



## NTAA Weekly Update

Week of March 29 – April 2, 2021

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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Indianz.com - [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation letter on Oak Flat](#)



Citizens and supporters of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, including former Chairman Wendsler Nosie Sr., far left, rallied at the U.S. Capitol on March 11, 2020, to call attention to the effort to protect Oak Flat in Arizona from development. Photo by Indianz.Com ([CC BY-NC-SA 4.0](#))

## TOP STORIES

Axios - [Why the climate crisis will intensify the border crisis](#)

*The World Bank [estimates that three regions](#) — Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia — will generate 143 million more climate migrants by 2050.*

Indian Country Today - [Historic Dakota land returns to tribe](#)

Seattle Times - [AP interview: EPA head committed to ‘scientific integrity’](#)

NY Times - [Biden’s Recovery Plan Bets Big on Clean Energy](#)

*The president's plan, worth up to \$4 trillion, represents a fundamental shift in the way Democrats talk about tackling climate change: It's no longer a side issue.*

Press Release – [HUD Makes Historic \\$450 Million Investment to Provide COVID-19 Relief Funding to Native American Communities Across the Nation](#)—

Click [here](#) to watch Secretary Fudge's video statement on COVID-19 relief funding for Tribal communities.

The Weather Channel - [Methane Gas Emissions From Oil And Gas Production Underestimated, According to New Study](#)

*The research, [published](#) Monday in the journal Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, used a new method that employed satellite data to trace and map total emissions to their source on the ground, according to a news release.*

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

The Washington Post - [Congressional Democrats aim to reinstate rules on methane gas emissions from oil and gas works](#)

Financial Times - [Methane pollution soars in US as shale drilling resumes](#)

NY Times - [E.P.A. to Review Attacks on Science Under Trump](#)

NY Times - [Drillers Burned Off Gas at a Staggering Rate as Winter Storm Hit Texas](#)

*Frigid temperatures last month froze pipelines and forced companies to flare vast amounts of planet-warming gases that they suddenly had nowhere to send.*

The White House - [White House Announces Environmental Justice Advisory Council Members](#)

Tahlequah Daily Press - [Hoskin blasts Stitt, EPA power grab](#)

Jefferson Public Radio - [Karuk Tribe And Allies Want Fewer Restrictions On Wildfire Management](#)

Scientific American - [Hunger Strikers Seeking Environmental Justice Win Air-Pollution Delay](#)

Gizmodo - [Earth Scientists Are Fighting to Push Racist Place Names Off the Map](#)

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

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

NY Times - [Biden’s Lesson From Past Green Stimulus Failures: Go Even Bigger](#)  
*As vice president, Joe Biden oversaw a “green jobs” stimulus package that produced notable failures. This time, with more money and more demand for clean technology, will be different, Democrats say.*

Washington Post - [Block by block, he aims to fight injustice and save the planet](#)  
*Solar panels and clean heat shouldn’t be limited to the wealthy, says Donnel Baird, who’s bringing green power to low-income neighborhoods*

Reuters - [Biden says Xi, Putin welcome at climate summit April 22](#)

The Guardian - [‘We want to be included’: First Nations demand a say on climate change](#)

Scientific American - [Dead Power Grid Revived with Solar and Wind, Not Diesel](#)

AP - [New problems arise for crop storage as planet gets warmer](#)

Drilled News - [All Eyes On Weymouth As FERC Signals Interest In Environmental Justice](#)

*FERC decisions on the Weymouth compressor in Massachusetts could have huge implications for natural gas projects all over the country.*

CNN - [‘Immediate and drastic.’ The climate crisis is seriously spooking economists](#)

AP - [Massachusetts Gov. Baker signs sweeping climate change bill](#)

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

Indian Country Today - [Navajo officials push to broaden ‘downwinder’ coverage](#)

Fleet Owner - [Peterbilt releases EV operating cost calculator](#)

Autoweek - [VW Seeks Damages from Former CEO in Diesel Matter](#)

Transport Topics - [Senate Legislation Targets EV Charging Stations](#)

