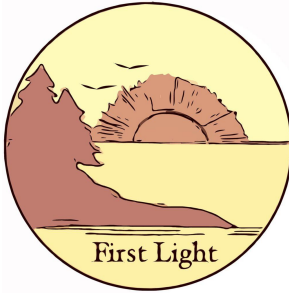


Federal Funding Available to Tribal Governments and Entities in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

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“For Tribes Only” Programs

“For Tribes Only” | Health

Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service
- **Amount:** \$3.5 billion
- **Description:** The mission of the Indian Health Service is to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. To carry out this mission, the Indian Health Service provides comprehensive primary health care and disease prevention services. The Sanitation Facilities Construction Program is the environmental engineering component of the Indian Health Service health delivery system. To support the Indian Health Service mission, the Sanitation Facilities Construction Program provides technical and financial assistance to American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages for the cooperative development and construction of safe drinking water supply, sewage, and solid waste disposal facilities, and related support facilities.
- **Eligible uses:** The Indian Health Care Improvement Act requires the Indian Health Service to identify the universe of sanitation facilities needed for existing American Indian and Alaska Native homes by documenting deficiencies and proposing projects to address their needs. These projects prevent communicable diseases by providing eligible new and existing Indian homes with services such as water wells, onsite wastewater disposal systems, or connections to community water supply and wastewater disposal systems. These projects can also include provision of new or upgraded water supply or waste disposal systems.
- **Funding mechanism:** Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Agreements, Direct Federal Spending
- **Recipients:** Federally recognized Tribal governments
- **Contacts:** IHS Headquarters, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD20857.
<https://www.ihs.gov/contactus/contact-us-form/>
- **Links:**
 - <https://www.ihs.gov/ihscalear/download/?method=inline&fileID=B3270D4B-9454-9677-161FF26B85853D90>

“For Tribes Only” | Public Transportation

Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit Program)

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration
- **Amount:** \$229 million
- **Description:** Provides direct funding to federally recognized Indian tribes to provide public transportation service on and around Indian reservations or Tribal land in rural areas.
- **Eligible uses:** Federally recognized tribes may use the funding for capital, operating, planning, and administrative expenses for public transit projects that meet the growing needs of rural tribal communities.
- **Funding mechanism:** Competitive grant (\$45 million), formula grant (\$183 million)
- **Recipients:** Federally recognized Indian Tribes
- **Next milestone:** FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity in Feb 2022, applications are due May 25, 2022
- **History in Maine / Past examples:**
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/fiscal-year-2019-tribal-transit-projects>
- **Contacts:** FTA's Regional Tribal Liaison: sergio.coronado@dot.gov, Tribal Transit Program Manager, Matt Lange, tribaltransit@dot.gov
- **Links:**
 - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/2022-03/FY22-Tribal-Transit-Competitive-Program-Webinar-Presentation.pdf>
 - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/tribal-transit>
- **Apply here:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=338127>

“For Tribes Only” | Resilience

Tribal Climate Resilience - Adaptation Planning

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs
- **Amount:** \$86 million
- **Description:** Tribal Climate Adaptation programs provide support for climate resilient planning to help sustain Tribal ecosystems and natural and cultural resources, economies, infrastructure, human health, and safety.
- **Eligible uses:** Funds may be used for trainings and workshops, vulnerability and risk assessment, supplementary monitoring for climate-related decision-making, scoping efforts, adaptation planning, travel support, ocean and coastal management planning, capacity building for adaptation planning, relocation, managed retreat, or protect-in-place assessment, planning, and design; and internships and youth engagement. Funding is not for routine monitoring programs or research.
- **Funding mechanism:** Annual Awards program
- **Recipients:** Tribal governments - recognized
- **Next milestone:**
 - An informational webinar will be hosted by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Tribes and Climate Change Program on the funding opportunity, and is scheduled for Monday, April 25th at 1:30 – 3 pm MDT.
 - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1540500874348907791>
- **History in Maine / Past examples:** <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/annual-awards-program>
- **Contacts:**
 - Casey Thornbrugh, NE / SE CASC Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison, cthornbrugh@usetinc.org
 - Harold Peterson, harold.peterson@bia.gov, resilience.funding@bia.gov
- **Links:**
 - https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/2_Novak.pdf
 - https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/opa/pdf/Indian%20Affairs%20BIL%20Spend%20Plan_FINAL.pdf

- <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-climate-resilience-program>

