

# RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## ***Now Hiring!***

### **NEW! Agents of Change: Amplifying neglected voices in environmental health Fellowship Opportunity**

*Deadline to Apply: August 18, 2020*

[Agents of Change](#) is an ongoing series featuring the stories, analyses and perspectives of next generation environmental health and justice leaders who come from historically underrepresented backgrounds in science and academia. These essays depart from other types of scientific writing in that fellows have a chance to blend their lived experiences and research expertise. We developed this platform to provide a space for early career scientists to explore intersections between research, health, diversity, and justice. In our first year, fellows wrote about various topics including: [Black food sovereignty](#), [indigenous cultural fire practices](#), [housing security](#) and [urban displacement](#), [workers' rights](#), [energy production and public health](#), and [prioritizing inclusion in environmental health research](#). **This is a chance to have real impact.** The fellowship offers an opportunity to reach people both within and outside an applicant's field. Some of our prior blogs have reached nearly one million views, with readers ranging from senior scientists to social activists to farmers in rural America. More information on fellowship requirements, eligibility, and the application process is available at [here](#). If you have questions about the program, you can also email the Director Dr. Ami Zota at [azota@gwu.edu](mailto:azota@gwu.edu)

### **NEW! Understanding Community-level Public Health Preparedness for Wildland Fire Smoke**

Our team is working to better understand how communities, including tribal communities, prepare for wildland fire smoke events from a public health perspective, and the processes that are involved in that preparation. For this project we are interested in highlighting a handful of communities that are on the leading edge of smoke response preparedness and that are developing plans for their community response to smoke events. The working title of the project is, *Understanding Community-level Public Health Preparedness for Wildland Fire Smoke*, and this is related to some of the broader Smoke Ready Communities work currently underway. If someone from your community is currently or interested in working on a wildland fire smoke community response plan, and would like to discuss the project more we would like to meet and learn more. Please reach out to us, we would be happy to share with you more information about the Smoke Ready Communities project and look forward to learning about your community. You may contact James Payne at [payne.jamesj@epa.gov](mailto:payne.jamesj@epa.gov) by **September 4th**.

### **NEW! Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences seeking Post-Doctoral Scholar**

### [Link to the post doc position](#)

The DEOHS at the University of Washington (UW) School of Public Health in conjunction with the UW Center for Health and the Global Environment (CHanGE) seek an outstanding Post-Doctoral Scholar to assist in a suite of climate and health projects. These projects include an effort to collect information on municipal heat action plans and activities to reduce exposure to extreme heat and an effort to assess the impact of an indigenous climate change health adaptation effort undertaken by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. The work represents a unique opportunity to work across the fields of public health and climate change, with access to leading experts in [DEOHS](#) and [CHanGE](#) as well as partners in the Climate Impacts Group ([CIG](#)), the Program on Climate Change ([PCC](#)), and other UW organizations working on climate and health. While the position will be housed under DEOHS, extensive cross-disciplinary interaction is anticipated.

### **NEW! Executive Director, [the Christensen Fund](#)**

#### [Apply Here](#)

The new Executive Director will join the Fund at a pivotal moment and will help shape the trajectory of the new strategy. They will hold a vision and lead the team bringing the rights-based focus to life through investments and partnerships designed to:

- amplify grassroots indigenous voices;
- build solidarity between and across Indigenous Peoples' movements; and,
- increase awareness of international frameworks that protect LTRG rights.

Reporting to the board of directors, the executive director will partner with the board and staff to bring the Fund into its next phase of impact by building on its exceptional reputation and track record of programmatic accomplishments.

### **[Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes](#)**

#### **Tribal School Readiness Mini-Grant 2020**

[Click Here to Apply!](#) *Deadline to apply is Friday, August 28, 2020*

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is pleased to announce a funding opportunity titled Tribal School Readiness. With funding from the Indian Health Service, NIHB is offering a funding opportunity for Tribes and Tribal Organizations seeking to strengthen school preparation and readiness for safe operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is intended to fulfill immediate Tribal school readiness needs related to COVID-19. More information is available on NIHB's [COVID-19 Funding Opportunities](#) web page.

