



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Bloomberg – [Living With Yesterday’s Tech, Built for Last Century’s Climate](#)

Extreme weather is starting to reveal how older infrastructure isn’t designed for the new normal.



People seeking shelter from freezing temperatures at a makeshift warming shelter at San Antonio’s Travis Park Methodist Church on Feb. 16. Photographer: Eric Gay/AP Photo

TOP STORIES

Indian Country Today - [USDA puts brakes on Oak Flat transfer - for now](#)

NY Times – [Haaland, With a Key Vote in Her Column, Appears Headed for Confirmation](#)

US EPA - [EPA Announces Availability of Up to \\$6 Million in Annual Environmental Justice Grants](#)

US News – [Johnson & Johnson Virus Vaccine Ships](#)

Greenwire – [Environmental Justice advisors eye more muscular agency role](#)

Vox - [The Fauci of climate change? Gina McCarthy is in charge of Biden’s massive climate agenda.](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Smithsonian Magazine – [How Navajo Physicians are Battling the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Grist - [Inside Biden's uphill battle to restore the EPA after Trump](#)

Indianz.com – [Southern Ute Tribe confirms discovery of COVID-19 variant](#)

US News – [What to Know About the Variant in California](#)

NPR – [As Fires Worsen, A Mental Health Crisis For Those Battling Them](#)

E&E – [Biden raises key metric for greenhouse gases](#)

High Country News – [Mountaintop removal threatens traditional Blackfoot territory](#)

Vice – [Carbon Monoxide Poisonings Skyrocket in Texas as People Seek Warmth](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

NY Times - [Reversing Trump, Interior Department Moves Swiftly on Climate Change](#)

The Washington Post – [Biden is hiking the cost of carbon. It will change how the U.S. tackles global warming.](#)

The Atlantic – [Texas's Disaster Is Over. The Fallout Is Just Beginning.](#)

Gizmodo – [A Huge Red Flag Just Popped Up in a Little-Studies Region of Antarctica](#)

Yale Climate Connections – [COVID recovery packages should include climate solutions, researchers say](#)

AP – [InvestigateWest: Cascadia mapping shows climate inequities](#)

The Wall Street Journal – [Texas Electric Bills Were \\$28 Billion Higher Under Deregulation](#)

Nexus – [Extreme Heat, Driven by Climate Change, Threatens Postal Workers](#)

AP – [USPS selects Oshkosh Defense to Build greener mail truck](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Reuters - [Betting on death of petrol cars, Volvo to go all electric by 2030](#)

Indian Country Today – [Sex trafficking sting nets Enbridge pipeline workers](#)

High Country News – [A crude virus: How ‘man camps’ can cause a COVID surge](#)

The Washington Post – [A lesson in electric school buses](#)

NY Times - [How Green Are Electric Vehicles?](#)

The Verge – [Left out of boil water orders, some Texans may need to test wells](#)

Inside Climate News – [Maryland’s Capital City Joins a Ling Line of Litigants Seeking Climate-Related Damages from the Fossil Fuel Industry](#)

Indoor Air Quality

NY Times - [Why Opening Windows Is a Key to Reopening Schools](#)

Green and Save – [CDC Guidance for IAQ](#)

KHTS Radio – [Get Healthier Indoor Air Quality In Your Home](#)

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

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! Join the Office of Environmental Justice listserv

OEJ announces webinars, grants and other financial resources, meetings of the NEJAC, and other EJ information on the EJ Listserv. To sign up and receive EPA's Environmental Justice listserv notices, please send a blank email to: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov.

EPA is also working to update the [Environmental Justice for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples](#) webpage to include a section on the EPA EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, which is to include links for the recordings for each webinar. I am reaching out to also inform you of our next webinar, scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2:30 – 4:00 PM ET, which will include an overview of the **EPA Tribal Partnership Groups, highlighting the National Tribal Air Association and interests in Environmental Justice**. For more information on this webinar and to register please click [here](#).