Tribal Climate Resilience - Community Relocation *NEW*

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs
- **Amount:** \$130 million
- **Description:** Implementation of Community Relocation, Managed Retreat, or Protect-in-Place Actions to increase climate resilience.
- **Eligible uses:** Funds are designed to support tribes facing questions and decisions regarding managed retreat, expansion, protect-in-place, and relocation options due to threats from intensifying coastal or riverine erosion, flooding and permafrost degradation impacts, sea level rise, and other impacts. Assessment, monitoring, planning, design, and implementation (of actions identified in existing planning documents or with appropriate baseline data) are allowable.
- **Funding mechanism:** Annual Awards program
- **Recipients:** Tribal governments - recognized
- **Next milestone:**
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- **Contacts:**
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cthornbrugh@usetinc.org
 - Harold Peterson, harold.peterson@bia.gov , resilience.funding@bia.gov
- **Links:**
 - https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/opa/pdf/Indian%20Affairs%20BIL%20Spend%20Plan_FINAL.pdf

“For Tribes Only” | Roads, Bridges, and Major Projects

Tribal Transportation Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- **Total amount:** \$3 billion
 - 5 years, ranging from 578-627 M per year (\$578,460,000 for FY 2022)
 - \$589,960,000 for FY 2023
 - \$602,460,000 for FY 2024
 - \$612,960,000 for FY 2025
 - \$627,960,000 for FY 2026)
- **Description:** The purpose of the TTP is to provide safe and adequate transportation and public road access to and within Indian reservations, Indian lands, and Alaska Native Village communities. A prime objective of the TTP is to contribute to the economic development, self-determination, and employment of Indians and Native Americans.
- **Eligible uses:** Projects that support transportation safety, access, and mobility in Tribal communities.
- **Funding mechanism:** Formula Grant- The Tribal Transportation Program is funded by contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund and is subject to the overall Federal-aid obligation limitation. Funds are allocated among Tribes using a statutory formula based on tribal population, road mileage and average tribal shares of the former Tribal Transportation Allocation Methodology (TTAM) formula.
- **Recipients:** Sovereign Federally-recognized Tribal governments
- **Next milestone:** Fiscal year 2022 funds will be released with guidance on eligible uses of funds in the coming months.
- **History in Maine / Past examples:**
 - Annual Reports: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/annual-report>
 - 2020 Construction (pg. 2, 21, 28, 43, 53, 55,56)
 - 2020 Non Construction Activities (pg. 47, 88, 109, 74, 110, 96)
- **Contacts:**
 - Elizabeth Romero, Program Administration Manager, elizabeth.romero@dot.gov
 - Erin Kenley- Director, erin.kenley@dot.gov



- LeRoy Gishi, Chief Bureau of Indian Affairs U.S. Department of Transportation (202) 513-7714 Email: leroy.gishi@bia.gov
- Doug Roberts, Financial Specialist, Office of Tribal Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, (202) 924-8876, doug.roberts@dot.gov
- Matthew Bird, Finance Manager, Office of Tribal Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 503-316-2551, matthew.bird@dot.gov
- All contacts: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/contact-info>
- **Links:**
 - Program Overview:
<https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/docs/federal-lands/programs-tribal/32716/fhwa-tribal-transportation-program-overview.pdf>
 - USDOT - Office of Tribal Transportation:
<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal>
 - The BIA Division of Transportation (BIADOT):
<https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois/division-transportation>
 - Program Delivery Guide:
<https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/other/documents/ott/ttp-delivery-guide.pdf>

Tribal High Priority Projects Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- **Total amount:** \$150 million
- **Description:** The Tribal High Priority Projects Program provides funding to Indian Tribes or a governmental subdivision of an Indian Tribe whose annual allocation of funding received under the Tribal Transportation Program is insufficient to complete the highest priority project of the Tribe, or to any Tribe that has an emergency or disaster occur on a Tribal transportation facility that renders the facility impassible or unusable.
- **Eligible uses:** Highest priority projects, emergency or disaster related projects
- **Funding mechanism:** Competitive Grant
- **Recipients:** Sovereign Federally-recognized Tribal governments
- **Contacts:** LeRoy Gishi, leroy.gishi@bia.gov
- **Links:** <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/docs/thpp.pdf>

“For Tribes Only” | Water

Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Environmental Protection Agency
- **Total amount:** \$270 million
- **Description:** Funds projects that improve water quality, water pressure, or water services from a public water system

Safety of Dams, Water Sanitation, and Other Facilities

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs - Construction
- **Total amount:** \$200 million
- **Description:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs Safety of Dams aims to reduce the potential loss of human life and property damage caused by dam failure by making Bureau of Indian Affairs dams as safe as practically possible. Safety of Dams is responsible for dams on Indian land. These dams form a significant part of the water-resources infrastructure on Indian reservations. The water sanitation and safety program supports improvement and repair projects that address public health and safety compliance issues at Bureau of Indian Affairs-owned drinking water and sanitation systems.
- **Eligible uses:** Safety of Dams funding is planned to be used to accelerate rehabilitation activities using current prioritization methodology. Water sanitation funds will address deferred maintenance and deficiencies identified in condition assessments, environmental health reviews and audit reports.
- **Funding mechanism:** Annual awards program
- **Recipients:** Tribal governments - recognized
- **Next milestone:** Announcement of initial project awards, 3rd quarter 2022
- **Contacts:** eastern.inquiries@bia.gov
- **Links:**
 - https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/opa/pdf/Indian%20Affairs%20BIL%20Spend%20Plan_FINAL.pdf