### **NEW! Tribal Community Lead Testing in School and Child Care Drinking Water**

*Deadline: Monday August 31, 2020*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) is providing funding for participation in the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Tribal Grant Program. The EPA is making \$4.3M available to support the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Tribal Grant Program. For more information, visit their [website](#).

- EPA will host a webinar in August to provide more information about the 3Ts toolkit, the application process and an overview of the grant and its scope. Webinar information and registration will be available on EPA's website.
- Tribal consortia interested in participating must submit letters of intent to EPA by August 31, 2020.

### **NEW! Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Notice of Funding Availability**

*Due: December 10, 2020*

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the FY20 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the [Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\) - Competitive Grant Program](#) earlier today. It announced the availability of approximately \$91 million in competitive grants to eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs). This program provides competitive grant funding to Tribes and TDHEs to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Native American families. In accordance with the FY20 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, projects that will spur housing construction and rehabilitation will be prioritized.

HUD recognizes the many challenges faced by Tribes and TDHEs during the ongoing COVID-19 National Emergency. Accordingly, this year, HUD is providing a longer application period than the application period in last year's competition to allow applicants additional time to develop and submit applications. Therefore, applicants will have until 11:59:59 EST on December 10, 2020, to submit applications via <https://www.grants.gov>. If applicants are unable to submit an electronic application, they may request a waiver in accordance with Section IV.A. of the NOFA.

### **Teton Science Schools Graduate Program Native American Fellowship Opportunity**

The Teton Science Schools' (TSS) Graduate Program is offering a full scholarship, covering tuition and room and board, to someone who is currently affiliated with a Native American tribe as an educator, or aspiring educator, or is of Native American descent. The scholarship recipient will be awarded a full scholarship to cover tuition and room and board for the Graduate Program at TSS. Incidental

costs, for books, gear, travel to and from the program etc. would need to be covered by the scholarship recipient and may be covered by FAFSA student loans. Interested scholarship candidates should begin the [enrollment process for the TSS Graduate Program](#). If you have specific questions or want more information, please contact Dr. Nikki Gamrath, Vice President of Educator Development, at the Teton Science Schools at [nikki.gamrath@tetonscience.org](mailto:nikki.gamrath@tetonscience.org).

### **Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET**

[For more information, click here!](#)

### **Two New Funding Opportunities Available Through Engagement Opportunities in NASA's Minority University Research and Education Project for American Indian and Alaska Native STEM Engagement – NASA MAIANSE**

This National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Research Announcement (NRA), entitled *Engagement Opportunities in NASA STEM (EONS) – 2020*, solicits proposals for competitive funding opportunities in support of the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) administered by NASA's Office of STEM Engagement. EONS 2020 is an omnibus announcement that includes a wide range of NASA science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) Engagement opportunities for basic and applied science and technology research and education. Specific opportunities will be issued periodically throughout the year as Appendices to this solicitation with individual requirements and milestones. For more information regarding the following opportunities and scheduled information sessions, please visit the [ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NASA STEM \(EONS-2020\)](#) page on the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System ([NSPIRES](#)) website and click on 'List of Open Program Elements'.

### **DOI BOR Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for FY20 and FY21 – \$1 million**

*Applications Due: October 28, 2020 for FY21*

*Eligible Entities: federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations of the 17 Western States identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902*

The objective of this opportunity is to invite federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations to submit proposals for financial assistance for projects and activities that develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. Through this opportunity, Reclamation provides funding for projects that increase water reliability consistent with sections 3 and 4 of the October 19, 2018, Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

## **Assistant Secretary Sweeney Announces \$3 Million Living Languages Grant Program Funding Opportunity**

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Mac Lean Sweeney announced today that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting applications to the Living Languages Grant Program (LLGP). This \$3 Million grant program will fund between 15 and 60 grants, ranging from \$25,000-\$200,000, to federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native entities to document, preserve and revitalize Native languages and build active speaker capacity. IEED's solicitation for LLGP funding and details on how to apply can be found in the [Federal Register](#) and at [Grants.Gov](#).

