

MICHIGAN TRIBAL ENERGY COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

This bi-monthly newsletter is coordinated by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCM). The intent of this newsletter is to share key updates, highlight Tribal energy successes across Michigan, and connect Tribal energy staff to timely resources and opportunities.

Tribal Spotlight

We want to hear from you!

Each edition of this newsletter will feature any Michigan Tribe's energy work, community initiatives, or recent accomplishments. We invite Tribal energy staff to share updates, projects, events, or success stories you'd like highlighted in future newsletters. Whether it's a planning effort, a new partnership, a completed project, or a community event – we'd love to showcase your work and share your story with other Tribes across Michigan.

If you're interested in being featured in a future newsletter, please reach out to jkillips@itcmi.org.

What's New from the Office of Indian Energy?



U.S. DEPARTMENT
of ENERGY | Office of Indian Energy
Policy and Programs

Tribal Energy Navigation Support

In search of the right resources and contacts to move your energy project forward? The Office of Indian Energy is available to help!

Connect with us at:

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Brookston Community Center's woodchip-fueled hydronic boiler uses cutting-edge top-feed fuel technology to eliminate clogs and minimize maintenance downtime. Photo by Joshua Gregory, Office of Indian Energy

We provide energy navigation support to federally recognized Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, Intertribal Organizations (including Tribal consortia), Tribal Energy Development Organizations, and Tribal Colleges and Universities by directing information requests between Tribes, DOE, and interagency partners about:

- Finding federal project assistance
- Identifying project financing
- Technical feasibility analysis
- Financial feasibility analysis
- Partner engagement and coordination
- Permitting assistance
- Planning assistance
- Capacity building
- Training
- Assistance to enhance the legal environment for energy sector commerce
- Speaking engagements (events) or meeting requests

Scan here to receive email updates from the Office of Indian Energy about the latest Tribal funding, news, and events.



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Funding & Technical Assistance Opportunities

Technical Assistance

- Office of Indian Energy – Technical Assistance Program (U.S. Department of Energy)
 - Provides direct support to Tribes for energy planning, renewable deployment, project development, and energy efficiency initiatives. National laboratories may provide technical analysis and feasibility support.
- Tribal Nation Transmission Program (DOE – Office of Electricity)
 - Offers resources and technical support related to transmission planning and grid infrastructure coordination.
- BIA Technical & Business Advisory Services (Department of the Interior)
 - Provides technical and business guidance for Tribal energy and mineral development projects.

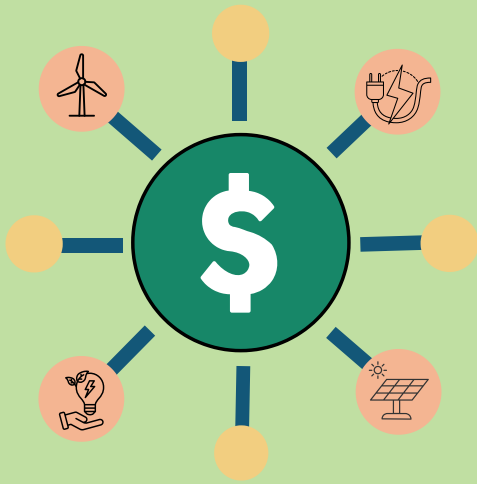


Grants & Capacity Building

- Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant (Bureau of Indian Affairs)
 - Supports building internal Tribal energy capacity, strengthening energy offices, and advancing strategic energy planning.

Loans & Financing

- USDA Rural Development Programs
 - Includes the Rural Energy Savings Program, Distributed Generation Financing, Business & Industry Loan Guarantees, and Electric Infrastructure Loan programs to support energy efficiency, distributed generation, and electric infrastructure projects.



Helpful Tips To Consider:

- Many of these opportunities are ongoing, so there may still be time to explore them.
- If you're in the early planning phase, technical assistance can be a helpful first step.
- Loan programs often require partnerships, so coordination may be needed.
- Capacity funding can help build long-term energy leadership and sustainability within your Tribe.

For a complete list of funding and technical assistance opportunities, [click here](#).

Webinar Opportunities

Over the next few months, join IE for the following additional webinars which will give participants information to advance Tribal energy development and foster peer-to-peer learning:

- March 12: Office of Indian Energy Program Review Mini-Series: Alaska Energy Focus
- March 18: Successful Power Project Development Best Practices

Visit the [webinars page](#) to register for any of these events and watch for more webinars to be announced soon!

