meet all requirements by 6/30/2014. Tribal Transportation Program funds can be used as a matching for TIGER Funds. Click here for a copy of the NOFA. For more info. click here or visit www.dot.gov/tiger/application-resources , or contact joanna.turner@dot.gov or call 202-366-4089.
Native American Language Preservation & Maintenance (HHS/ANA)	June 6	Planning to apply? Click here for resources to develop your application! ANA project funding is available in short-term development terms of 12, 24 and 36 months. All ANA community projects must be completed by the end of the project period or supported by alternative funds. Training and technical assistance is available to applicants for project and proposal development and to grantees for project implementation and reporting. For more, visit http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-ANA-NL-0140
FY 2013 Planning and Local Technical Assistance (EDAP)	Funding cycle 4 June 13; FY2014 Funding cycle 1 September 13	Federally Recognized Tribes are eligible. EDAP program provides up to \$100K to assist in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate & guide the economic development efforts of a community or region, incl. construction, non-construction, & revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. For more info., visit http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=208353
Tribal Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Deployment Assistance (DOE Tribal Energy Program)	June 20	The Tribal Energy Program, in collaboration with DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, is currently seeking applications for funding from Indian tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, and tribal consortia to install community and facility-scale clean energy projects on Indian lands. For more, see the Progress Alert . Follow this link to view the full FOA: Tribal Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment Assistance (DE-FOA-0000853). Only applications submitted through the EERE Exchange website will be considered. Also see related financial opportunities for funding and grants from other government programs. Developing energy projects on tribal lands can require not only tapping into government funding and grants but also other financing options. For more, see project financing in the Guide to Tribal Clean Energy Development.
EPA Tribal Research Funding Opportunities	June 25	EPA Research funding to improve the understanding of climate change & indoor air pollution exposure's health impacts on traditional Tribal ways of life & develop sustainable solutions to environmental problems that affect tribes. For more info., http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2013/2013_star_tribal.html , or Contact Ron Josephson (josephson.ron@epa.gov or 703-308-0442). Electronic Submissions: Todd Peterson (peterson.todd@epa.gov or 703-308-7224. Technical Contact: Cynthia McOliver (mcoliver.cynthia@epa.gov or 703-347-0311).



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Community-Scale Clean Energy Projects in Indian Country (DOE Tribal Energy Program)	June 27	The U.S. Dept of Energy is seeking applications for funding from Indian tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, and tribal consortia to install community and facility-scale clean energy projects on Indian lands. For more, see the Progress Alert . To view the full FOA, visit Community-Scale Clean Energy Projects in Indian Country (DE-FOA-0000852). Only applications submitted through the EERE Exchange website will be considered. Also see related financial opportunities for funding and grants from other government programs. Developing energy projects on tribal lands can require not only tapping into government funding and grants but also other financing options. For more info., see project financing in the Guide to Tribal Clean Energy Development.

4. Helpful Resources/Websites for Tribes and Tribal Organizations:

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov
- Explore more than 30 U.S. Federal Agency Resources: [U.S. government services and programs for Native Americans](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm)
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs are electronically posted at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>.
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
- Government Information by Topic can be found at: <http://www.usa.gov/>.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- HUD PIH Environmental Resources <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force to Improve Access to Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation in Indian Country <http://www.epa.gov/tprprograms/infra-water.htm>
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArPK>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- Native Learning Center (NLC): FREE courses & training for Native Americans. www.nativelearningcenter.com
- Native Home Capital (CDFI) <http://www.nativehomecapital.com/>
- Native Community Finance (CDFI) www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org
- National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net

• Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils

Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona**: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>

Inter Tribal Council of **California**: <http://www.itccinc.org/>

Inter Tribal Council of **Nevada**: <http://www.itcn-snac.org/>

All Indian Pueblos Council (of **New Mexico**):

<http://www.20pueblos.org/>

Federal Partners:

- [USDA Rural Development](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html) <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html>
- Rural Utilities Service: High Energy Cost Grant Program (USDA): http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_Grant_Program.html.
- [Department of Interior](#) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Self-Determination Services
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (Native Americans) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm>
- General Services Administration (GSA) https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do
- [Indian Health Service](#) (IHS) <http://www.ihs.gov/>
IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities) <http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home>
- Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA) <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html>
- Department of Energy's (DOE) Tribal Energy Program <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html>
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html>
Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
- Internal Revenue Service – Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: <http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html>
- [Department of Treasury CDFI Fund](#) <http://www.cdfifund.gov>
- [US Department of Commerce - MDBA](#) (Minority Business Development Agency) <http://www.mdba.gov/>
Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov. [Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) <http://www.sba.gov/>
- [OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory](#) www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html