NEW! This is a courtesy announcement that the U.S. EPA intends to consult with tribal government(s) on the action mentioned below. This announcement is being sent both to tribal governments' representatives and other organizations such as EPA's tribal partnership groups that may also be interested in this action. Official notification of consultation will be sent to tribal governments potentially affected by this action.

- **Consultation Title:** Improving EPA's Consultation with Tribes: Development of the U.S. EPA's Plan for Improving Implementation of EO 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments
- **EPA Lead Organization:** Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA)
- **Start Date:** 3/1/2021
- **End Date:** 3/31/2021

To obtain additional information about this action and other EPA consultations ongoing or planned, please visit EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) at <http://tcots.epa.gov>.

NEW! EPA to Host a Tribal Webinar on FY21 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice

Monday, March 8; 11-12:30pm ET / [Register Here](#) Dial-In Option (Audio Only)
Number: 1(202) 991-0477; Conf. ID: 99735969#

In support of the FY 2021 Exchange Network (EN) Grant cycle, the EPA will host a tribal webinar to assist interested tribal applicants. **The tribal webinar was held on March 1st**. The webinar will cover the following topics: a brief overview of the [EN Grants Program](#) and FY 2021 timeline, critical elements of the Solicitation Notice, notable changes from FY 2020, an overview of new guidance materials and optional templates, special opportunities for tribes, and common mistakes to avoid. This will be followed by a question and answer session with participants. Please note that the sessions will end when all the participants' questions have been addressed.

NEW! Challenge: Cleaner Indoor Air During Wildfires

Thursday, March 4; 11am ET | Do you have an innovative idea for an effective, low-cost technology or approach to clean indoor air?

[Learn more about the Challenge, Register for the Informational Webinar](#)

Exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5), an air pollutant from wildfire smoke and other sources, can be harmful to lung and heart health, especially for those with pre-existing conditions. EPA and its federal, state, local and tribal partners announce a Challenge competition to encourage the development of effective, low-cost technologies to reduce indoor PM2.5 concentrations and protect public health. Applicants can submit designs for an innovative technology, approach, or technology combination. Winning submissions will receive up to a \$10,000 prize.

NEW! Department of Transportation's letter inviting Tribal partners to consult with regards to the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships.

On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships (Presidential Memorandum) reaffirming Executive Order (EO) 13175. We will host a virtual listening session on March 24th and we will accept comments until March 31, 2021. You may submit your comments via email at tribalaffairs@dot.gov Additional information about the virtual consultation on this topic may be found in the Department's Notice of Tribal Consultation that will shortly be issued in the Federal Register. Documents for reference and review:

- [DOT Programs, Policies, and Procedures Affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Tribes](#)
- [Department's Tribal Consultation Plan](#)

We will send out a registration link on March 15th for the virtual listening session on the 24th.

NEW! NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Webinar Series

The [NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Centers of Excellence Program](#) is hosting this webinar series to highlight the research, training, and community-engagement accomplishments at the Centers collaboratively funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Furthermore, the webinar series is intended to raise awareness of, and prompt dialogue on, opportunities to examine and address environmental contributions to health disparities. The webinars are open to anyone interested in learning more about environmental health disparities and strategies to reduce them.

Schedule:

- *March 22, 2021* – [Fostering Community Engaged Research in Environmental Health Disparities](#)

- *April, 26, 2021* – [Intersections Between the Chemical, Physical, Built and Social Environments](#)
- *May 24, 2021* – [Exploring Critical Windows of Exposure to Heavy Metals in Health Disparity Cohorts](#)
- *June 28, 2021* – [Exposure Pathways & Environmental Health Disparities](#)

All webinars in the series will be held live via Zoom on Mondays 3-4:30pm EST

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.

NEW! EPA Tools & Resource Webinar: Air Sensor Performance Testing Protocols, Metrics, and Target Values for PM2.5 and Ozone

Wednesday, March 24; 3-4pm ET / [Register Here](#)

This webinar will highlight two reports developed by EPA ORD that outline recommended performance testing protocols, metrics, and target values for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and ozone (O3) air sensors. The reports apply to the use of PM2.5 and O3 air sensor in non-regulatory supplemental and informational monitoring (NSIM) applications in ambient, outdoor, fixed site environments. The anticipated outcomes of this work are to:

- Provide a consistent approach for evaluating air sensor performance and reporting results;
- Help the user community better understand sensor performance;

- Assist the user community in making informed decisions on choosing sensors that appropriately suit their NSIM application; and
- Encourage innovation and product improvement in the marketplace.
- For more information, visit this [website!](#)

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.

