



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



ABANDONED HARDROCK MINE RECLAMATION PROGRAM

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TRIBAL GRANTS FACT SHEET

The Abandoned Hardrock Mine Reclamation (AHMR) Program enhances public safety and improves water, soil, and air quality by reducing or eliminating the physical safety and environmental effects of past hardrock mining on Federal, Tribal, State, and private lands. Hardrock mining includes mining for gold, silver, lead, uranium, and other non-coal minerals that often resulted in abandoned mine lands (AMLs) in need of reclamation or remediation. Within the Department of the Interior (DOI), the Environmental Compliance and Cleanup Division (ECCD) is responsible for managing the AHMR Program.

Section 40704 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, Public Law No: 117-58), aka the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), established the AHMR Program within Interior, “to inventory, assess, decommission, reclaim, respond to hazardous substance release on, and remediate hardrock AMLs.” The AHMR Program consists of a Federal program for reclaiming hardrock AMLs on lands managed by Interior and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-US Forest Service, as well as grant programs for States and Tribes.

Funding for AHMR on Tribal lands will be distributed through a grant program managed by the ECCD. The ECCD will provide AHMR grants to Tribes to reclaim those lands based on eligibility requirements established in Sec. 40704 of the BIL and the AHMR Program. These grants currently come from annual Interior Appropriations and, therefore, are subject to funding availability.

Funding: There is approximately \$1 million available for Tribal AHMR Grants.

Type of Grants Available: Inventory Grants and Project Grants.

Eligibility: Federally recognized Tribes with hardrock AMLs located on Tribal lands.

Eligible Activities: Inventory, assessment, decommissioning, responses to hazardous substance releases on, remediation, and reclamation of hardrock AMLs on Tribal lands.

Types of Features to Address: Open shafts, adits, pits, highwalls, tailings, AMD, etc. (This list is not all inclusive.)

Types of Mines Allowed: Metallic minerals (ex. gold, silver, lead), industrial minerals (ex. sand, gravel) and energy minerals (uranium). No coal. No construction of public facilities.

Where to Apply: Applications should be submitted through [GrantSolutions](#) during the open application period.

Application Period: Once the Tribal Consultation has been completed the application dates will be posted here: [AHMR Tribal Grants Program](#).

Additional Information: Visit our website [AHMR Program](#) or email questions to AHMRprogram@ios.doi.gov.