



Inflation Reduction Act

Tribal Consultation

December 13th and 15th, 2022



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Overview



Indian Affairs IRA Investments total \$385 million

Funding is provided for:

- **Climate Resilience - \$235 million**
 - \$220 million for Climate Resilience and Adaptation activities
 - \$10 million for Fish Hatcheries
 - \$5 million for Administration
- **Tribal Electrification - \$150 million** (includes \$4.5 million for administration)

Climate Resilience & Adaptation Overview



\$225 million total - \$220 million for programs and \$5 million for administration

Funding can support:

Planning & Implementation: \$128 million: \$64 million per year in FY 23, FY24

Adaptation funds can support a broad range of funding proposals from Tribes, examples may include:

- Adaptation planning and implementation of projects
- Travel support
- Engagement of youth
- Integration of Indigenous Knowledge
- Habitat and ecosystem restoration planning and implementation of projects

Community Driven Relocation: \$92 million total: \$46 million per year in FY23, FY24

- Combined with BIL funding, three communities to be funded at \$25 million per site, and eight communities to be funded at \$5 million per site.
- Remaining funds may be used to increase award level through the Annual Awards Program.

Climate Resilience Award Criteria



Planning & Implementation

Criteria could support all things covered under the current awards program and potentially:

Habitat Restoration- Coastal ecosystems, including wetlands, marine systems, fire prone arid ecosystems, forest, any other critical ecosystems

Emergency Restoration- Habitat and/or adaptation projects due to natural disaster (requires Disaster Declaration)

Equity in Restoration Projects- Cost share provided for Tribes to other Federal agency awarded habitat restoration and/or adaptation projects

Community Driven Relocation

This funding builds upon the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) investments that consider:

Risk Level

Risk Type (drought, water scarcity, food insecurity, flooding, riverine erosion, wildfire threat, marsh restoration, rising sea levels, hurricanes)

Lessons Learned/geographic diversity

Fish Hatchery Overview



Fish Hatcheries - \$10 million

- Support expansion of the existing hatchery maintenance program to include new construction and retrofits that are not funded through annual appropriations.
- The expansion will allow BIA to address outdated, undersized, inefficient hatchery systems that require new construction.
- Funds would also address required upgrades due to changing environmental restrictions related to water quality or quantity or concerns regarding fish disease or genetics.

Fish Hatchery Award Criteria



Selection criteria may focus on construction projects with the following factors:

- The project requires new construction at existing hatcheries to overcome bottlenecks in production that cannot be overcome with non-construction annual maintenance funding; or construction of an entirely new hatchery when strongly supported in relation to the ranking criteria.
- Other criteria used in the annual program, such as:
 - Tribal ability to enforce fish and game codes policies to ensure health, safety and security
 - compliance with water quality standards
 - address economic value and rights protection
 - incorporate a Tribal youth element

Climate Resilience and Fish Hatcheries

Questions for Feedback



- Do the criteria proposed to award funding for Climate Resilience and Fish Hatcheries seem appropriate or should other criteria be considered?
- Do the proposed funding categories for Climate Resilience and Adaptation seem appropriate?

Tribal Electrification Overview

\$150 million total - \$145.5 million for programs and \$4.5 million for administration



- The program will coordinate financial and technical assistance to Tribes to increase the number of Tribal homes with zero emission electricity.
- Recognizing the need across Indian Country is significant, and that each Tribe has its own energy and electrification related needs and implementation capacity, the program will meet the unique needs of individual Tribal communities.
- Funding will be awarded through a competitive process.
- Criteria to make awards will vary based on the categories of capability to implement and parameters will be determined based on need and project readiness.

Tribal Electrification Award Criteria



\$150 million total - \$145.5 million for programs and \$4.5 million for administration

Criteria may vary based on the categories of capability to implement, with each category receiving no less than 15% of the total funding available:

- **Initial pilot sites for Tribes who are ready to implement could include this criterion:**

- Low levels of households with electrification

- Community-readiness, existing plans or designs

- Potential to yield lessons-learned for other Tribes facing similar issues

- **Tribes with potential to implement community scale projects:**

- Low levels of households with electricity

- Low levels of households with zero emissions electricity

- Community is at high level of risk from climate change or actively planning community driven relocation

- **Tribes with less capacity and higher poverty to implement projects at community or individual home level:**

- Low levels of households with electricity

- Low levels of households with zero emissions electricity

- Community is at high level of risk from climate change or actively planning community driven relocation

- Higher levels of poverty

Tribal Electrification Questions for Feedback



Given the amount of funds available, does the criteria for awarding funding seem like an appropriate and equitable approach, or should we consider other factors?

Do the proposed funding approaches align with your priorities?

Does the initial proposed criteria for awarding funds seem like an appropriate approach or should we consider other factors?

Written Comments

Please submit comments or questions by **January 17, 2023** to:
consultation@bia.gov

Additional Resources and Contacts

Background Information

- Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr>
- Annual Tribal Climate Resilience Awards Program (previous years' award summaries, awards map, and solicitations): <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/annual-awards-program>
- Fish Hatchery Operation and Maintenance Programs: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/division-natural-resources/branch-fish-wildlife-recreation/fish-hatchery-programs>

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