Tribal Irrigation and Power Systems

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs - Construction
- **Total amount:** \$50 million
- **Description:** The program addresses deferred maintenance needs at 17 congressionally authorized irrigation projects located on Indian reservations across the Rocky Mountain, Northwest, Southwest, Navajo and Western Regions.
- **Eligible uses:** Address deferred maintenance and deficiencies identified in condition assessments and audit reports
- **Funding mechanism:** Annual awards program
- **Recipients:** Tribal governments - recognized
- **Next milestone:** Announcement of initial project awards, 3rd quarter 2022
- **Contacts:** eastern.inquiries@bia.gov
- **Links:**
 - https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/opa/pdf/Indian%20Affairs%20BIL%20Spend%20Plan_FINAL.pdf

“Set Aside” Programs

“Set Aside” Programs | Broadband

State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program *NEW*

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- **Total amount:** \$1.44 billion
 - Amount set aside: No less than 5% (72 million over 5 years)
 - \$60 million - planning grant awards - Phase 1
 - \$240 million for FY2022
 - \$300 million per year for FY2023 through FY2026.
- **Description:** Promote the achievement of digital equity, support digital inclusion activities, and build capacity for efforts by States relating to adoption of broadband.
- **Eligible uses:** Planning (e.g. feasibility), broadband adoption/digital literacy/tech support
- **Funding mechanism:** Grant
- **Recipients:** Tribal governments
- **Next milestone:** Notice of Funding Opportunity Open in Q4 2023
- **Contacts:**
 - Broadband Program Specialists: Crystal Hottowe (chottowe@ntia.gov), Gabe Montoya (gmontoya@ntia.gov), Vanessa Cresci (vcresci@ntia.gov)
 - Maci Morin, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: (202) 482-2048; email: BroadbandForAll@ntia.gov
- **Links:**
 - <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/grants#:~:text=State%20Digital%20Equity%20Capacity%20Grant,implementation%20of%20digital%20equity%20plans>
 - <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R46967.pdf>

Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program *NEW*

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- **Total amount:** \$1.25 billion
 - Amount set aside: 5% (\$62.5 million)
 - \$250 million to be appropriated for each of the first five fiscal years in which funds are made available (the program may be extended).
- **Description:** Support efforts to achieve digital equity, promote digital inclusion activities, and spur greater adoption of broadband among covered populations
- **Eligible uses:** Broadband adoption/digital literacy/tech support, digital equity programs
- **Funding mechanism:** Grant
- **Recipients:** Tribal Governments
- **Next milestone:** Notice of Funding Opportunity Q3 2024
- **Contacts:**
 - Broadband Program Specialists: Crystal Hottowe (chottowe@ntia.gov), Gabe Montoya (gmontoya@ntia.gov), Vanessa Cresci (vcresci@ntia.gov)
 - Maci Morin, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce; telephone: (202) 482-2048; email: BroadbandForAll@ntia.gov
- **Links:**
 - <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/grants#:~:text=State%20Digital%20Equity%20Capacity%20Grant,implementation%20of%20digital%20equity%20plans>
 - <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R46967.pdf>

Affordable Connectivity Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau
- **Total amount:** \$14.2 billion
- **Amount set aside:** Monthly benefit remains at \$75 for households on qualifying Tribal lands



- **Description:** The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission benefit program that helps ensure that low-income households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.
- **Eligible uses:** The Affordable Connectivity Program helps low income households afford home broadband service by providing up to a \$30 monthly benefit on a household's monthly internet bill. For low-income households on Tribal lands the benefit is up to \$75. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.
- **Funding mechanism:** Subsidies provided directly to internet service providers to apply to consumers' monthly internet bill.
- **Recipients:** Internet Service Providers (who apply the benefit)
- **Contacts:** ACP Support Center: (877)- 384-2575
- **Links:**
 - <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>
 - <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R46967.pdf>
 - <https://acpbenefit.org/do-i-qualify/enhanced-tribal-benefit/#qualifying-lands>

“Set Aside” Programs | Environment

Restoring Fish Passage

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- **Total amount:** \$400 million
- **Amount set aside:** Up to 15% (\$60 million) for Indian Tribes or Partnerships
- **Description:** Technical assistance and funding through a competitive grant process over five years to restore fish passage under the Community-based Restoration Program. NOAA anticipates funding projects that eliminate in-stream barriers or improve outdated infrastructure (e.g., add fish ladders) to restore fish passage while applying a watershed

approach that enhances fish passage and increases climate resilience throughout a waterway or ecosystem.

