

Please see below information on formula-based tribal funding under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

EECBG Program Alert! - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program new "Application Resources" webpage

DEADLINE REMINDER - The EECBG Program application deadline for direct formula grants is fast approaching! All eligible recipients must submit their completed application package by June 25, 2009, 8:00 EST. If you have not already done so, we suggest that you complete the three registration steps outlined on the EECBG homepage, and download the Funding Opportunity Announcement and application materials now.

See more below.

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Several new resources are now available for eligible entities for formula grants under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funded a new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) originally authorized under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Under this program, there is a 2% set-aside for Tribes and an opportunity to apply for funds under a competitive process. See more <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/eecbg.cfm> and FedConnect for a copy of the request for applications https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/PublicSearch/Public_Opportunities.aspx. Please note that although these grants are non-competitive, each eligible Tribe must still submit an application.

Applications must be submitted no later than June 25, 2009.

EECBG Estimated Benefits Calculator: The Calculator was created to assist applicants in developing estimates of jobs created, energy saved, GHG emissions reduced, and renewable energy capacity installed for the Project Activity Sheets (B-1 Attachment of the Funding Opportunity Announcement) required with the application. See below for a dedicated webinar on how to use the Calculator.

Example Project Activity Sheets: Many applicants have asked for models of filled-out Project Activity Sheets. We have posted five of them in addition to the example Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategies.

These resources are on our new "Application Resources" page of the Solution Center.
<http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/solutioncenter/applicationresources/default>

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Also, the webinar series continues. For a schedule or to register, see <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/solutioncenter/webcasts/default.html>

Finally, a searchable database of all the questions and answers from FedConnect has been posted. This can be accessed by clicking on the "Frequently Asked Questions" feature button in the lower right corner of the EECBG Program homepage at <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>.

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Monday, June 8, 2009

Agency Notices

ENVIRONMENT

Fish and Wildlife Service Announces Recovery Act Funds for Habitat Restoration The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in the Department of the Interior posted four notices of the availability of funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for habitat restoration. The first are under two programs: the Coastal Program and the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. Both programs support habitat restoration projects that address high priority wetland, upland or riparian habitats in selected geographic areas to benefit migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, inter-jurisdictional fish, certain marine mammals and species of international concern. Tribal governments are among the entities eligible to apply for both programs.

The next two programs are: the National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Action Plan. These programs provide tribal, local and state governments and other entities with technical and financial assistance for habitat restoration projects that address high priority aquatic habitats.

The application deadline for all programs is September 30, 2009. CLICK HERE <<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102604351588&s=5614&e=001sJ-YS-S4QT5yukyffYNDWRxScc9jPguoYO6ExDhAvsJdn->

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information.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

FEMA Announces Recovery Act Funding Availability for Fire Station
Construction Grants The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in
the Department of Homeland Security posted a notice of funding
availability of \$210 million in Recovery Act funds under the Assistance
to Firefighters Grants program for Fire Station Construction. Funds
under this program are available to any fire department that has a
formally recognized arrangement with a state, territory, local or
tribal authority to provide fire suppression to a population within a
fixed geographical area. The application deadline is July 10, 2009.
CLICK HERE <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102604351588&s=5614&e=001sJ-YS-S4QT4i4qvOwcwHmK0XWJ9I8zkiF5ORJrH186n5vHsyntVaCfQH_elmHIL9NVRnsixApMbv7JSfio3tDPA4RL10TqSMHz9nPWkzi88nRRVNZomfe3o6eQXXtvi3DnOsIt9Te_oYNH4FmKyqVjbKRceZU7A> for more information.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CMS Announces Outreach Efforts on New Social Security Act Provisions of
Recovery Act, CHIP Affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives The
Center for Medicaid and State Operations of the Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services (CMS) in the Department of Health and Human Services
sent out a "Dear Tribal Leader" letter, announcing the scheduling of
tribal leader conference calls beginning Friday, June 5 through
Thursday, July 2. The purpose of these calls is to obtain input from
Indian Country on new Social Security Act provisions affecting American
Indians and Alaska Natives that were enacted as part of the Children's
Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act and the American
Recovery and Reinvestment Act. CLICK HERE
<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102604351588&s=5614&e=001sJ-YS-S4QT4rqzd01rUKANARQmR32y2-5fPht1IxxMjwUM2Wz5N14JZfrnYVu3pLIZOUckcLJR5vxa5T1iL4fcGIIfAv9qTmeG5BolCGHhWDgIQ9tu2A9i48YroEkI5_11AQK0tfbm_01Q3HrIagEWec11PzxrBkDV8cuB91QjucSXCJ_J-SuuQ==>> for more inf
ormation.

