



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Thomson Reuters Foundation News – [‘Seat at the table’: Women’s land rights seen as key to climate fight](#)



A labourer harvests wheat on the outskirts of Saini village, about 55 km (34 miles) east of New Delhi April 10, 2008. REUTERS/Vijay Mathur (India)

TOP STORIES

The NTAA is announcing the release of the NTAA mobile app!

Take the Weekly Update’s latest air quality news with you wherever you go via your iPhone or android smart phone! The app is available on both the [Apple App](#) and [Google Play](#) stores. It is also free to download!

NTAA is seeking quotes from interested parties willing to conduct a national needs assessment of all federally recognized Tribes to ascertain the budgetary and programmatic needs of the Tribes related to the management of air quality programs. [Click here to view the Request for Offers.](#) This request closes on March 20, 2021.



Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Pew Charitable Trust - [In Hard-Hit Indian Country, Tribes Rapidly Roll Out Vaccines](#)

Science Daily – [Commuters are inhaling unacceptably high levels of carcinogens](#)

Inside Climate News – [A New Study Closes the Case on the Mysterious Rise of a Climate Super-Pollutant](#)

EPA – [EPA Awards Contracts Worth up to \\$220 million to Three Companies for Cleanup at Navajo Nation Area Abandoned Uranium Mines](#)

Buzzfeed News – [Trump Led An “All-Out Assault” On The EPA. Now Biden Has To Rebuild It.](#)

NY Times – [Biden’s Climate Task Force Opens for Business, Aiming to Restore ‘Credibility’](#)

NY Times – [There’s no one size fits all treatment for asthma](#)

WION - [Study reveals irreversible link between air pollution and vision loss](#)

Slate – [Gassed Up](#)

Salon - [Communities of color are saving the planet — why won't funders support what works?](#)

National Association of Clean Air Agencies – [Washington Update](#)

Climate Change/Energy

E&E News - [40% of climate benefits? Explaining Biden's EJ promise](#)

The Guardian - [Heating Arctic may be to blame for snowstorms in Texas, scientists argue](#)

The Guardian - [US conservatives falsely blame renewables for Texas storm outages](#)

The New Yorker - [When Climate Change and Xenophobia Collide](#)

Washington Post - [EPA to jettison major Obama climate rule, as Biden eyes a bigger push](#)

Global Climate Change – [ACTIVATE Begins Year Two of Marine Cloud Study](#)

TIME – [Healthy Planet, Healthy People. How Slowing Climate Change Saves Lives](#)

ClimateWire – [COVID-19 aid should be contingent on climate action: report](#)

The Guardian – [California’s rainfall is at historic lows. That spells trouble for wildfires and farms](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

The Hill - [Electric vehicles are poised to aid Biden in climate fight](#)

The Hill - [Trump EPA ripped over approach to chemical risk evaluations in new report](#)

CNN – [Shell says its oil production has peaked and will all every year](#)

The Guardian – [‘A clear danger’: oil spill in California city revives calls to cut ties with Chevron](#)

High Country News - [New Mexico eyed for major nuclear waste storage facility](#)

Gizmodo – [Facebook Is Letting a Pipeline Company Run Ads While Muzzling Its Opponents](#)

Mother Jones – [How the Fossil Fuel Industry Convinced Americans to Love Gas Stoves](#)

The Hill – [Biden administration delays Trump rule allowing companies to pay less money for drilling on federal lands](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Washington Post - [The coronavirus is airborne. Here’s how to know if you’re breathing other people’s breath.](#)

Businesswire – [United States Indoor Air Quality Market Report 2021: Impact of COVID-19 on the Industry](#)

JD Supra - [EPA Extends Coronavirus Enforcement Against On-Line Sales of Unregistered Disinfectants](#)

Be sure to subscribe to [EPA's IAQ Bulletins](#)

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! ITEP Summer Internship for Native American Students

Webinar: Wednesday, February 18; 12:30 – 1:30pm MST / [Register Here](#)

Learn more about the paid 8-week summer internship. Get your questions answered. Talk to past ITEP interns. Spend your summer working with tribal organizations to address tribal environmental issues. The internships have a technical, educational or policy focus. We are offering at least 8 positions in air quality. The internship program provides each student intern with a \$4,800 stipend. We are planning for internships to be remote, so most interns will work from their home or school site. Host sites are selected from tribal environmental organizations, government offices, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and others. For more information about internships go to ITEP's [website!](#) Questions email Josephine.Kamkoff@nau.edu