**To view and/or receive ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, [Native Voices](#), [click here!](#)**

## ***Climate Change/Energy***

### **On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy**

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: tribal governments*

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#).

### **DOI BIA Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant - \$1 million**

*Applications Due: September 01, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations*

The Secretary of the Interior ("Secretary"), through the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), is soliciting grant proposals from Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Federally recognized Tribal entities to build Tribal capacity for energy resource regulation and management.

The Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant program seeks to develop the Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on American Indian and Native Alaskan land. TEDC grants equip Federally recognized



American Indian Tribes and Alaska Federally recognized Tribal entities to regulate and manage their energy resources through development of organizational and business structures and legal and regulatory infrastructure. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

### **DOE GFO Building Technologies Proving Ground – Public Sector Field Validation - \$10 million**

*Applications Due: September 28, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: city or township governments, state governments, federally recognized tribal governments, county governments*

The Building Technologies Proving Ground – Public Sector Field Validation funding opportunity will invest up to \$10 million to allow state, local, and tribal government entities to compete for funding designed to meet U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) goals via field validation of high impact commercial building technologies. Projects funded through this FOA will have the potential to significantly reduce energy use in U.S. commercial buildings, develop new value streams for commercial building owners, and provide the end use flexibility required to dynamically balance the distribution grid. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#)

**Join NCAI's [Climate Action email listserv](#) here!**

**Sign up for the [Alliance for Green Heat's](#) newsletter!**

**To view and/or receive [ITEP's Climate Change newsletter](#), [click here!](#)**

### **Toxics/Mobile Sources**

#### **Radon Mini-Grant Program Announcement**

[Apply Here!](#) *Deadline is August 21, 2020*

Over the years, many state and tribal radon programs and local health departments have identified lack of staff, time, and resources as key difficulties in conducting radon activities. Others have encountered challenges regarding partnering with a local organization on small innovative projects. To address these concerns and foster partnerships that will lead to radon risk reduction, the [Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. \(CRCPD\)](#) is sponsoring a mini-grant program. The mini-grants are designed to be awarded to partner organizations for innovative projects addressing radon risk reduction. Non-tribal organizations are expected to collaborate with and get approval from their state radon program on project applications. If the selection priorities are met, partners could receive a \$1,500 to \$5,000 mini-grant award. CRCPD plans to award several mini-grants

during this cycle (approximately 7-10 awards) depending on project and budget requests.

### **DOE Clean Cities Coalition Network Technical Assistance**

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: Clean Cities Coalitions*

Clean Cities connects transportation stakeholders with objective information and experts to assist with alternative fuels, fuel economy improvements, and emerging transportation technologies. Through these trusted, time-tested resources, Clean Cities has helped fleets and fuel providers deploy hundreds of thousands of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations that serve a growing market. Clean Cities continues to support the entry of new transportation technologies into the marketplace.

For more information, visit the technical assistance [description](#).

### **Recent additions to OTAQ's website in August 2020**

You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ [on our website](#).

### ***Indoor Air Quality***

**NEW! Competitive Indoor Air Funding Opportunity from the EPA National Indoor Environments Program: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants** *Applications due: September 15, 2020*

The U.S.EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), Indoor Environments Division (IED) has posted a new RFA (EPA-OAR-ORIA-20-09)

here: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding>. This is a competitive funding opportunity for projects and programs that are aimed at reducing public exposure to indoor air pollutants. EPA intends to award cooperative agreement(s) for projects that will advance national policy and systems, reduce disparities and ensure programs and practices aimed at indoor air risk reduction are sustainable. Projects should reduce indoor air risks and yield measurable environmental and public health outcomes in one or more priority areas: radon, indoor environmental asthma triggers, comprehensive indoor air risk reduction.

**Applications will be accepted through September 15, 2020. Applications must be submitted through [grants.gov](#). Click [here](#) for more information.**

### **Resource for Healthy Indoor Air Quality**

Check out the website <https://forhealth.org/> for many resources related to healthy homes and indoor air quality!

**The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to [Funding Opportunities!](#)** Additionally, THHN has developed a [Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#).

**Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register can be [found here](#).**

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