



U.S. Department of the Interior

Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development

FY 2013

Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant Program

List of Grant Recipients

Blue Lake Rancheria, California (\$111,536) – To assess and provide staff training to alleviate internal capacity gaps related to energy development, and to review and update the tribe's energy strategy and energy related administrative processes, codes and ordinances.

Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, California (\$87,175) – To secure assistance with assessing the tribe's duties under agreements related to the Tule Wind Project, as well as developing best practices, building in-house capacity and obtaining recommendations for tribal statutes and regulations to carry out such duties.

Hualapai Indian Tribe, Arizona (\$100,303) – To develop a training program for the tribe's mini-grid and diesel generating plant at Grand Canyon West, as well as create an electrical technician apprenticeship program for designing, constructing and maintaining the tribe's proposed and existing solar arrays; train tribal officials in managing and negotiating electrical right-of-way and solar projects; and review internal energy development capacity.

Quinault Indian Nation, Washington (\$75,000) – To develop a business plan that includes technical, financial, administrative, logistical and management capacity requirements; to identify current staff and logistical resource availability; and to develop a sustainability plan.

Rampart Village, Alaska (\$72,630) – To work towards establishing an energy department by developing an energy plan, provide staff training, and build financial management capacity at an existing power plant.

San Carlos Apache Tribe, Arizona (\$149,117) – To work towards establishing an energy authority, including establishing an operations plan, developing regulations and ordinances for renewable energy initiatives, and to train staff in solar photovoltaic (PV) system maintenance.

Seneca Nation, New York (\$52,278) – To train staff in monitoring lease compliance; establishing or managing energy development-related departments; technical, scientific and engineering expertise; developing or enhancing tribal codes, regulations or ordinances related to regulating energy resource development; and accounting for energy resource production and revenues.

Spokane Tribe, Washington (\$30,000) – To draft, with community and tribal leadership input, a strategic energy plan that has specific and actionable energy goals, prioritized projects and identified funding and financing options.

Zuni Tribe, New Mexico (\$60,000) – To conduct an assessment of the tribe’s current energy development capacity, as related to its current energy development goals, that results in at least one recommended path for the tribe’s leadership to consider that specifies energy resources, other resources to implement a project, an implementation timeline and anticipated benefits to the tribe.

Energy and mineral development on federal Indian lands plays a critical role in creating jobs and generating income in Indian Country while also contributing to the national economy. The TEDC grant program helps eligible applicants in assessing, developing or obtaining the managerial and technical capacity needed to develop energy resources on Indian land and properly account for energy resource production and revenues, as provided for under Title V, Section 503 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Eligible applicants are federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native regional and village corporations, and tribal energy resource development organizations. Congress appropriates funds on a year-to-year basis for the Department of the Interior for TEDC grants.

IEED uses a competitive evaluation process to select projects for funding awards. The nine tribes were selected from among 31 TEDC applications that were submitted for the FY 2013 funding round. All applicants were required to include five mandatory components in their submissions with applications ranked using a 100-point system. The TEDC program received applications from all 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs regions.

On Dec. 20, 2013, the Department published a Notice of Solicitation of Proposals for FY 2014 in the [Federal Register](#) with details on eligible activities and the five mandatory components. The submission deadline was Feb. 18.

The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs oversees the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, which implements the Indian Energy Resource Development Program under Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. IEED’s mission is to foster stronger American Indian and Alaska Native communities by helping federally recognized tribes with employment and workforce training programs; developing their renewable and non-renewable energy and mineral resources; and increasing access to capital for tribal and individual American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned businesses. For more information about IEED programs and services, visit the Indian Affairs website at <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/index.htm>.