NEW! Interior Announces Series of Tribal Consultations in Recognition of the Importance of Nation-to-Nation Relationship

The Department of the Interior announced that it will host initial consultations with Tribal leaders next month. These steps will help ensure that future White House and Interior efforts at addressing the four converging crises of our time – COVID-19, economic security, racial justice and climate change – are inclusive of Tribal Nations' priorities and recommendations. Interior will notify all federally recognized Tribes of the consultation series today, and shared [additional guidance](#) to kickstart and facilitate a productive, meaningful process. The sessions will be conducted by Indian Affairs' [Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action](#) via teleconference with Tribes in each of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 12 regions:

- **Monday, March 8** (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET): Great Plains, Midwest and Rocky Mountain Regions
- **Wednesday, March 10** (10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. ET): Eastern, Eastern Oklahoma and Southern Plains Regions
- **Wednesday, March 10** (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET): Navajo, Southwest and Western Regions
- **Friday, March 12** (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET): Alaska, Northwest and Pacific Regions

The deadline for written comments on the consultation series is 12 p.m. ET on *March 19, 2021*. Comments can be submitted at consultation@bia.gov.

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The Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center's online Technical Needs Assessment

The TAMS Center is seeking ways to identify the technical support requirements of tribal air quality programs nationwide. The goal of this Needs Assessment is to aid in the development of services that better meet tribal air program goals and objectives. The form asks for specific information related to both ambient air quality and indoor air quality concerns that affect Tribes. Input obtained through this online questionnaire will help identify focus areas and support needs so that future technical training and support can be tailored to for Tribes. Click [this link](#) to fill-out the online form. For any questions contact TAMS co-directors, Christopher Lee at christopher.lee@nau.edu (702-784-8278) and/or Hayden Hardie at hardie.hayden@epa.gov (702-784-8232)

NTAA is Seeking Story Submissions for the STAR!

Deadline for submission: February 16th

[Click here to fill out the Google Form](#)

We are currently seeking story submissions for the 2021 Status of Tribal Air Report! The [STAR](#) is an annual publication intended to provide an understanding of the importance and impact of Tribal air programs. As such, one of the biggest components to the STAR is the unique perspectives of air programs within tribal communities. This year we are looking to provide more stories that highlight the successes and/or challenges you have faced within the last year given a specific topic. We are asking that you draft the short story or nominate someone who you may think has a great idea! If you have any questions, please contact Mariah Ashley, NTAA Program Coordinator at mariah.ashley@nau.edu

Please join the upcoming Tribal Listening sessions hosted by ORD's Air and Energy Research Program with your respective EPA Tribal Partnership Groups

Wednesday, February 17; 2-4pm ET / There is **no registration** for these sessions. The purpose of these listening sessions is to hear from the Tribes about the challenges they are facing with wildfires and where EPA might be able to help through our scientific research. Tribal partners only need to access the registration

link found in the attached flyer on the appropriate date and time. Tribal partners only need to access the [registration link on the appropriate date and time](#). Second, there are two questions to answer related to the tribe's experience with wildland fires and smoke. Responses may be submitted via email at ORDResearch@epa.gov.

NCAI to Host Webinar Series on Tribal Disaster Declarations Pilot Guidance

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) invites you to participate in our three-part webinar series on tribal disaster preparedness efforts. During the webinar series, tribal emergency management experts will walk tribal leaders and staff through the [2017 Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance \(pdf download\)](#), answer questions, and highlight how tribal nations can access emergency disaster resources.

Webinar 3: TBA, March, 2021 / [Register Here](#)

Resources for attendees:

[FEMA's Disaster Declaration Process: A Primer \(pdf download\)](#)

[2017 Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance \(same link as in first paragraph, pdf download\)](#)

[FEMA Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance Webpage \(link\)](#)

[Stafford Act Declarations 1953-2016: Trends, Analyses, and Implications for Congress \(pdf download\)](#)

[Learning More About the Emergency Management Professional \(pdf download\)](#)

NTAA Upcoming Calls

The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#. Contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call! ***Registration instructions*** When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This allows you to see everyone on the call and prevents us from conducting a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone's time.

Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, February 18, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, February 25, 4pm ET

Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, March 4, 2pm ET
Planning Call for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ): This monthly call works to plan the 2021 NTFAQ. This is a zoom call . Contact Andy.bessler@nau.edu for password.	Thursday, March 11, 12pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, March 18, 2pm ET

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's (ITEP's) [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars and other events related to tribes and climate change.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's other trainings and events.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. New courses have been added, so check it out!

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ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP) hosts the Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates, Residential Building Science Review, Radon Fundamentals, Quality Assurance Fundamental, Writing a Quality Assurance Project Plan, Emissions Inventory Fundamentals, and Emissions Inventory Advanced.

[AIAQTP Schedule and Registration](#)

Training Title	Dates	Training Type
	2021	
QREST 101	January 16	Webinar
Indoor Air Quality in Alaska	February 16- April 16	Online Cohort
Emission Inventories: Non-point Source Émissions Calculations	February 16	Webinar
Air Quality Systems (AQS) Database	March 23	Webinar
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ)	May 2021	Virtual Conference

Recorded Webinars

Looking for more information check out the [Tribal Air Quality Media Space Channel](#). Recent webinars include an Introduction to Air Quality Programs, Emissions Inventories, Remote Professional Assistance, and Woodstoves in Indian Country. Older classics include a series on Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke, Tribal Air Program and Grants, Data Management, and the Clean Air Act.

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Climate Change / Energy

EPA State and Local Energy and Environmental Program webinars

Tuesday, February 16; 12pm ET / [Register Here](#)

This one-hour webinar will highlight strategies that public agencies and utilities are implementing to electrify the transportation sector in an equitable way. It will feature the updated [AchiEVe Toolkit](#), a free resource developed by Sierra Club, Plug In America, the Electrification Coalition and Forth Mobility that covers a wide array of policy options and case studies on topics ranging from vehicle purchase to charging infrastructure to battery recycling. Then, the State of North Carolina will share how they are putting the policy pieces together in a comprehensive electric vehicle strategy.

The Energy Impacts of COVID-19 HVAC Mitigation Strategies

Monday, February 22; 1pm ET / [Register Here](#)

What is the energy impact of major HVAC system operation guidance to reduce transmission of COVID-19 inside buildings across the U.S. commercial building stock? Speakers will discuss the energy implications of (1) 100% outdoor air ventilation rates, (2) installing MERV-13 filters or better, (3) disabling demand control ventilation, and (4) HVAC flushing mode operation. Analysis of these measures using ComStock provides a national view of the energy implications for various commercial building types in all U.S. climate zones.

Virtual 2021 Southwest Adaptation Forum (SWAF)

SAVE THE DATE / April 6 – 8, 2021

The Climate Science Alliance is proud to host the [Virtual 2021 Southwest Adaptation Forum](#) (SWAF) in partnership with the [Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center](#) SWAF 2021 will bring together leaders, practitioners, and researchers from across the Southwest to explore efforts that are advancing climate change adaptation, including hands-on activities, networking, and professional training.

ITEP's Climate Change Adaptation Training Courses registration is online!
[Learn more about the courses and register here.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! Estimating Non-Point Source Emissions

Tuesday, February 16; 9am AK, 1pm ET / [Register Here](#)

This webinar will present potential methods used to estimate emissions for common nonpoint sources located on Tribal Lands. We will discuss in detail what data needs to be collected to use these methods, as well as how to enter the data into calculators and spreadsheets. The primary focus of this webinar is on estimating emissions using original data gathering, rather than on summarizing emissions data already calculated at the county level in the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) database.

EPA's Electric Vehicle Policies and Strategies Webinar

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 / 12:00 - 1:00 PM (Eastern)

This one-hour webinar will highlight strategies that public agencies and utilities are implementing to electrify the transportation sector in an equitable way. It will feature the updated [AchiEVe Toolkit](#), a free resource developed by Sierra Club, Plug In America, the Electrification Coalition and Forth Mobility that covers a wide array of policy options and case studies on topics ranging from vehicle purchase to charging infrastructure to battery recycling. [Register](#) here.