- **Eligible uses:** On the ground fish passage restoration projects, engineering and design, future project development phases, and building the capacity of new and existing restoration partners to design projects and manage multi-faceted construction efforts.
- **Funding mechanism:** Grant
- **Recipients:** Tribal Governments and Organizations
- **Federal cost share:** No federal cost share requirement
- **Next milestone:** Estimated Issue of Funding Opportunity May 2022
- **History in Maine / Past examples:**
 - <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/current-and-past-community-based-restoration-projects>
 - <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/successful-fish-passage-efforts-across-nation>
- **Contacts:** Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office - (978) 281 9300, nmfs.gar.garfo@noaa.gov, John Catena- Northeast and Great Lakes Regional Supervisor, john.catena@noaa.gov, Matthew Bernier- NOAA Fisheries, matthew.bernier@noaa.gov

“Set Aside” Programs | Resilience

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program *NEW*

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- **Total amount:** \$1.4 billion
- **Amount set aside:** 2% (28 million over 5 years)
- **Description:** Competitive grant program to improve resiliency of transportation infrastructure
- **Eligible uses:** Recipients may use PROTECT Formula Program funds to conduct resilience planning, strengthen and protect evacuation routes, and increase the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure from the impacts of sea level rise, flooding, wildfires, extreme

weather events, and other natural disasters. Highway, transit, and certain port projects are eligible.

- **Funding mechanism:** Competitive Grant
- **Recipients:** Indian Tribe
- **Links:**
 - <https://www.warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2000/1/promoting-resilient-operations-for-transformative-efficient-and-cost-saving-transportation-protect-program-1-4b>

“Set Aside” Programs | Roads, bridges, and major projects

Bridge Formula Program, Facility Bridge Set Aside

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- **Total amount:** \$26.675 billion
- **Amount set aside:** 3% (\$825 million) set aside for Tribal Transportation Facility Bridges
- **Description:** The Bridge Formula Program will provide funds to states by formula for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, protection, or construction projects on public roads. This program includes three set-asides: 15 percent will be set-aside for use on off-system bridges; 3 percent will be set-aside for use on Tribal Transportation Facility bridges; and, 0.5 percent will be set-aside for administrative expenses of the Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligible uses:** Replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect and construct bridges on public roads
- **Funding mechanism:** Competitive Grant, Distributed through Tribal Transportation Program
- **Recipients:** Tribes
- **Federal cost share:** Up to 100%
- **Contacts:** Russell Garcia, TTP Bridge Program Manager, russell.garcia@dot.gov
- **Links:** <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/bfp.cfm>

Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program Under FAST Act

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- **Total amount:** \$1.775 billion
- **Amount set aside:** 50% set aside (\$887.5 million)
- **Description:** The Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects program provides funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally significant Federal lands transportation projects and Tribal transportation projects.
- **Eligible uses:** Eligible projects are projects that are on a Federal lands transportation facility, a Federal lands access facility, or a Tribal transportation facility.
- **Funding mechanism:** Competitive Grant
- **Recipients:** Any entity eligible to receive funding under the Tribal Transportation Program, Federal Lands Transportation Program, or Federal Lands Access Program. In addition, a State, county, or local government may apply if sponsored by an eligible Federal land management agency or Indian tribe.
- **Contacts:** Jeff Mann, Senior Program and Technical Manager, jeffrey.mann@dot.gov
- **Links:**
 - <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/nsfltpfs.cfm>
 - <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant>
 - <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519>

Bridge Investment Program *NEW*

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- **Total amount:** \$9.235 billion
- **Amount set aside:** \$100 million set aside for Tribal Bridge projects
- **Description:** New Program: [This bill](#) establishes a bridge investment program to award competitive grants to certain governmental entities for projects that improve (1) the condition of bridges; and (2) the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges. Federally recognized Indian tribes may submit an application at any time for eligible



tribal transportation bridges for planning, design, engineering, preconstruction, construction, and inspection, or to replace, rehabilitate, seismically retrofit, or paint. Funds may also be used for anti-icing, de-icing, or implementing countermeasures (including multiple-pipe culverts).

