



U.S. DEPARTMENT
of **ENERGY**

Office of Indian Energy
Policy and Programs

Office of Indian Energy Overview

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About the Office of Indian Energy

Office of Indian Energy Mission

The Office's mission is in its Congressional authorizing statute:

- **Promote** Tribal energy development, efficiency, and use.
- **Reduce** or **stabilize** energy costs.
- **Enhance** and **strengthen** Tribal energy and economic infrastructure.
- **Electrify** Indian lands and homes.

The Office of Indian Energy was established by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 under 45 USC 7144e & 25 USC 3502(b).



Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Biomass District Heating System (Minnesota) installed a biomass district heating system for its Brookston Community Center, adding 3 MMBtu per hour of energy/heating capacity. The system is projected to save approximately \$31,000 annually. They celebrated with a ribbon cutting in June 2025.

Photo by Josh Gregory / DOE

Who the Office of Indian Energy Supports

The Office of Indian Energy supports **Indian Country**, specifically:

- Indian Tribes
 - Federally recognized Indian Tribes
 - Alaska Native Corporations
- Intertribal Organizations
- Tribal Energy Development Organizations

Eligible entities listed under (25 USC §3502(b)(2))



Daniel Rich, Mayor of Ouzinkie, leads a tour of the Village of Ouzinkie on Kodiak, Alaska. Diesel Power Plant. Photo by Dennis Schroeder, NLR

Igiugig, AK installed its first RivGen in 2019 with support from DOE Water Power Technologies Office. In 2021 the Village began installing a second device co-funded by the Office of Indian Energy. Photo from ORPC



Office Director Priorities



Eric Mahroum
Director



Affordability



Public-Private Partnerships



Communications



Workforce

Alaska Tribal Energy Investments

15 Years of Impact in Alaska



Completed

231

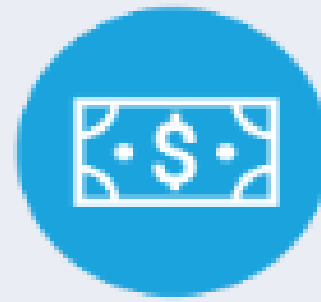
Technical assistance requests



Supported

68

Energy-related projects



Funded

\$57.8M

Federal cost share in Tribal energy infrastructure



Resulting in

\$95M

Total investment in Tribal energy infrastructure

Core Areas of Support

How the Office Supports Indian Country

Financial Assistance



Cost-share leveraged funding to support Tribal energy development

Technical Assistance



No-cost planning, analysis, commerce, and engineering support for successful project outcomes

Capacity Building



Capacity building to enable Tribes to fully participate in unleashing American energy



Financial Assistance

Competitive awards align with Tribes' energy needs and priorities

Learn about current funding and technical assistance opportunities: energy.gov/indianenergy/current-funding-and-technical-assistance-opportunities



Financial Assistance

Since 2010, the Office of Indian Energy has:

Supported over

250

Tribal energy
projects

Initiated saving

\$535M

over the life of the
projects—\$3.38 for
every DOE \$1
invested

Added

63

megawatts
of power
generation to
Tribal lands

The Office of Indian Energy provides cost-shared federal funding to Indian Tribes and Tribal entities through competitive financial assistance awards per 42 U.S.C. § 7144e.

Funding and Opportunity Resources

Find energy **funding** and other **technical support opportunities** for American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native communities from the Office of Indian Energy and other federal agencies and sources.

Opportunities can be filtered by type, federal agency, and energy focus area.

energy.gov/indianenergy/current-funding-opportunities



Not sure where to begin? Contact our team to get tailored support through the **Tribal Energy Navigation** support!

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Technical Assistance

Advance energy projects and energy commerce with expert support

Request technical assistance via email:

energy.gov/indianenergy/request-technical-assistance



Technical Assistance Types



Community-wide strategic energy planning

Inform vision and goals



Energy efficiency assessments

Quantify usage and identify cost savings opportunities



Resource assessments

Quantify energy resources in line with Tribal priorities



Energy project planning

Modeling, economic analysis, 3rd party independent reviews of energy project documents



Energy governance issues

Energy code development, utility formation pre-feasibility assessments



Enabling a competitive business environment

Legal frameworks & deal structuring to enhance energy sector commerce



Capacity Building

Growing Tribal energy skills and expertise

Capacity Building

The Office of Indian Energy capacity building activities are responsive to Tribes' stated needs and feedback to overcome barriers that hinder needed energy development, reliability, and security



**Tribal Energy
Navigation
support**



**Targeted
fellowships**



**Growing Native
energy
workforce**



**Peer-to-peer
learning**



**Increased
collaboration
across DOE**



**Webinars,
workshops, and
online tools/
curricula**

Tribal Energy Navigation Support

In search of the **right resources and contacts** to move your energy project forward? Our Office is available to assist!

- ✓ Finding federal project assistance
- ✓ Identifying project financing
- ✓ Technical feasibility analysis
- ✓ Financial feasibility analysis
- ✓ Partner engagement and coordination
- ✓ Permitting assistance
- ✓ Planning assistance
- ✓ Capacity building
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Assistance to enhance the legal environment for energy sector commerce
- ✓ Speaking engagements (events) or meeting requests

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Brookston Community Center's woodchip-fueled hydronic boiler uses cutting edge top-feed fuel technology to eliminate clogs and minimize maintenance downtime.