Berkeley News - [California's diesel emissions rules reduce air pollution, protect vulnerable communities](#)

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

NPR - [The Blackfeet Reservation Is Reopening Its Roads After Vaccination Success](#)

Reuters - [Biden urges states to pause COVID-19 reopenings as CDC warns of 'impending doom'](#)

Axios - [The key to opening schools: Better air flow](#)

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

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

**NEW! Call to Action! Submit a short video for this year's virtual National Tribal Forum on Air Quality.** This year, the NTFAQ includes the theme, *Environmental stewardship and the importance of sharing wisdom across generations*. To help address this theme, we invite you to submit short video clips from Native Elders and Youth in your family and/or community to answer all or some of the following questions:

For Youth:

1. Please introduce yourself
2. What have you learned from an Elder about the environment?
3. What drives you regarding environmental issues?
4. How do you want adults to support you?

For Elders:

1. Please introduce yourself
2. What would you like to tell the Youth about Mother Earth?
3. How has the environment changed in your lifetime?

***Please submit a 3-5 minute video to the google folder below by COB on April 7<sup>th</sup>.***

To upload your video:

- Locate the .mp4 file on your computer.
- Play a few moments to make sure the recording worked.
- Update the title to: YourLastName.YourFirstName.Presentation.Title  
Ex: Kapp.Amanda.How.to.Farm.mp4
- ***Drag and drop your video [here](#)***
- Note: Depending on your file size and WiFi signal, you may need to plan a few hours upload.

Please contact [Andy.Bessler@nau.edu](mailto:Andy.Bessler@nau.edu) if you have any questions, otherwise, we hope you can contribute your perspective with the attendees of the 2021 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality.

**NEW! SCGIS Webinar: Building Effective Partnerships with Indigenous Communities**

*Thursday, April 1; 10am PT* / [Register Here](#)

The webinar will outline recommendations for working with Indigenous communities based on the knowledge that long term relationship building with these communities is the foundation upon which educational programs, research collaborations, and other initiatives must be co-created. This presentation seeks to define best practices in approach and process for establishing and maintaining effective collaborations with Indigenous communities that respect sovereignty and self-determination and which have application across many types of efforts. These practices will have a lasting impact on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at universities, professional societies, educational organizations, and agencies, on the STEM workforce broadly, and for Indigenous youth and communities toward realization of their dreams and aspirations.

**NEW! NIHB Encourages Youth to Present at NIHB Tribal Public Health Summit: Submit a Workshop Abstract by April 2!**

The [National Indian Health Board](#) encourages workshop abstract submissions for its annual [National Tribal Public Health Summit](#) from American Indian and Alaska Native youth! NIHB is offering a youth-specific track "The Future is Now: Encouraging Our Youth to Lead" to help foster and support [Native youth](#) who may be considering a future in [public health policy and programs](#). In this track, Native youth are presenting their public health work and sharing their dedication with their peers. The Native Youth track creates a space for youth from across Indian Country to gather, learn from one another, and develop their knowledge on national public, environmental, and behavioral health policy.

NIHB is now accepting [abstracts](#) for ALL workshop sessions until April 2, 2021. Workshops are excellent opportunities to share best or promising practices, recent research, or program outcomes, provide an in-depth exploration of new or arising issues or policies, or explore public health strategies and practices. NIHB has roughly 30 workshop spots available for this year's virtual Summit. [Submit a workshop abstract](#) for a 75-minute presentation on a topic relevant to one or more of the following [conference tracks](#).

**NEW! EPA Environmental Justice and Systemic Racism Speaker Series: Redlining and the Climate Crisis**

This April 6 session of EPA's [Environmental Justice \(EJ\) and Systemic Racism Speaker Series](#) will focus on redlining and the climate crisis. Understanding

structural racism and the climate crisis is key to shaping urban governance and the future of America's cities. The co-authors of a recent study on the correlation of redlined areas and the location of urban heat islands will discuss their participatory research on the spatial distribution of climate impacts, involving communities in measuring heat in cities. Their interdisciplinary approach offers a compelling perspective on how scientists and residents seek to address disproportionate vulnerability emerging from climate change.