- **Eligible uses:** Projects to replace, rehabilitate, preserve or protect one or more bridges on the National Bridge Inventory. Projects to replace or rehabilitate culverts to improve flood control and improve habitat connectivity for aquatic species.
- **Funding mechanism:** Competitive Grant
- **Recipients:** Tribal Governments
- **Contacts:** Russell Garcia, TTP Bridge Program Manager, russell.garcia@dot.gov
- **Links:** <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/bridge>

“Set Aside” Programs | Water

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

- **Agency and Bureau:** Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants
- **Total amount:** \$11.7 billion
- **Amount set aside:** Either 2% or \$30 million, whichever is greater
- **Description:** The Clean Water State Revolving Fund program is a federal-state partnership that provides communities low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 49 percent of Clean Water State Revolving Fund funds shall be eligible to be grants or 100 percent principal forgiveness loans. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund program provides capitalization grants to States, which will provide a long-term source of State financing for construction of wastewater treatment facilities and implementation of other water quality management activities.
- **Eligible uses:** Capitalization grants are available to each State and to Tribes and territories for the purpose of establishing a Clean Water State Revolving Fund. State Revolving Fund programs provide financial assistance to local communities and publicly owned treatment systems for construction of wastewater and stormwater treatment facilities and collection systems; nonpoint source pollution management; construction, repair, or replacement of decentralized wastewater

treatment systems; construction of nature-based infrastructure solutions; and other uses associated with the management of wastewater and stormwater.

- **Funding mechanism:** Loans and grants
- **Recipients:** Tribes are eligible to receive a portion of funds
- **Next milestone:** Apply through your State's Revolving Funds
- **Contacts:** Greg Connors, gdc@mmbb.com
- **Links:** <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf>

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

- **Agency and Bureau:** Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants
- **Total amount:** \$11.7 billion
- **Amount set aside:** 1.5%
- **Description:** The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is a financial assistance program to help water systems and states to achieve the health protection objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act. States are required to give priority for the use of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project funds to: Address the most serious risks to human health, ensure compliance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and assist systems most in need on a per household basis according to state affordability criteria. Not all drinking water compliance problems, however, can be solved through capital financing of infrastructure improvements. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 49 percent of funds shall be eligible to be grants or 100 percent principal forgiveness loans.
- **Eligible uses:** Capitalization grants are available to each State, and Tribes and territories for the purpose of establishing a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. This revolving fund provides loans and grants to water systems for eligible infrastructure projects including: construction of expansion of drinking water treatment plants and/or distribution systems; improving drinking water treatment; fixing leaky or old pipes (water distribution); improving sources of water supply; replacing or constructing finished water storage tanks; other infrastructure projects needed to protect public health.
- **Funding mechanism:** Loans and grants

- **Recipients:** Tribes are eligible to receive a portion of funds
- **Next milestone:** Apply through your State's Revolving Funds
- **Contacts:** Nate Saunders at (207) 287-5685 or William Dawson at (207) 287-6196.
- **Links:** <https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf>

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Competitive Programs

Competitive Programs | Broadband

Middle Mile Grants Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- **Total amount:** \$1 billion
- **Description:** Provides grants on a technology-neutral, competitive basis to eligible entities for construction, improvement, or acquisition of middle mile infrastructure
- **Eligibility details:** Tribal Government, Native entity

State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- **Total amount:** \$1 billion
- **Description:** A program to address cybersecurity risks and threats
- **Eligibility details:** Tribal Governments are eligible entities

Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program: ReConnect Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service
- **Total amount:** \$1.92 billion
- **Description:** The ReConnect Program offers loans, grants, and loan-grant combinations to build infrastructure and install equipment that provides modern, reliable, high-speed Internet service in rural America
- **Eligibility details:**
 - Recipients: Corporations, cooperatives, public entities, U.S. territories, and federally recognized Indian tribes



- Eligible Areas: Rural areas where at least 90% of households lack sufficient access to broadband. Sufficient access is defined as speeds of at least 10 megabits per second download and 1 megabit per second upload (i.e., 10/1 Mbps).
 - **Tribal Lands:** A certification from the appropriate tribal official is required if service is being proposed over or on tribal lands. The appropriate certification is a Tribal Government Resolution of Consent. The appropriate tribal official is the Tribal Council of the Tribal Government with jurisdiction over the tribal lands at issue. Any applicant that fails to provide a certification to provide service on the tribal lands identified in the PFSA will not be considered for funding.
- **Funding Mechanism:** Loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations
 - 100 Percent Grant for Tribal Governments and Socially Vulnerable Communities
Up to \$350,000,000 is available for grants. The maximum amount of grant funds that can be requested in an application is \$25,000,000. However, to encourage broadband deployment in remote areas, if an applicant provides supporting information that demonstrates that the proposed funded service area (PFSA(s)) comprises 100 percent of locations within areas classified by the USDA Economic Research Service as FAR Level 4, the applicant may request up to \$35,000,000. A GIS layer of FAR Level 4 areas can be found on the [ReConnect Program Service Area Map](#).
- **Contacts:**
 - Timothy Brooks, Rural Development, US Department of Agriculture, General Field Representative, Timothy.Brooks@usda.gov, Cell Phone: (307) 763-8900
 - Rhiannon Hampson, Rural Development, US Department of Agriculture, State Director, State Office,, Phone: (207) 990-9160, TDD/TTY: (207) 942-7331
- **Links:**
 - <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/application-workshop-webinar-materials>
 - <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
 - <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/IF11918.pdf>
 - <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/program-overview>