2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop

[Google Form for Topics for the 2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop](#)

The 2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop is event for our stakeholders traditionally hosted at the Portland International Auto Show and allowing an opportunity to learn about new and interesting topics, hear from peers about their lessons-learned and successes around clean fuels/policies and practices, celebrate clean transportation leaders in our region, and generally connect with like-minded fleet folks and industry stakeholders from across the region and clean transportation sector. In preparation for a what will likely be a virtual Annual Workshop, we are seeking input on topics for the event. Please provide your input in this very short, four-question survey - feel free to respond to Michael Graham at micheal@cwcleancities.onmicrosoft.com

The recent additions to OTAQ's website in January 2021. [You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ on our website.](#)

- January 15, 2021: [EPA determines Renewable Fuels and Air Quality Pursuant to Clean Air Act Section 211\(v\).](#)

- January 15, 2021: [EPA proposes the changes to E15 fuel dispenser labeling requirements.](#)
- January 15, 2021: [EPA receives petitions for a waiver of the 2019 and 2020 renewable fuel standards.](#)
- January 15, 2021: [EPA proposes two actions to adjust the renewable fuel standard compliance dates.](#)
- January 14, 2021: [EPA anticipates awarding approximately \\$46 million in competitive grant funding under the Diesel Emissions Reductions Act \(DERA\) National Grants Program to support projects aimed at reducing emissions from the nation's existing fleet of older diesel engines. 2021 DERA National Grants Request for Applications \(RFA\) open until March 16, 2021.](#)
- January 7, 2021: [MOVES3 announced in the Federal Register for official SIP development and transportation conformity purposes.](#)
- January 6, 2021: [EPA releases Annual Automotive Trends Report.](#)

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Indoor Air Quality

Ventilation and Virus Mitigation in Schools: Creating a Game Plan to Reduce COVID-19 Risk and Make Lasting Improvements to IAQ

Thursday, February 25; 1 – 2:30pm EST / [Register Here](#)

Attend this webinar to learn how to—

- Create a game plan to help mitigate risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 in the near term and prioritize the **top 5 IAQ improvements** to ensure healthy air in schools in the long term.
- Assess your current air handling capabilities (e.g., effectiveness of filtration, ability to bring in fresh air, and energy efficiency) and create a plan to improve air quality using a free online risk assessment.
- Equip staff to implement risk reduction strategies and follow technical guidance from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) to reduce exposure to viruses in schools.
- Replicate best practices from a [recent case study of how D.C. Public Schools](#)—a large, urban district with an older building stock—used federal funds to improve the ventilation, filtration and system monitoring throughout the district.

NEW! The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) Foundation Webinar Series:

- Radon in Schools: EPA Tools for Schools and Case Studies – *March 16, 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST*
- Radon in State Cancer Action Plans: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – *April 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- Radon Test Kit Distribution: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – *May 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- Radon and Citizen Science: Public Engagement to Increase Education and Outreach – *June 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- National Radon Action Month: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – *July 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- The sixth webinar on a trending topic to be announced will be scheduled for the month of August – *stay tuned*

Comment Period Open for EPA’s Indoor airPLUS Version 2 New Construction Specifications

EPA’s Indoor Environments Division has opened a public comment period with the release of newly proposed requirements for the Indoor airPLUS Program, EPA’s voluntary label for improved indoor air quality (IAQ) in new homes. EPA is requesting feedback from interested parties and stakeholders on the proposed Version 2 of the Indoor airPLUS New Construction Specifications. More information on Indoor airPLUS can be found online at epa.gov/indoorairplus. EPA is conducting a comment period *December 18, 2020 through March 17, 2021* on these draft specifications. The draft documents and instructions for submitting comments [are available here](#).

EPA representatives held the [Indoor airPLUS Version 2 webinar](#) on November 10 to provide context and background on many of the newly proposed Indoor airPLUS Version 2 Construction Specifications. To access the recording, please [enter your information and click “Register”](#).

Be sure to subscribe to [CodeTalk](#), HUD’s Office of Native American Programs newsletter, for webinars and opportunities!

RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

NEW! ITEP 2021 Student Summer Internship

Deadline to apply is February 26, 2021

Spend your summer working with tribal organizations to address tribal environmental issues. The internships have a **technical, educational or policy** focus. We are offering at least **8 positions in air quality**. The internship program provides each student intern with a \$4,800 stipend. We are planning for internships to be remote, so most interns will work from their home or school site. Host sites are selected from tribal environmental organizations, government offices, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and others. For details about how to apply and eligibility, see the [ITEP internship website](#). You can view host site descriptions and submit your preferences for the host sites you desire. Contact EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu for questions.