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- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Disaster Preparedness & Recovery FEMA-NAC@fema.dhs.gov. FEMA - Trainings for Tribal representatives & staff. <http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/training.shtm>
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy <http://www.fcc.gov/indians/>.
- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco: <http://www.frbsf.org/community/index.html>
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/program_information.html
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>
- Enterprise Green Communities Sustainability Training Grants: <http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/sustainability/index.asp>.
- Native Center for American Indian Enterprise Development www.ncaied.org
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: www.sustainablecommunities.gov
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center – www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources_rural_sustainability.html
- Dept of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: www.planning.dot.gov MAP 21 www.dot.gov/map21

5. Bits and Pieces:

SWONAP ALBUQUERQUE STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR EXEMPLARY TEAMWORK: Cheryl Dixon and Leticia Rodriguez, Grants Management Specialists for the Albuquerque Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), an outstationed office of the Southwest Office of Native American Programs, provide grant management for 19 Pueblos and 2 tribes in NM, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (El Paso, TX), and 27 tribes/TDEs in NV. Due to budget constraints, HUD has not filled many vacant positions resulting in a more than doubling of the Team's work load as well as their productivity. Ms. Dixon and Ms. Rodriguez took their added responsibilities in stride and continued to provide excellent service to each Tribe in NM, TX, and NV. The Team's passion for their work comes from relationships they have with their partners at the Tribal Housing Programs. They strive to take care of every need and question of the Tribes they serve.

ZUNI PUEBLO AND USDA BEGIN 'SELF HELP HOUSING' PROGRAM FOR 12 FAMILIES: On May 7, 12 Zuni Pueblo families and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development State Director Terry Brunner broke ground on the construction of the Pueblo's first "Self Help Housing" program homes. This is the first program of its kind for American Indians in New Mexico. The homes are to be built by the Zuni Pueblo members with the support from the USDA. "[t]he homeowners will build about 60 to 65 percent of the home. They do not install or construct those items that require a license." Through the Self Help Program, four to 10 families work together as a group in each other's homes until every home in the group is completed. Through their labor, the participants save an average of \$10,000 to \$20,000 per home. The families will assist in pouring concrete, frame, dry wall, roofing, painting, landscaping, and other areas of construction. This process is often referred to as "sweat equity," which is known as "the ownership interest, or increase in value, that is created as a direct result of hard work by the owner(s)," according to investopedia.com. It's a preferred mode for individuals that may be cash-strapped and unable to contribute financial capital, but are able to add value through improvements made by homeowners themselves. Homeowners qualify for a home mortgage which allows them to build a much bigger home because when completed the home will actually appraise for a lot more than the original mortgage. The Zuni Housing Authority and Little Dixie Community Action Agency will be providing assistance with the program as well. The Zuni Housing Authority received a \$279,000 grant for administering and supervising the construction of the new homes. Little Dixie, based in Oklahoma, will work with the Housing Authority and provide homeownership training and assist families with home loan applications to USDA Rural Development. To read more, visit <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/05/08/zuni-pueblo-and-usda-begin-self-help-housing-program-12-families-149267>

PYRAMID LAKE RECEIVES FUNDS FOR WADSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER: USDA Rural Development (RD) announced funding for the Pyramid Lake Tribe to purchase kitchen and meeting room equipment for the recently constructed Wadsworth Community Center. Tribal Chairman Elwood Lowery and RD State Director Sarah Adler jointly announced a \$15,600 grant and a \$12,800 direct loan during a Strike Force Initiative meeting between USDA and tribal members. The funds will support the Tribe's purchase of furniture and commercial kitchen equipment for the new community center. Chairman Elwood Lowery, Vice Chair Terrence James, Tribal Administrator Della John, tribal staff, and USDA leadership and staff from the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Risk Management Agency, Food and Nutrition Service, and Rural Development participated in the meeting. Over 40 USDA and tribal staff members met to discuss conservation and agriculture programs, as well as business development, infrastructure and food systems. Tribal Administrator Della Johns called the meeting "historic," saying that this was only the second time in the Tribe's history that a joint meeting of this magnitude with the federal government had occurred. In depth discussions occurred regarding agriculture, conservation, food security, tribal business enterprises, and community, youth and cultural resource needs and opportunities. A follow-up workshop with business enterprises and business and economic development partners is anticipated. The meeting was initiated as part of the national Strike Force for Rural Growth and Opportunity initiative developed by USDA. The goal of USDA's Strike Force is to work collaboratively to provide intensive care for communities that suffer from high poverty, providing them with technical support and assistance to help them successfully apply for USDA programs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAN FELIPE HOUSING AUTHORITY (NM): Isaac Perez, Executive Director, and his staff received well-earned Congratulations from HUD's Office of Loan Guarantee, Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program for their dedication and commitment to providing housing and future homeownership opportunities to members of the San Felipe Pueblo. Utilizing the combined skills,