Competitive Programs | Energy

Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Energy, Electricity
- **Total amount:** \$5 billion
- **Description:** Provides support for supplemental hardening activities to reduce risks of power lines causing wildfires, and the likelihood and consequence of impacts to the electric grid due to extreme weather, wildfires, and natural disasters.
- **Eligibility details:** Tribes can receive grants

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance

- **Category:** Energy
- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families
- **Total amount:** \$500,000,000
- **Period of Availability:** 2022 - 2026
- **Description:** The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program assists eligible low-income households with their heating and cooling energy costs, bill payment assistance, energy crisis assistance, weatherization and energy-related home repairs
- **Eligible uses:** The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides federally funded assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crises, weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs.
- **Funding mechanism:** Grant
 - **Block Grant:** Congress authorizes HHS each year to allocate funding based on a formula that takes into consideration low-income home energy expenditures among other factors. Home energy is defined as a source of space-heating or space-cooling in residential dwellings. Grantees can use funds for heating and/or cooling costs, as well as up to 15 percent of their funding (or 25 percent with a waiver) for weatherization assistance.



- **Recipients:** States, Territories, Tribal Governments (federally recognized), Tribal Governments (other than federally recognized), Indian Housing Authorities, and Consortia Authorized to Administer the Program by Eligible Tribal Entities
- **Next milestone:** First round of funds released this January, 2022.
- **History in Maine / Past examples:**
<https://www.king.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/collins-king-announce-maine-to-receive-363-million-for-heating-assistance-for-low-income-mainers>
- **Contacts:**
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 - Ms. Amanda Long, Social Services Director, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, 13-2 Clover Circle, Houlton, Maine 04730, TEL: 1-877-532-7280 or (207) 532-7260, FAX: (207) 532-7287, E-MAIL: asabatis@maliseets.com
 - Ms. Anastasia Socobasin, Contract Administrator, Passamaquoddy Tribe, Indian Township Tribal Government, P.O. Box 301, Princeton, Maine 04668, TEL: (207) 796-2301 Ext. 221, FAX: (207) 796-2420, E-MAIL: asocobasin@gmail.com
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- **Links:**
 - <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1558>
 - Maine Application: https://www.benefitsapplication.com/program_info/ME/LIHEAP
 - <https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/tribal>

New Solar Research and Development

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- **Total amount:** \$20 million

- **Description:** To award financial assistance to eligible entities for research, development, demonstration, and commercialization projects to advance new solar energy manufacturing technologies and techniques.
- **Eligibility details:** Tribal energy development organizations, Indian Tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian community organizations are eligible entities.

Solar improvement research and development

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- **Total amount:** \$40 million
- **Description:** To fund research, development, demonstration, and commercialization activities to improve solar energy technologies.
- **Eligibility details:** Tribal energy development organizations, Indian Tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian community organizations are eligible entities.

Competitive Programs | Environment

Coastal Habitat Restoration

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **Total amount:** \$490 million
- **Description:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Habitat Conservation will implement the habitat restoration funds through a competitive grants process with the purpose of restoring marine, estuarine, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystem habitat as well as constructing or protecting ecological features that protect coastal communities from flooding or coastal storms.
- **Eligibility details:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Habitat Conservation protects and restores habitat to sustain fisheries, recover protected species, and maintain resilient coastal ecosystems and communities. Typical projects include removing dams and other barriers, reconnecting coastal wetlands, and rebuilding coral and oyster reefs. The

Office of Habitat Conservation will provide technical assistance from project conception to completion and explore ways in which this funding can be used to support underserved communities.

Ecosystem Restoration

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Interior, Forest Service
- **Total amount:**
 - \$2.13B for the period of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.
- **Description:** To build resilience to the devastating effects of drought and wildfires, boost local economies, put people to work, and strengthen partnerships across State, Tribal, and other partners in restoring important ecosystems and watersheds, supporting Tribal climate resilience, and restoring culturally important lands— all guided by science, traditional knowledge, and best practices for effective restoration.
- **Eligible uses:**
 - \$300 million shall be for:
 - Entering into contracts, including stewardship contracts or agreements, the purpose of each of which shall be to restore ecological health on not fewer than 10,000 acres of federal land, including Indian forest land or rangeland; and
 - Establishing a Working Capital Fund to fund the requirements of the above contracts;
 - \$200 million shall be for states and tribes to implement restoration projects on federal land pursuant to good neighbor agreements entered into under section 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or agreements entered into under the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004;
 - \$400 million shall be for financial assistance to facilities that purchase and process byproducts from ecosystem restoration projects;
 - **\$400 million shall be for grants to states, territories and tribes for implementing voluntary ecosystem restoration projects on public or private land that (i) prioritizes funding crossboundary projects; and (ii) requires matching funding from the state, territory or tribe;**
 - \$50 million shall be for grants to states and tribes to establish rental programs for portable skidder bridges, bridge mats, or other temporary water crossing structures to minimize stream bed disturbance;
 - \$200 million shall be for invasive species detection, prevention and eradication;



