

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Minerals and Mining Projects -- Native American Business Development Institute Grant (NABDI)

Type of Funding: Non Recurring - Competitive Grant

Funding Authority/Responsibility: 25 U.S.C. 2106 (Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982): 86 Stat 1940, Pub.L. 97-382. 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq. (Umatilla Basin Project Act), Pub.L. 100-557. Energy Policy Act of 2005
25 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. (Pub.L. 102-486, Title XXVI – The Energy Policy Act of 1992, § 2601, as amended Pub.L. 109-58, Title V, § 503(a), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 764.)

The Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development has Responsibility for this program.

Criteria for Distribution: The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) solicits proposals from federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska federally recognized Tribal entities for technical assistance funding to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies of economic development opportunities. These feasibility studies empower American Indian Tribes/Alaska federally recognized Tribal entities and Tribal businesses to make informed decisions regarding their economic futures. Grant awards are discretionary, and subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by Congress on a yearly basis.

NABDI Proposed Projects must demonstrate the following economic development criteria:

- Discussion of the short and long term benefits to the applicant;
- Identification of an economic opportunity for possible development; and
- Additional information regarding the economic opportunity required for the applicant's decision making;
- Description of the location of the Native community and focused areas for economic development, if any. Include relevant page-sized maps and graphs.

The purpose of the grant program is to strengthen tribal capacity for economic development. DED requires that grant proposals include: (1) a current tribal resolution authorizing the proposed project, (2) a proposal describing the planned activities and deliverable products; (3) a detailed budget estimate; and (4) a designated tribal lead.

Distribution Process:

- Proposal solicitation posted to grants.gov for grant proposals (April each year)
- Close acceptance for any more grant proposals (90 days after release of solicitation)
- Review and ranking process for the grants conducted (Within 30 days of close)
- Applicants receiving an award will receive a written notification of funding, which will demonstrate the intent to partially fund or to fund the project in full. Subsequent to notification of funding, a grant agreement will be made available to the tribe for review and signature. (Within 30 days of final rankings)
- Once the Grant Officer has received the signed agreement and requisition, funds will be released to the tribe's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) account. (Within 3 days)
- Those applicants not receiving an award will also be notified in writing. (Within 30 days)