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.

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
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, March 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, March 25, 4pm 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

NEW! Ecological Drought National Webinar Series

February – March 2021

This four-part webinar series, taking place in February and March, seeks to raise awareness of ecological drought, share actions that strengthen ecosystem resilience and mitigate the impacts of droughts, and discuss research and management needs for future drought planning and preparedness. The series is co-hosted by NIDIS and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Climate Adaptation Science Center, with expert speakers from the research community, tribal nations, and government agencies.

- [Ecological Drought: Drought, Wildfire, and Recovery](#) – March 3; 4-5pm EST | Drought can exacerbate wildfire frequency, intensity, and severity. This webinar will explore wildfire management approaches based on ecological principles, including those that embed traditional ecological knowledge.
- [Ecological Drought: Impacts on Coastal Ecosystems](#) – March 17; 3-4pm EST | This webinar will share recent research on drought impacts to coastal ecosystems and services.
- Missed the previous webinars? The recordings are available for [Ecological Drought: An Introduction](#) and [Ecological Drought: Planning for Resilience](#).

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! EPA's upcoming webinar, "E15 Fuel Dispenser Labeling and Compatibility with Underground Storage Tanks Proposal" will take place virtually on March 10th, 2021.

Here is a brief reminder on the proposal itself. On January 15, 2021, EPA proposed changes to E15 fuel dispenser labeling requirements and underground storage tank (UST) regulations to accommodate the safe storage of E15 and higher gasoline-ethanol blends at retail stations' existing tank systems. You can access

EPA's proposed rule via our website at <https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/notice-proposed-rulemaking-e15-fuel-dispenser-labeling-and>.

A letter was sent to tribal leaders offering consultation upon request and committing to an informational webinar on the proposed rule for our tribal partners. As a reminder, you may submit comments on the proposed rule to EPA's docket through April 19, 2021. The letter requested that you please contact Jessie Mroz at 202-564-1094 or mroz.jessica@epa.gov by March 5 to request consultation.

During the webinar we will present more information on the proposed rule, including both the UST and E15 labeling provisions, and will answer questions. Please join us for this webinar on March 10, 2-3pm Eastern Standard Time (1-2pm CT, Noon-1pm MT, 11-Noon PT). Join this Microsoft Teams meeting on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#) Or call in (audio only) [+1 202-991-0477](tel:+12029910477), [61265173#](tel:+12029910477), Washington DC Phone Conference ID: 612 651 73# [Find a local number](#).

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 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 February 2021. [*You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ on our website.*](#)

- February 22, 2021: [EPA announces support of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals' 2020 decision in Renewable Fuels Association et al. v. EPA.](#)

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Indoor Air Quality

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*

NEW! Radon in Schools: EPA Tools for Schools and Case Studies

Tuesday, March 16; 2-3:30pm EST / [Register Here](#)

During this webinar, leaders from the U.S. EPA, state departments of health, and school operations management will share guidance for managing radon in schools, including testing, results interpretation, and mitigation. Three case studies will also be presented to provide the audience with examples of this guidance at work in Connecticut, Minnesota, and Oregon.

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! Indigenous Climate Action Just Transition Lead

Reporting to the Director of Programs and the Executive Director of ICA, the Just Transition Lead will be responsible for developing and implementing Just Transition campaigns on behalf of ICA. Visit this [website](#) for more information. The primary responsibility of the Just Transition Lead will be to build out training programs based off of our Just Transition Guide, support and implement renewable energy projects with community partners, and nurture strategic relationships to advance the values that are critical for Indigenous energy sovereignty.

CLOSING DATE For Applications: Open until position is filled.

