



# NTAA Weekly Update

*Week of March 15 – 19, 2021*

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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

NPR – [Deb Haaland Confirmed As 1<sup>st</sup> Native American Interior Secretary](#)



*Rep. Deb Haaland, D-N.M., is sworn in before her Senate confirmation hearing to be interior secretary last month. Her confirmation makes her the United States' first Native American Cabinet secretary.*  
*Jim Watson/AP*

## TOP STORIES

New York Times – [There's a Global Plan to Conserve Nature. Indigenous People Could Lead the Way.](#)

Indians.com – [Native America Calling: Native Women leaders make their mark throughout history](#)

Cronkite News – [Feds rescind OK for copper mine at Oak Flat, seek 'thorough review'](#)

NY Times – [New EPA Head Says Agency Has Climate Regulations Underway](#)

***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

EPA – [EPA Strengthens Key Power Plant Rule to Reduce Smog this Summer and Improve Air Quality for Millions of Americans](#)

CNN – [Satellite images show air pollution returning to pre-pandemic levels as restrictions loosen](#)

The Conversation – [Fixing indoor air pollution problems that are raising Native Americans' COVID-19 risk](#)

E&E – [Biden admin advances large solar project on tribal land](#)

High Country News – [Bridging the digital divide in Indian Country](#)

Inside Climate News – [Environmental Justice Plays a Key Role in Biden's Covid-19 Stimulus Package](#)

AP – [Nurses fight conspiracy theories along with coronavirus](#)

NPR – [Desert Dust Sweeps Into Beijing, Causing China's Worst Sandstorm In 10 Years](#)

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

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

AZ Central – [Between anger and sadness: How the climate crisis has become a mental health crisis](#)

Nature – [Business risk and the emergence of climate analytics](#)

Bloomberg – [Redlined, Now Flooding](#)

Washington Post – [Colorado and Wyoming see record blizzard, historic snowfall in Dener and Cheyenne](#)

Global Safety Net - [The first global-scale analysis of land areas requiring protection to solve the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change, upholding and strengthening Indigenous land rights.](#)

### ***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

The Detroit Bureau – [Medium- and Long-Haul EV Trucks Cheaper to Own, Operate than Diesel, Finds New Study](#)

Drilled News – [Frackakachia And The Great Fracking Jobs Myth](#)

Earther – [The Secret History and Uncertain Future of Big Oil's Unfunniest Meme Website](#)

Gizmodo – [Shocking Findings Show the Amazon May Already Be a Greenhouse Gas Emitter](#)

KQED – [Environmental Groups Urge Feds to Reject Gas Drilling Project in North Bay Wetland](#)

CNN – [As spring thaws the Minnesota ice, a new pipeline battle fires up](#)

AP – [Groups sue over California county's plan to drill oil wells](#)

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

The Conversation – [Fixing indoor air pollution problems that are raising Native Americans' COVID-19 risk](#)

Popular Science – [2021's Best Air Purifiers](#)

Facility Executive Magazine – [Candid Discussions About Indoor Air Quality](#)

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

## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES** ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

### **NEW! Restoring Land: Fee-to-Trust and Native Sovereignty**

*Thursday, April 1; 12-1:30pm EDT / [Register Here](#)*

There has been speculation surrounding the scope of *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that land in northeastern Oklahoma reserved for the Creek Nation since the 19th century remains a reservation for the purpose of the Major Crimes Act. But the ruling failed to address one of the most pressing issues facing Native Americans: restoring tribal land illegally seized by the U.S. government. Learn more [here!](#)

**NEW! On March 15, 2021, EPA finalized the Revised Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Update** for the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Starting in the 2021 ozone season, the rule will require additional emissions reductions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) from power plants in 12 states, improving air quality for millions of Americans. For more information, please visit the [website](#) to learn more!