Stimulus News

Stimulus Dollars At Home: Regional Officials Roll Out Huge Wish List
Yankton Press & Dakotan (South Dakota) The calendar said January, but
Greg Henderson and Lynne Keller Forbes thought it was Christmastime.
READ MORE <<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102604351588&s=5614&e=001sJ-YS-S4QT7Py1IYhZUZlKNpTgmJLsVwxv738PZpuRf7-cRRRYpMSOMp-ETEQYtRHcF3Wfvt5DXinGrQD9JLxM1K6dypw1GgHYqOshPp5wA6JysuqoSslCSUirAleUQ61WSQ07B19i727rz0Yx8jLAmfVeHYOWgMNYCNh5T1HR7eoRMXA2N0BilaaBvzFWgOBvIf3k7CTAw=>>> .

Subsidy helping child care, families to pay their bills Rapid City
Journal (South Dakota) Native American tribes in South Dakota received
\$2 million of discretionary child care stimulus funds, in addition to
the \$5.4 million awarded to the state as part of the 2009 economic
recovery package. READ MORE
<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102604351588&s=5614&e=001sJ-YS-S4QT5YcgdxhQNh0SQdifLjDAbKJpYYbmwjTt2UIB_->

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Stimulus money completes Acoma fitness facility Cibola Beacon (New Mexico) Ground breaking was held for a new fitness facility beside the current Acoma Tribal Building on May 30. READ MORE
<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102604351588&s=5614&e=001sJ-YS-S4QT6dZHdl9JePLmliXyB9p6ZmodSW1jRDg4aJTC0nQc2FbhSQDA956nVtv810rYy2kY-6i3UH3YWdZLVZRKbRYx_JijnhLQooyvwlEt47SqcD2euBYV3qtTcBQebml23ux7v3i8RCiU62He8R53qPU0xYgLFJHDTe4fE321GsTsGoXm303wj6wJj6JVZ-vcJlhxw=> .

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Information courtesy of David Jaber, TribalP2. Thank you, David.

2) Wetland Program Development Grants Request for Proposals - Applications due 7pm EDT on July 15, 2009

On Friday May 29, 2009, EPA announced the release of the FY09 National Wetland Program Development Grants Request for Proposals (RFP). The total amount of expected federal funding available under this announcement is approximately \$550,000 and the federal portion of the awards will range from \$25,000 to \$225,000. Grants are awarded through Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act and are made to build the capacity of all levels of government to develop and implement effective, comprehensive programs for wetland protection and management. This year the RFP lists five national priority areas:

- 1) State/Tribal Technical and Meeting Support;
- 2) Regulation;
- 3) Monitoring and Assessment;
- 4) Voluntary Restoration/Protection; and
- 5) Water Quality Standards for Wetlands.

The RFP will close at 7pm EDT on July 15, 2009, with decisions expected by the end of the fiscal year. The RFP can be viewed on the EPA wetlands website: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/pdf/HQrfp09.pdf>

Information courtesy of Myla Kelly, Coordinator, Peaks to Prairies Regional Pollution Prevention Center, EPA Region 8 Bozeman, Montana. Thanks, Myla.

3) DOE to Host Public Meeting on Weatherization Assistance Program Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, June 18

June 12, 2009

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will host a public meeting on June 18 to discuss the Proposed Rule on Rulemaking for the Weatherization Assistance Program. During this meeting DOE will accept comments on the proposed rule available online at Federal Regulations
<<http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTUwMTczOSZtZXNzYWdlaWQ9UFJELUJVTC01MDE3MzkmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcm1hbD0xMjE1NTA0NDY5JmVtYWlsaWQ9bG16YW5hLnBpZXJjZUBnby5kb2UuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1saXphbmEucGllcmNlQGdvLmRvZS5nb3YmZXh0cmE9JiYm&&104&&http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>> . Type RIN 1904-AB97 in the search field. The rule is intended to reduce the review and verification burden related to income verification, rent increases, and property enhancement criteria under the Weatherization Assistance Program for certain properties identified by HUD.