Photo by Joshua Gregory, DOE.

Webinar Series

The Tribal Energy Webinar Series provides information about advance Tribal energy development and fosters peer-to-peer learning. Visit www.energy.gov/indianenergy/webinars to register for upcoming events and to see the latest offerings.

2026 Tribal Energy Webinar Series

Quarterly webinars will focus on three themes:

- Unleashing Tribal Energy Resources
- Tribal Energy Program Review Mini-Series
- Creating the Enabling Framework to Advance High-Value Energy Projects

Unleashing Tribal Energy Development

A \$50 million funding opportunity is now open and aims to foster **affordable, reliable, and secure energy solutions in Indian Country** by supporting Tribal-led community-scale energy project planning and development and large-scale energy project planning.



Funding opportunity:

DE-FOA-0003548



Deadline to Apply:

July 24, 2026, 5 p.m. ET



Informational webinar:

April 9, 2026



Learn more and register for the webinar:

http://bit.ly/IE_NOFO

For questions, contact:

TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov

Unleashing Tribal Energy Development – Topic Areas



Topic Area 1: Tribal community energy deployment projects

Applicants should propose constructing energy assets that serve the electric loads and support the energy needs of a Tribal community or communities.

- Up to \$7,500,000
- Minimum cost share required: 10% of total project costs
- Approximate award project period: 24–48 months.



Topic Area 2: Tribal community energy project planning, assessment, and feasibility

Projects are eligible to complete predevelopment activities necessary for the deployment of a potential future project under Topic Area 1.

- Up to \$1,500,000
- Minimum cost share required: 0% of total project costs
- Approximate award project period: 12–48 months.



Topic Area 3: Large-scale planning, assessment, and feasibility for Tribal energy projects

Projects should be designed for commercial development of Tribal energy resources, with the primary benefit to the Applicant being the generation of revenue and economic development.

- Up to \$2,500,000
- Minimum cost share required: 0% of total project costs
- Approximate award project period: 12–48 months.

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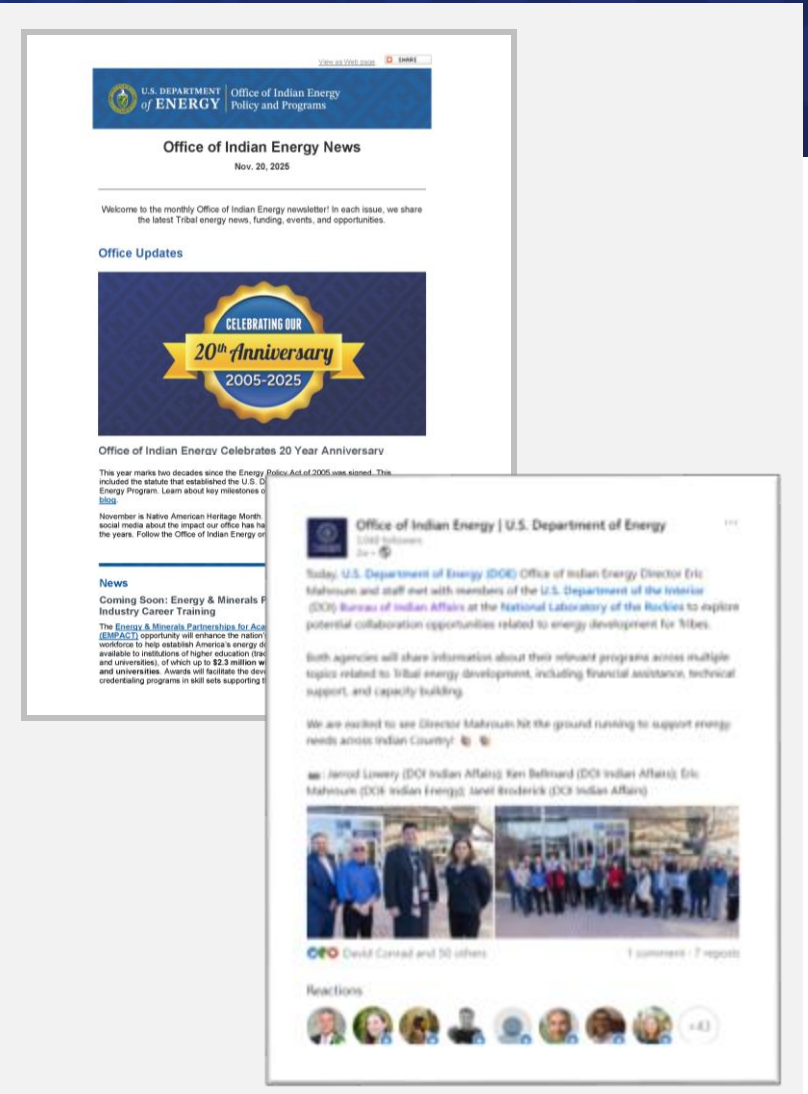
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