- Wildfires and Air Quality: Two-Part Webinar Series
  - [Register for the April 8, 2021, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \(PT\), 2:30 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. \(ET\) Webinar](#)
  - [Register for the April 21, 2021, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \(PT\), 2:30 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. \(ET\) Webinar](#)
- Part 1 - April 8<sup>th</sup>: This webinar features presentations on the [AirNow Fire and Smoke Map](#) and [Sensors for Community Smoke Monitoring](#).
- Part 2 - April 21<sup>st</sup>: This webinar features presentations on [SmokeSense](#) and [Smoke Ready Communities](#).

### **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:**

- *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*

### **Wildfires and Air Quality: Two-Part Webinar Series**

*Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>; 2:30 – 4pm ET / [Register Here](#) &*

*Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> : 2:30 – 4pm ET / [Register Here](#)*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a two-part webinar series on Wildfires and Air Quality, addressing wildfires and air quality impacts.

These webinars are part of the EPA Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples - to build the capacity of tribal governments, indigenous peoples, and other environmental justice practitioners, and discuss priority environmental justice issues of interest to tribes and indigenous peoples.

### **Growing Compost to Grow Your Food System – Virtual Course**

*May 4 – 5, 2021; 12-5pm ET / [Register Here](#)*

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals will be offering a new course, offered completely virtually and is for employees of federally-recognized Tribes. It will take place from 9:00am – 2:00pm Pacific both days. This course will be taught by presenters from a number of different tribes that have been successful in starting their own composting programs and using that compost to help them grow food on their reservation. They will share their experiences, expertise, and tips for success on a variety of composting and growing operations. You will hear presentations that include how to create and work with a green team, how to start a community garden, and case studies from five different Tribes. You will also have time to network directly with fellow Tribal professionals throughout the course and work in small groups to create ideas to help your project move forward. We anticipate a high degree of interest in this course. If you are interested in applying please complete an application by **Monday, April 5**.

### **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>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, April 1, 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, April 15, 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, April 29, 2pm ET



<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, May 20, 1pm ET
<b>Planning Call for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ):</b> This monthly call works to plan the 2021 NTFAQ. Contact <a href="mailto:Andy.bessler@nau.edu">Andy.bessler@nau.edu</a> for more information.	TBA

### **The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional (ITEP)**

[Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. Sign up for a self-paced course hosted by ITEP's Waste and Response and Tribal Air Quality programs. New courses have been added, so check it out!

**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](#)**

<b>Training Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Training Type</b>
	<b>2021</b>	
Air Quality Systems (AQS) Database Basics Webinar #1	March 23	Webinar
Air Quality Systems (AQS) Database Basics Webinar #2	March 30	Webinar
PILOT: Addressing Air Quality in Tribal Communities (for Beginners)	April 7-8	Online
Wildland Smoke and Community Preparedness	April 12-16	Online
Woodstoves and Chimney Sweeps	April 21	Webinar
Project Planning, QAPPs and Grants for Alaska	April 26-30	Online
Quality Assurance Project Plans in a Nutshell	May 4	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***

**TODAY!** COVID-19 & Climate Change in Indigenous Communities: A webinar hosted by the Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance on Wednesday, March 30, 2021 at 6 pm PT. Learn about Covid-19 and climate change in Indigenous communities from our special guest speakers, Nikki Cooley from ITEP and Dr. Karen Jarratt-Snyder. Learn how Indigenous communities are being disproportionately impacted by Covid-19 & climate change. Register here: <https://www.nazcca.org/covid19-climate-change>

### **MTERA 2021 Virtual Annual Conference**

*April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> / [Register Here](#)*

The Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA), with support from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and RENEW Wisconsin, will be hosting a four-day virtual conference on April 27-30, 2021. The theme for the event is *Tribes at the Energy Forefront*.