CAICE Summer Undergraduate Science Communication Fellowship

[Apply Here](#)

The 2021 CAICE Summer Undergraduate Science Communication Fellowship is a pilot program that aims to combine summer undergraduate research experiences with robust science communication. Participants will be paired with a faculty mentor and work closely with researchers from multiple universities to create engaging and accessible science communication that conveys CAICE science to diverse audiences. **Applications close February 28th 2021!**

Application Instructions:

- Fill out the application below or [click here for the link](#).
This will include a personal statement, writing samples, statement of interest, and contact information for a recommendation letter
- After you submit your application, an email will be sent to your selected reference/recommendation writer asking them to fill out a form on your behalf. Please follow up with them to make sure they do.

CAICE Summer Undergraduate Research

[Apply Here](#)

CAICE operates a summer research program for undergraduate students during each summer, with participants at multiple universities associated with the Center. **Applications close February 28, 2021!**

Application Instructions:

1. Please review the links to the CAICE faculty advisers and their labs below and choose your 1st and 2nd lab choices
2. Fill out the application below or [click here for the link](#).
This will include a personal statement, statement of interest, and contact information for a recommendation letter

3. After you submit your application, an email will be sent to your selected reference/recommendation writer asking them to fill out a form on your behalf. Please follow up with them to make sure they do so
4. After your letter writer completes their form, you will receive a confirmation email letting you know and also confirming that your application is complete!

The Nature Conservancy's Global Program on Conservation in partnership with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities is hiring 2 positions:

1. IPLC Community-Led Finance Director

The successful candidate will provide sophisticated business, financial and economic expertise to address conservation challenges for Indigenous and community-led programs to further the work of The Nature Conservancy and its Indigenous and community partners by developing long-term financing solutions and strategies in support of TNC's "Strong Voices Active Choices" framework. We are looking for a person who thrives in a dynamic environment, is an authentic communicator, is comfortable with ambiguity, builds relationships, works well within multicultural and multinational teams, and demonstrates commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity. (Job ID 49299)

2. IPLC Research Analyst

The IPLC Research Analyst will provide technical expertise, research, analysis, and logistical support to project leads and Directors on the Global IPLC team. This includes summarizing the latest relevant research on social aspects of community-based conservation through desk review and interviews with internal and/or external experts to ensure global and field staff have strong evidence on which to base decisions. (Job ID 49300)

Open until Filled (was posted on 01/18/21). If any questions, contact Andrea Burgess andrea.burgess@tnc.org and/or Nikki DeMello ndemello@tnc.org

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FY21 Exchange Network Grants Program

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Exchange Network (EN) Grant Program Solicitation Notice (SN) has been published to Grants.gov and is available [here](#). **Applications are due to EPA by 11:59 PM Eastern Time, Wednesday, March 31, 2021.** Additional guidance tools, including optional fillable templates, are available for applicants both on Grants.gov and on the [EN website](#). Applicants are encouraged to review the new FY21 SN in full, as significant updates have been made since the FY20 version. Information on applicant webinars will be provided shortly. The purpose of Exchange Network (EN) grants are to foster better environmental management and decision-making through increased access to

timely, high quality, environmental information. An applicant's proposed project goals and outputs should align with one or more funding areas in the SN and [EPA's FY 2018-21 Strategic Plan](#) Goal 3: Greater Certainty, Compliance, and Effectiveness, Objective 3.4: 'Streamline and Modernize'. For more information, contact Erika Beasley, EN Grants Program Manager at Beasley.erika@epa.gov

First Nations Development Institute grant opportunity

With the generous support of the Indigenous Peoples Fund at Tides Foundation, First Nations will establish a Gather Food Sovereignty Grant that will support work contributing to building a national movement that will fulfill a vision of Native communities and food systems that are self-directed, well-resourced and supported by community policies and systems. This opportunity is targeting emerging projects that focus on developing Tribal Food Sovereignty. Through the first round of the Gather Food Sovereignty Grant, First Nations expects to award up to 13 grant awards of approximately \$32,000 to support Native American-led food sovereignty work.

The grant period for this funding opportunity will commence March 1, 2021, and end February 28, 2022. Application on the [Gather Food Sovereignty Grant site](#).

National Environmental Leadership Award Applications are now being accepted for EPA's National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management! [Click here to apply](#)

The National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management is the highest recognition a program and its leaders can receive for delivering excellent environmental asthma management as part of their comprehensive asthma care services. Each year, EPA honors exceptional health plans, health care providers and communities in action with this prestigious award. [Learn more here](#)

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.

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

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

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Indoor Air Quality

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](#).

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