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commitment and perseverance, twenty seven (27) homes were developed on the San Felipe Reservation using Title VI and other funding sources. The **San Felipe Housing Authority** repaid the Title VI loan using HUD 184 funding to refinance **27 home loans** totaling **\$3,230,134!** HUD was truly honored to participate in this notable success by issuing the firm commitments!

WHAT DOES A WELL RUN TRIBAL UTILITY LOOK LIKE? The [Tribal Utility Governance \(TUG\)](#) training series is designed to help the managers of tribal water systems better understand how the pieces of utility management fit together. Effective & sustainable utility management requires a holistic and long-term view as the broader context for short-term decision making. A federal government task force committed to working on tribal infrastructure issues prepared a short document that outlines [commonalities and best practices of sustainable tribal utilities](#). Read more at <http://smallwatersupply.org/Blog/tabid/38/ctl/ArticleView/mid/390/articleId/2276/What-Does-a-WellRun-Tribal-Utility-Look-Like.aspx>

2013 NABI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TO HOST 128 TEAMS --The Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) Foundation, known for organizing high profile sporting events for Native American athletes, will host 128 teams (64 boys & 64 girls' teams) for their 11TH Anniversary NABI Invitational **July 17-21** in Phoenix. Tribes from all across the US as well as teams from Canada and New Zealand will be representing their indigenous people and hoping to bring home the NABI Championship trophy. NABI started out as a small local tournament in 2003 and since has become a youth non-profit organizing one of the largest all Native American tournaments; bringing exposure to thousands of Native American High School athletes from all over North America. Along with a record number of teams, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Nike N7 and Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe will be the presenting sponsors of this prestige tournament. Games will be played in 10 Phoenix area gyms starting July 18th with the NABI Championship games being played at US Airways Center on July 21st. For more info., visit the NABI official website at www.nabifoundation.org or contact info@nabifoundation.org.

KEYBANK: FINANCIAL EDUCATION EMPOWERS NATIVE FAMILIES (ICTMN, 5/1/13): A lack of resources to help Native Americans learn effective money management techniques has stunted the ability of many Native families to reach their full potential. But KeyBank is working to change that by expanding the delivery of financial education to Native communities across the country. KeyBank has launched a four-year financial literacy program coordinated by First Nations Oweesta Corporation. The program teaches American Indians how to manage their money, save toward financial goals, take advantage of financial resources and avoid predatory lenders. The program, "Expanding Financial Literacy Efforts in Native Communities," teaches local Native CDFIs how to conduct financial literacy programs for their nations. Read more at: <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/05/01/key-thoughts-keybank-financial-education-empowers-native-families-149120>

WILDFIRE AWARENESS: Devastating wildfires threaten the southwest every year. When it comes to wildfires, remember "Ready, Set, Go!" Be **Ready** for a wildfire by maintaining 100 feet of Defensible Space and hardening your home with fire resistant building materials. Be **Set** for a wildfire by having a wildfire action plan in place so you know what to take and where to go if you are evacuated. Lastly, **Go** early when a wildfire approaches or you are asked to evacuate. Homeowners looking for tips & info. on how to make their homes more resistant, prepare themselves, their families and their homes for wildfire can visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org. The site also offers tips for residents to ensure that their families are ready to evacuate early and safely when a wildfire strikes.

AMERICAN INDIAN FELLOWSHIP IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS AND "NATIVE AMERICAN 40 UNDER 40" AWARDS: The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) is now accepting applications for the NCAIED American Indian Fellowship in Business Scholarship and nominations for our 2013 "Native American 40 Under 40" Awards. The deadline for application and nomination submissions is **August 2, 2013**. These scholarships are awarded to American Indian undergraduate or graduate students majoring in business who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing excellence in academics and giving back to the American Indian community. The NCAIED "Native American 40 Under 40" Awards recognizes 40 emerging American Indian leaders less than 40 years of age who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication to achieve significant contributions in their businesses, communities, and Indian Country. The awards will be presented at the fall Regional Reservation Economic Summit Arizona (RES Arizona) to be held in October. For more information and to download forms, please visit <http://www.ncaied.org>.

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