Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) Grant

Each year, the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) provides tribes an opportunity to participate in a grant program known as the Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP). This program provides financial assistance to tribes and Indian allottees on trust lands in evaluating their energy and mineral resource potential on their lands.

In turn, this provides tribes and allottees with the information they need to promote their lands, negotiate the best agreements with partners or investors, and eventually develop their resources.

DEMD solicits proposals from tribes and using a competitive review system selects qualified projects for funding.

Resources Eligible for Funding
- Minerals
- Biomass - Woody and Waste
- Hydro
- Solar
- Wind
- Geothermal
- Oil, Natural Gas & Coal

Activities Eligible for Funding
- Resource Assessment
- Exploration Studies
- Feasibility Studies
- Market Studies
- Engineering Studies
- Economic Evaluation
- Defining Potential Targets for Development

Solicitation of grant proposals will be made available through: grants.gov

For more information, visit the EMDP webpage: bia.gov/emdp
About us:

The Division of Energy and Mineral Development provides the best technical and economic advice and services to assist Indian mineral owners in gaining economic self-sufficiency by creating sustainable economies through the environmentally sound development of their energy and mineral resources. Indian reservations – largely unexplored lands – hold vast natural resources, and our staff members are uniquely poised to offer services no other agency can provide.

We are uniquely poised to offer energy and mineral solutions that no other government agency can provide - on the reservation, where it counts.

Currently we offer technical advice in assisting tribes to explore and develop nearly 2 million acres of energy and mineral resources. An additional 15 million acres of undeveloped lands could hold the potential for further energy and mineral exploration.

The Division is committed to identify tribal needs and how they best fit with their long-term desires. Once identified, the Division helps tribes build their resources by finding the best companies to fit with tribal goals. The Division also helps Indians diversify and re-invest their money with other profitable enterprises that can create employment for their people.