

## Broadband Funding Guide

Department: Department of the Interior

1	<b>Federal Agency/Bureau</b>	Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development; Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; U.S. Department of the Interior
2	<b>Agency Overview</b>	The U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) operates under the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs. It consists of the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), the Division of Capital Investment (DCI), and the Division of Economic Development (DED). DEMD provides technical assistance to over a hundred fossil fuel and renewable energy projects on Indian trust land; DCI administers the Indian Affairs Loan Guarantee and Insurance program, which leverages more than \$100 million annually in economic activities throughout Indian Country; and DED funds economic development feasibility study and NATIVE Act tourism grants, helps build legal infrastructure, and fosters commercial opportunities in Native American communities.
3	<b>Program Name</b>	National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG) program
4	<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ieed">https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ieed</a>
5	<b>Program Overview</b>	<p>IEED is soliciting proposals from Indian Tribes for grant funding to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies for deployment or expansion of high-speed internet (broadband) transmitted, variously, through digital subscriber line, cable modem, fiber, wireless, satellite and broadband over power lines.</p> <p><a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/02/10/2020-02616/national-tribal-broadband-grant-solicitation-of-proposals">https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/02/10/2020-02616/national-tribal-broadband-grant-solicitation-of-proposals</a></p> <p>Grant application submission date extended to June 15, 2020:</p> <p><a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/04/2020-09388/national-tribal-broadband-grant-extension-of-application-deadline">https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/04/2020-09388/national-tribal-broadband-grant-extension-of-application-deadline</a></p>

6	<b>Program Purpose</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Skills Training <input type="checkbox"/> Public Computer Access	<input type="checkbox"/> Smart Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	<b>Eligible Recipients</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	<b>Agency Contact</b>	Public contact: Mr. James R. West, National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG) Manager, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Room 6049-B, 12220 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191; telephone: (202) 595-4766; e-mail: <a href="mailto:jamesr.west@bia.gov">jamesr.west@bia.gov</a> .	
9	<b>FY2020 Funding Type and Amount</b>	NTBG is a competitive, discretionary grant program. IEED anticipates award of approximately twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) grants under ranging in value from approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000.	
10	<b>Additional Information</b>	Please see IEED's online primer, <i>Expanding Broadband in Indian Country</i> : <a href="https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/ieed/pdf/Expanding%20Broadband%20in%20Indian%20Country%20Primer%20Final%203.17.20.pdf">https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/ieed/pdf/Expanding%20Broadband%20in%20Indian%20Country%20Primer%20Final%203.17.20.pdf</a>	