Please send your resume along with your cover letter to monture@indigenousclimateaction.com with the subject: 'Application - Just Transition Lead'

NEW! Black Mesa Trust Just and Equitable Transition (JET) Project Manager

Open until filled

The JET Project Manager will assist BMT in the following activities: 1) Just transition advocacy at the state, tribal, and utility levels; 2) Coordination and advocacy for a 20-megawatt pilot solar project (known as “Hopi Solar Project I”) on the Hopi Nation and; 3) Supporting a Hopi Engineering Student Apprentice’s involvement in the Hopi Solar Project I.

Location: Northern Arizona • Part-time (~20 hour/week) • 9-10 month contract, depending on candidate’s available start date. The anticipated start date is between March 1st and April 1st, 2021 and the contract end date is December 31st, 2021. As this is a contract position, it does not include benefits. • \$2,400/month, paid monthly

To Apply • 1-2 page Resumé and 1-2 page Cover Letter detailing why you are particularly qualified for and interested in this position; the position is open until filled o Email your Resumé and Cover Letter as attachments to: Rachel Ellis at rmc96@nau.edu and questions to 505-699-4746

NEW! Research with Indigenous People: Ethical Considerations and Community Engagement

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at noon EST / [Register Here](#) to learn more!

In collaboration with the Harvard University Native American Program, the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine. Drs. Malcolm and Alexandra King will present as part of our collaboration with HUNAP.

NEW! Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Title: Climate Change Specialist with the Mashkiiziibii Nature Resources Department

Closes: March 3rd at 4:30pm

The Climate Change Specialist will assist the Natural Resources Department in the coordination and implementation of activities designed to mitigate climate change impacts, adapt to a changing climate, implement resiliency activities, and increase the awareness and understanding of potential impacts associated with a changing climate. [Click here to apply.](#)

NEW! Pathways Program Notice, Intern with the BIA, Tribe or Tribal related program

Close Date: March 5th

View job vacancy announcement [here](#). Internship work assignment opportunities are based on BIA needs. Under this announcement, real estate services, land titles and records, minerals and energy, and forestry management programs will be given priority consideration. However, selections may be made for other program areas, including for the following targeted positions.

NEW! Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

Registration closes April 12, 2021

Join us virtually for this free 4-week program from July 5th through July 29th. Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 2pm-6pm ET. Week 3 is offline for community engagement projects.

WHO: Seeking groups of applicants with 1 adult community mentor and 3 to 5 rising high school seniors from any federally recognized tribe, in the US and eastern time zone territories, from the same communities. All applicants must have reliable internet. Resources may be awarded to selected applicants on a per student basis to accommodate community-based projects.

HOW: Applications accepted on a first-come first-served basis for the first 100 students who pass the application process. Application is at <https://nycalc.org>

[Spark Northwest](#) is seeking a dynamic Project Manager to join their small staff of local clean energy innovators. The Project Manager will lead the Solarize and Energize campaigns to bring clean energy to low-wealth neighborhoods and represent Spark Northwest's environmental justice goals in policy conversations with allied groups and in utility planning. [Click here](#) to apply.

Western Resource Advocates

WRA is hiring for the position of Indigenous Peoples Engagement Manager, who will lead outreach and partnership efforts with Indigenous Nations, Indigenous

communities, and Indigenous organizations in WRA's seven-state region – AZ, CO, NM, NV, UT, MT, WY. [Click here to apply](#).

For other job openings, be sure to check out [NCAI's job listing board](#).

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the availability of up to \$6 million in grant funding under [The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving \(EJCPS\) Cooperative Agreement Program](#) and [The Environmental Justice Small Grants \(EJSG\) Program](#).

EPA will be giving special consideration to the following focus areas:

- Addressing COVID-19 concerns faced by low-income communities and communities of color
- Climate Change and Natural Disaster Resiliency outreach and planning
- New applicants to either opportunity
- Ports Initiative to assist people living and working near ports across the country
- Small non-profits

Applicants interested in either opportunity must submit proposal packages on or before May 7, 2021 to be considered for the available funding. Applicants should plan for projects to begin on October 1, 2021.

For more information on environmental justice grants, funding, and technical assistance: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance>.

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](#).

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!

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

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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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