Full story

<http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTUwMTczOSZtZXNzYWdlaWQ9UFJELUJVTC01MDE3MzkmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcm1hbD0xMjE1NTA0NDY5JmVtYWlsaWQ9bG16YW5hLnBpZXJjZUBnby5kb2UuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1saXphbmEucGllcmNlQGdvLmRvZS5nb3YmZXh0cmE9JiYm&&105&&http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=179>

4) The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Housing and urban Development have funding opportunities available. Please see the details below.

Dep't: Health and Human Services

Agency: Indian Health Service

Program: Tribal Management Grant Program

Summary: The Program is a national competitive discretionary grant program established to assist Federally-recognized Tribes and Tribally-sanctioned Tribal organizations in assuming all or part of existing Indian Health Service (IHS) programs, services, functions, and activities (PSFA) through a Title I contract and to assist established Title I contractors and Title V compactors to further develop and improve their management capability.

Deadline: 7 August 2009

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-8641.htm>
<<http://click.bsftransmit1.com/ClickThru.aspx?pubids=1SJ1kZ%2bJ1Dhaoc%2bBRxsW6qjdDyJRRO2kIgy1FKcpPls%3d&digest=GqhxrmmGMK5HCetsqrLQ%2bPw>>

Dep't: Housing and Urban Development

Agency: N/A

Program: 2009 Notice of Funding Availability

Summary: ACTION: Notice of HUD's FY2009 NOFA Policy Requirements and General Section to HUD's FY2009 NOFAs for Discretionary Grant Programs; amendments and technical corrections.

Deadline: N/A

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-8691.htm>
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Information courtesy of Keith Colston, Executive Director, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs.

5) 10 million Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program -
Applications due July 22, 2009

EPA is announcing the availability of up to \$10 million in "Climate Showcase Communities" grants for local and tribal governments to establish and implement climate change initiatives. EPA requests proposals which create replicable models of sustainable community action, generate cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions, and improve the environmental, economic, public health, or social conditions in a community.

How many grants will be awarded?

The agency expects to award a total of approximately 30 cooperative agreements ranging from approximately \$100,000 to \$500,000. Approximately 5% of the funds (\$500,000) are set-aside for tribal governments. EPA expects to award 1-3 grants under the tribal set aside.

Who is eligible for the grant program?

Eligibility for the program includes local governments (a county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government), federally recognized Indian tribal governments, and inter-tribal consortia.

Are applicants required to provide matching funds?

A 50% cost-match or cost-share is required for this program with the exception of tribal governments and intertribal consortia which are exempt from matching requirements. The cost share and/or match can be in the form of cash or as in-kind contributions, such as use of volunteers and/or donated time, equipment, expertise, etc.

What is the application deadline?

Proposals are due by July 22, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. EDT. An optional notice of intent to apply is requested by July 1, 2009.

Who will administer the grant program?

The Grant program is administered by EPA's Local Climate and Energy Program, an initiative to assist local and tribal governments to identify, implement, and track policies and programs that reduce

greenhouse gas emissions within their operations and surrounding communities.

What resources will be available to grant recipients?

Over the course of the grant program, EPA will offer peer exchange, trainings, and technical support to grant recipients. Each grant recipient will be profiled online and in EPA materials. EPA will share lessons learned from the grant program with communities across the nation.

For more information:

<http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/showcase.html>

To view the RFA:

<http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/09-08.pdf>

Information courtesy of Andrea Denny, EPA. Thanks, Andrea.

6) SAVE the DATE: EPA's National Tribal Leaders Summit - September 29 - October 1, 2009 - Washington DC

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Event: Tribal Leaders Summit

Dates: September 29 - October 1, 2009

Location: Washington, DC

Purpose: Elected tribal government leaders will meet with the new EPA Administration.

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