**NEW! REMINDER: Nominations for NEJAC Membership Closes March 24, 2021!**

The U.S. EPA invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its [National Environmental Justice Advisory Council](#) (NEJAC) until March 24, 2021. The Agency is seeking nominations to fill approximately seven (7) new vacancies for terms through September 2022. Vacancies are anticipated to be filled by September 2021. To maintain the representation [outlined by the charter](#), nominees will be selected to represent:

- Community-based organizations (2 vacancies)
- State and Local (2 vacancies)
- Tribal governments/ Indigenous organizations (1 vacancy)
- NGOs (1 vacancy)
- Academia (1 vacancy)

Learn more about how to submit nominations [HERE](#). For questions regarding the NEJAC nomination process, please email: [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov).

**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](mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov).

**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>.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> and we will accept comments until March 31, 2021. You may submit your comments via email at [tribalaffairs@dot.gov](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> for the virtual listening session on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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*

**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](mailto: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.

<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, March 18, 2pm ET
<b>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, March 18, 2pm ET

<b>EPA Policy Call:</b> Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, March 25, 4pm ET
<b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, February 1, 2pm ET
<b>Planning Call for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ):</b> This monthly call works to plan the 2021 NTFAQ. This is a <a href="#">zoom call</a> . Contact <a href="mailto:Andy.bessler@nau.edu">Andy.bessler@nau.edu</a> for password.	TBA

**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
	<b>2021</b>	
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.

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

## **Climate Change / Energy**

### 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: 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! An Introduction to Electric Vehicle-Ready Buildings**

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

This one-hour webinar will provide an introduction to the range of approaches local governments across the country are using to make their building stock ready for electric vehicles (EVs). Matt Frommer from the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project will explain the difference between EV-capable, EV-ready, and EV-installed buildings and the various policies and programs that support them. Michael Salisbury from Denver, CO will share local experiences with different policies, programs, and codes that support EV-ready development.

## **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](mailto: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**

### **NEW! Webinar: Working with American Indian and Alaska Native Youth – Commercial Tobacco Cessation Learning Community**

Tuesday, March 16; 2pm ET / [Register Here](#)

Join [National Indian Health Board](#) (NIHB) for its third webinar in the [Commercial Tobacco Cessation Learning Community Webinar Series](#), featuring NIHB's Casey Long, who will provide an overview of smoking tobacco among American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) youth and share tobacco cessation strategies when working with youth.

**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*

**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](http://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! Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians**

**Title: Wetland Specialist** with the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources

Full-time, \$16-21/hr | Closes: March 17, @4:30pm

Send Application and Resume To: Bad River Tribe Attn: Human Resources P.O. Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861 <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/> Application material may also be emailed to: [HRmanager@badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:HRmanager@badriver-nsn.gov) [HRassistant@Badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:HRassistant@Badriver-nsn.gov)

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

**Title: Water Resources Program Manager** with the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources

Full-time | Closes: March 26, @4:30pm

Send Application and Resume To: Bad River Tribe Attn: Human Resources P.O. Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861 <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/> Application material may also be emailed to: [HRmanager@badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:HRmanager@badriver-nsn.gov) [HRassistant@Badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:HRassistant@Badriver-nsn.gov)

#### **NEW! CIRES/NOAA NIDIS Tribal Engagement Coordinator**

Boulder, CO. Full-time. Posted March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

[Click here](#) for more information!

The **Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences**

(CIRES) and the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) are seeking a full-time **Tribal Engagement Coordinator** to work as part of an interdisciplinary team as the programmatic lead for tribal engagement on drought early warning and resilience across the United States.

#### **Red Feather Development Group: Development Manager**

Red Feather is looking for an experienced Development Manager to further our mission by cultivating, soliciting and stewarding individual, corporate, foundation, and governmental gifts and grants. For more info, go to [www.redfeather.org](http://www.redfeather.org)

To Apply: Send cover letter, resume, and portfolio of previous grants and fundraising appeals to email: [joe@redfeather.org](mailto:joe@redfeather.org)

#### **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](mailto:monture@indigenousclimateaction.com) with the subject: 'Application - Just Transition Lead'

### **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 [rme96@nau.edu](mailto:rme96@nau.edu) and questions to 505-699-4746

### **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.

## ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

### **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](mailto: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!

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## ***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

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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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