- \$100 million shall be for restoring, preparing or adapting recreation sites on federal land, including Indian forest land or rangeland;
 - \$200 million shall be for the restoration of native vegetation and mitigation of environmental hazards on mined land;
 - \$200 million shall be for establishing a national revegetation effort on federal and nonfederal land, including to implement the National Seed Strategy for Rehabilitation and Restoration; and
 - \$80 million shall be for the establishment of a collaborative-based, landscape-style restoration program to restore water quality or fish passage on federal land, including Indian forest land or rangeland.
- **Funding mechanism:** Grants
 - **Recipients:** States, territories of the United States, and Indian Tribes
 - **Next milestone:** TBD
 - **Contacts:**
 - Forest Service- Eastern Region, (414)-297-3600
 - Department of Interior - Ecosystem restoration
 - Jonathan Steele, Deputy Director, Office of Policy Analysis, 202-208-4839, Jonathan.Steele@ios.doi.gov
 - **Links:**
 - <https://www.doi.gov/priorities/investing-americas-infrastructure/ecosystem-restoration>
 - <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/fy2023-bib-entire-book-508.pdf>
 - <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R45219/7>
 - <http://documents.jdsupra.com/2d195fc4-2df3-48a1-b785-2e425b83faa6.pdf>

Reduce, Reuse, Recycling Education and Outreach Grants *NEW*

- **Agency and Bureau:** Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants
- **Total amount:** \$75 million
- **Description:** New grant program at EPA to award competitive grants to eligible entities to improve effectiveness of residential and community recycling programs

- **Eligible uses:** To award grants focused on improving material recycling, recovery, management, and reduction. To improve the effectiveness of residential and community recycling programs through public education and outreach. Funded projects should inform the public about residential or community recycling programs, provide information about the recycled materials that are accepted, increase collection rates and decrease contamination.
- **Funding mechanism:** Cooperative agreements and / or grants
- **Recipients:** Indian Tribes
- **Next milestone:** Stakeholder outreach and engagement to inform development of grant program to begin: 2nd quarter of 2022, funding opportunity available 4th quarter 2022
- **Links:** https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-02/orcr_bil_brochure.pdf

Save Our Seas 2.0

- **Agency and Bureau:** Environmental Protection Agency
- **Total amount:** \$275 million
- **Description:** Effort to clean up marine debris
- **Eligibility details:** Grants may be provided to Tribes, Intertribal Consortia

Competitive Programs | Public Transportation

Clean School Bus Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants
- **Total amount:** \$5 billion
- **Description:** New EPA program to award grants and rebates for replacement of existing school buses w clean or zero emissions school buses
- **Eligibility details:** Indian Tribes are Eligible Recipients

Competitive Programs | Resilience

Healthy Streets Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation
- **Total amount:** \$500 million
- **Description:** New program: Goal: deploy cool pavement and porous pavement, and expand tree cover
- **Eligibility details:** Tribes are an eligible entity to apply for grants

Competitive Programs | Roads, Bridges, and Major Projects

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- **Total amount:** \$1 billion
- **Description:** Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program will restore community connectivity by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development
- **Eligibility details:** Tribal governments may apply

Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- **Total amount:** \$1 billion
- **Description:** Funds projects that create or connect active infrastructure (biking, walking)
- **Eligibility details:** Authorizes contracts with Tribes

National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary
- **Total amount:** \$1 billion

- **Description:** The Office of the Secretary's National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration program provides supplemental funding for grants to a State, local government, or an Indian Tribe on a competitive basis for projects that replace, remove, and/or repair culverts or weirs.
- **Eligibility details:** Tribes are eligible

Competitive Programs | Safety

Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- **Total amount:** \$350 million
- **Description:** The Wildlife Crossings Pilot program will support projects that seek to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions, and in carrying out that purpose, improve habitat connectivity
- **Eligibility details:** Tribes are eligible to apply for the pilot program

Safe Streets and Roads for All Program

- **Agency and Bureau:** Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary
- **Total amount:** \$1 billion
- **Description:** New program to support local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets
- **Eligibility details:** Federally recognized Tribes are eligible to receive grants

Appendix

Presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1d6JWioLPJJ_sW3zSSmAgjwlBaxBTrqda/edit#slide=id.p8

Full Infrastructure Law:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3684/text>

Spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E3PSOqpngVc2iup5tlmWdoVdxZowmlpFrhHg9Ck72Bc/edit#gid=o>

Resources: (See Below)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UlcYdm5IS-EGzSeFPG3TcBQtuoh3z5WodB9qOwAibI/edit?usp=sharing>

White House Infrastructure Law Guidebook:

This guidebook is a roadmap to the funding available under the law. It explains, in as much detail as currently available, how much funding is available at the program level.

