Indigenous Communities Information Session with EDA

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Introductory Remarks   Rico Frias; Executive Director of NAFOA

Remarks   Alejandra Y. Castillo; Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development

Introduction of Carolee Wenderoth; EDA Tribal Engagement Coordinator

Rule Change Presentation   Jeffrey Roberson, EDA Chief Counsel

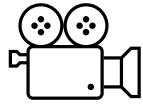**Indigenous Communities Program Presentation**   Dennis Alvord; EDA Deputy Assistant Secretary/COO

Q&A   Moderated by Mara Quintero Campbell; EDA Senior Advisor to DAS/COO

Housekeeping

This webinar is being **recorded**. EDA will post slides, FAQs, and resources to the website after the session

Please use **Q&A box** to submit questions

Use the **chat** function for any technical difficulties and other comments.

Tribal Eligibility Rule Change Presentation

The rule change Federal Register Notice can be found <u>here</u>.

Indigenous Communities
Economic Development Administration
American Rescue Plan Act funding

INVESTING IN AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES

$3 billion in American Rescue Plan funding allows EDA to lead an unprecedented approach to: *"prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus and for necessary expenses for responding to economic injury as a result of coronavirus."*

EDA's American Rescue Plan programs are designed to:

1. Accelerate the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic
2. Build local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks

$3 billion in American Rescue Plan funding to invest in:

Jobs for Today	Communities Built for All	Regions for the Future
Good Jobs Challenge	*Economic Adjustment Assistance*	*Build Back Better Regional Challenge*
Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation	**Indigenous Communities**	*Statewide Planning, Research, & Networks*
	Coal Communities Commitment	

$100 million for Indigenous Communities

The Indigenous Communities program recognizes that Native communities have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus pandemic, in health and economic impacts. **The only eligible entities are:**

Indian Tribes or a consortium of Tribes

State-recognized Tribes, unrecognized Tribes, and non-profits or for-profits that do not fall within the definition of "Indian Tribe" are not eligible.

Public/private nonprofit organizations/associations serving:

Native Hawaiians, Native Pacific Islanders of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau

> *Tribes and other eligible entities may also apply for funding under any other American Rescue Plan Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).*

Indigenous Communities Definition

Under EDA's regulations, the term "Indian Tribe" includes:

- the governing body of an Indian Tribe

- a non-profit Indian corporation (restricted to Indians)

- an Indian authority

- any other non-profit Indian tribal organization or entity; provided that the Indian tribal organization or entity is wholly owned by, and established for the benefit of, the Indian Tribe

- for-profit Tribal corporations that are wholly owned by, and established for the benefit of, a Tribe

Award Timeline

July 2021   Applications accepted

Rolling competitive grant applications and awards

Sept 30, 2022   All funds must be obligated

May 31, 2027   Period of performance must end to allow for close out

Similarities to EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

- A wide range Economic Adjustment Assistance project types are eligible, including planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, revolving loan funds, public works, and infrastructure projects.

- EDA encourages application submissions based on long-term, regionally oriented, coordinated, and collaborative economic development or redevelopment strategies that foster economic growth and resilience.

- Any project that supports recovery from the economic effects of the pandemic is eligible.
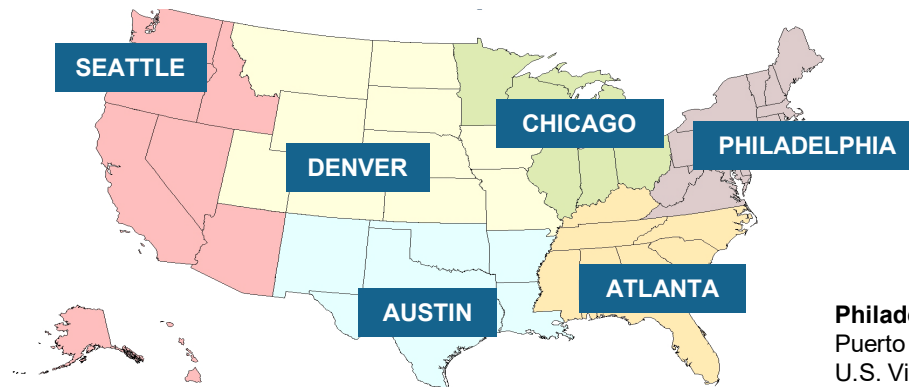
Differences for Indigenous Communities

- A wider range of projects are eligible:
  - Foundational economic infrastructure: broadband, energy, roads, water, and wastewater
  - Vocational and higher education facilities
  - Community health facilities, even if the connection to job creation is indirect
  - ★ *Note: Projects that directly support casinos or requests to replace lost revenue remain ineligible.*
- All awards will be made at 100% grant rate.
- Applicants are not required to demonstrate committed beneficiaries or provide signed ED-900Bs to be competitive.
- EDA will reimburse certain pre-award project costs.
  - Includes Preliminary Engineering Reports preparation and environmental and historic preservation requirement compliance costs.

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Next Steps to Apply

1. **Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** and Eligibility Requirements: https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/

2. **Find your Economic Development District** for planning support and technical assistance: https://eda.gov/resources/directory/

3. **Email your questions** about the American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities program to indigenous@eda.gov

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More Questions?

Visit www.eda.gov/arpa to learn more about the American Rescue Plan programs and find contact information for each.

For More Information

- Recordings of EDA's April 16 and 19 Tribal Consultations can be found at https://eda.gov/tribal/ along with the associated Dear Tribal Leader Letter and presentation slides.

- The rule change Federal Register Notice can be found here.

- Any questions specifically regarding expanded eligibility please contact Mara Quintero Campbell, Senior Advisor, email: MCampbell@eda.gov, telephone: (202) 603-9960.

- EDA's Tribal Engagement Coordinator, Carolee Wenderoth contact information: cwenderoth1@eda.gov

- Information regarding EDA's entire suite of ARP programs can be found at https://www.eda.gov/arpa/

- Information specifically regarding the Indigenous Communities program can be found at: https://eda.gov/arpa/indigenous/
  - EDA has established an email address to answer questions related to the Indigenous Communities program: Indigenous@eda.gov