Hear from Tribal leaders, federal and state agencies, educators, and energy industry experts as they discuss successful Tribal energy projects, state and federal energy policy, and strategic energy planning to help Tribes advance beneficial energy initiatives. **Registration is FREE!**

### **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***

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

## **Indoor Air Quality**

### **Smoke Webinar Series: Resident HEPA Filter Programs - Community Solutions for Creating Clean Air**

*Tuesday, April 6; 10am PT* / [Register here](#)

Join the Western Region of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) and the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network (FAC Net) on April 6, 2021 at 10:00AM Pacific Time for a panel style webinar entitled "Resident HEPA Filter Programs - Community Solutions for Creating Clean Air". Register with your contact information and any questions you have about community HEPA filter programs. The Zoom link and panelist information will be emailed to registrants one week before the webinar.

### **NEW! Radon in State Cancer Action Plans: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs**

*Tuesday, April 13; 2-3pm EST* / [Register Here](#)

Reducing exposure to radon is an important component in preventing lung cancer. Radon, a radioactive gas, is one of the most hazardous indoor pollutants. This naturally occurring gas is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, responsible for more than 21,000 annual deaths. According to the US EPA, radon concentrations above its action level are present in 1 of 15 homes in the United States.

During this webinar, leaders from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Comprehensive Cancer Control (CCC) coalitions and state and tribal radon

programs will share guidance and best practices for implementing radon risk reduction activities within CCC plans. Two case studies highlighting radon risk reduction activities within CCC plans in Kentucky and New Mexico will also be presented. Register today to reserve your seat!

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

[Available to watch NOW and On-Demand!](#)

Just in time for a new round of funding for schools in the American Rescue Plan, the webinar now can be viewed online! Learn how to develop a plan to acquire federal funds for immediate and long-term IAQ and ventilation improvements to reduce the spread of viruses and ensure safer, healthier learning environments. By viewing this webinar, you also will 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.

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

- 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*

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

## RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### ***Now Hiring!***

#### **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'

#### **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](#).

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a competitive funding opportunity to assist local communities in developing sustainable capabilities to prevent targeted violence and terrorism.** The FY21 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program seeks to provide funding to implement local prevention frameworks and explore innovative approaches to preventing targeted violence and terrorism. The FY21 program establishes the following priorities:

- Preventing Domestic Violent Extremism
- Enhancing Local Threat Assessment and Management Capabilities
- Implementing Innovative Solutions for Preventing Targeted Violence and Terrorism
- Challenging Online Violence Mobilization Narratives

The TVTP Grant Program seeks to provide funding to applications that align with these objectives and that protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. Applicants are required to conduct a rigorous needs assessment to outline what resources are already available in their area and what gaps need to be filled. All projects have required performance measures.

Eligibility includes Tribal, state, local, territorial governments; non-profits; and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for funds to establish capabilities or fill gaps in their prevention capabilities.

There is \$20 million available under this announcement. Please refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Appendix B for information on funding levels by project type, and application track.

The FY21 TVTP Grant Program will prioritize cost-effective programs and projects, and those which provide a detailed needs analysis and propose to collect and report on required performance measures. DHS will assess funded projects for promising practices and make them available in a replicable form for other communities or sectors. DHS is seeking to achieve diversity among geographical

locations, applicant type, and project type. The period of performance is 24 months, starting October 1, 2021.

The application period opened on March 24, 2021 and will close on May 25, 2021 at 5:00:00 PM ET. Applicants should consult the NOFO for more specific information about the process. Applying for this grant is a multi-step process and it is recommended that applicants begin that process early in order to allow sufficient time to complete the interim steps. Applicants can register early with the Non-Disaster Grants Management System (ND Grants) and are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of this announcement. Early registration will allow applicants to have adequate time to start and complete their application. For more information, please see the relevant NOFO posting on Grants.gov and the TVTP Grant Program site on DHS.gov <https://www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants>. DHS will host informational webinars to discuss the main elements of the NOFO and will take general questions from interested applicants. Please use the following links to join the webinars:

- [2/26 2:00PM EDT Friday](#)
- [3/30 2:00PM EDT Tuesday](#)
- [4/1 2:00PM EDT Thursday](#)

For questions about the TVTP Grant Program, please contact the Office for Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention at [TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.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.

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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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