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BUILDING-A-BETTER-AMERICA_FINAL.pdf

White House BIL Fact Sheet for Tribal Communities:

White House Fact Sheet on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law investments in Tribal Communities.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/11/18/fact-sheet-president-bidens-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-advances-economic-and-public-health-opportunities-for-tribal-communities/#:~:text=This%20legislation%20invests%20more%20than,Drinking%20Water%20for%20Tribal%20Communities>

White House BIL Playbook for Rural Communities:

This playbook is intended to help rural communities understand the available funding for infrastructure provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other sources – offering information on the “what, where, and how” to apply for federal infrastructure dollars.

https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/rural/?utm_source=build.gov

Rural Cost Share Analysis:

A list of over 100 programs with cost share or matching requirement waivers and flexibilities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, so no one has to hire a lobbyist to access their government or learn about eligibility.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Rural-Cost-Share-Analysis.xlsx>

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs IJA Summary:

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Top Line Summary on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Organized by federal agency.

<https://www.indian.senate.gov/sites/default/files/2021-11-08%20Top%20Line%20Summary%20SCIA%20%28FINAL%29.pdf>

Department of Transportation Maine Infrastructure:

Department of Transportation fact sheet on Infrastructure Funding for Maine.

https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-01/BIL_Maine.pdf

NCAI Topline Summary of Tribal Provisions:

National Congress of American Indians' Topline Summary on Tribal Provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Organized by funding category.

https://www.ncai.org/HR_3684_Topline_Summary_-_Final_draft.pdf

NCAI Full Legislative Analysis:

National Congress of American Indians' Full Legislative Analysis on Tribal Provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Organized by funding category.

https://ncai.org/HR_3684_-_Full_Legislative_Analysis_-_FINAL_-_8.11.21.pdf

Department of the Interior BIL Fact Sheet for Tribal Leaders:

The Department of the Interior received a \$466 million investment for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for infrastructure projects and climate resiliency initiatives. This document details BIA funding as well as other relevant DOI programs.

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/esb46-04970-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-consultation-for-tribal-leaders-12-20-2021.pdf>

Bureau of Indian Affairs BIL Spend Plan:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Implementation Plan for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Includes BIA projects for Irrigation and Power, Safety of Dams and Water Sanitation Construction, and Climate Resilience and Relocation.

https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/opa/pdf/Indian%20Affairs%20BIL%20Spend%20Plan_FINAL.pdf

BIL Legislative Analysis for Counties:

The National Association of Counties' overview on funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Includes visuals of funding breakdowns and highlights several programs in each funding category.

<https://www.naco.org/resources/legislative-analysis-counties-bipartisan-infrastructure-law>

Research Organization:

Funding types

“For Tribes Only” Programs: Only Tribal governments and some organizations are eligible to apply for and receive this funding.

“Set Aside” Programs: A certain percentage / portion of funding for this program must be allocated to Tribal governments and some organizations

Competitive Programs: Tribal entities are eligible to apply for and receive this funding alongside other entities such as states.

Program Categories

Resilience: Historic investment in the resiliency of our infrastructure to climate change, cybersecurity risks, and other hazards.

Broadband: Programs ensure that every American has access to reliable high-speed internet through a historic investment in broadband infrastructure deployment. The legislation will also help lower prices for internet service and help close the digital divide, so that more Americans can make full use of internet access.

Environment: Programs remediate legacy pollution and other environmental harms as well as restore the ecological health of federal and private lands and waters.



Public Transportation: Programs repair and modernize transit, expand public transportation choices nationwide, replacing thousands of deficient transit vehicles, including buses, with clean, zero emission vehicles, and improving accessibility for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Roads, Bridges, and Major Projects: Programs contain significant new funding for roadways, bridges, and other major projects funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Department of Transportation.

Energy: Programs will modernize our power grid; weatherize and upgrade homes, schools, businesses, and communities to make them cleaner and more affordable; and fund new programs to support the development, demonstration, and deployment of cutting-edge clean energy technologies.

Water: Drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, to deliver clean drinking water to all American families.