

### **NTAA Weekly Update**

### Week of March 22 - 26, 2021

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#### PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

#### NTAA Presents the NTAA Monthly Video Update from Executive Committee Member Bill Thompson, Region 1

If you don't have time to dive deep into the NTAA Weekly Update, <u>click</u> <u>here for a quick video update</u> to help give you the latest news from NTAA and learn more about the Tribes in each region. Each month, a NTAA EC Member will provide a new video update! You can also find the video on <u>NTAA's home page</u> under "Latest News." For NTAA's first 31/2 minute video update, you get to hear from Bill Thompson of the Penobscot Indian Nation in Region 1! Enjoy!



Screen shot of the NTAA Video Update

#### **TOP STORIES**

KTOO – Natural but deadly: Huge gaps in US rules for wood stove smoke exposed

NPR – The Celebration Over, Deb Haaland Now Faces A Long To-Do List At Interior

Grist – A groundbreaking environmental justice bill is poised to become law

The Hill - Senate committee advances two Biden environment nominees

E&E News - Pollution deal exposed Trump EPA official to ethics charges

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

US News – CDC: Now is Not the Time to Travel

AP – <u>Authorities issue wildfire warning due to weather conditions</u>

Cronkite News – <u>House OKs ERA bill, Violence Against Women Act in Women's History Month</u>

Native News Online – <u>Indigenous Activists Fight British Columbia's Pipelines to</u> the Last Mile

The Hill - Interior reverses course on tribal ownership of portion of Missouri river

Indianz.com – <u>SCOTUSBlog: Supreme Court takes up messy tribal sovereignty case</u>

National Association of Clean Air Agencies – Washington Update

#### Climate Change/Energy

Axios - Biden's New Deal: Re-engineering America, quickly

E&E – Rising temperatures could spur invasive takeovers

Cronkite News – A Colorado River showdown is looming. Let the posturing begin.

Nature – Energy and water co-benefits from covering canals with solar panels

The Guardian – Climate fight 'is undermined by social media's toxic reports'

NPR – <u>Known For Its Floods</u>, <u>Louisiana Is Running Dangerously Short Of</u> Groundwater

ProPublica – The Coal Plant Next Door

NOAA – Spring Outlook: Drought to persist, expand in U.S. West and High Plains

The Guardian – Activist on hunger strike in Canada calls on government to halt logging

#### Toxics/Mobile Sources

NY Times – How Volkswagen's Sins Fueled Its Redemption

Electrive – Ford to manufacture two EVs in Mexico

Axios – The electric vehicle is blowing the doors off Tesla

Reuters – Exclusive: U.S. looks to Canada for minerals to build electric vehicles

Politico – <u>Driving downtown? Get ready to pay extra</u>

The Hill - <u>US seeking to boost electric vehicle material production in Canada:</u>
<u>Reuters</u>

#### **Indoor Air Quality**

Doc Wire News - Indoor Air Quality Issues for Rocky Mountain West Tribes

The Conversation - Fixing indoor air pollution problems that are raising Native Americans' COVID-19 risk

Be sure to subscribe to EPA's IAO Bulletins

## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES** *Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes*

### **TODAY!** REMINDER: Nominations for NEJAC Membership Closes March 24, 2021!

The U.S. EPA invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its <u>National Environmental Justice Advisory</u> <u>Council</u> (NEJAC) until March 24, 2021. The Agency is seeking nominations to fill approximately seven (7) new vacancies for terms through September 2022. Vacancies are anticipated to be filled by September 2021. To maintain the representation <u>outlined by the charter</u>, nominees will be selected to represent:

- Community-based organizations (2 vacancies)
- State and Local (2 vacancies)
- Tribal governments/ Indigenous organizations (1 vacancy)
- NGOs (1 vacancy)
- Academia (1 vacancy)

Learn more about how to submit nominations <u>HERE</u>. For questions regarding the NEJAC nomination process, please email: <u>nejac@epa.gov</u>.

TODAY! Air Sensor Performance Testing Protocols, Metrics, and Target Values for PM2.5 and Ozone Webinar on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (EDT). Register here for the Air Sensor Performance Targets webinar.

This webinar will highlight two reports developed by EPA ORD that outline recommended performance testing protocols, metrics, and target values for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and ozone (O3) air sensors. The reports apply to the use of PM2.5 and O3 air sensor in non-regulatory supplemental and informational monitoring (NSIM) applications in ambient, outdoor, fixed site environments.

For more information, please click here.

# Department of Transportation's letter inviting Tribal partners to consult with regards to the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships.

On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships (Presidential Memorandum) reaffirming Executive Order (EO) 13175. We will host a virtual listening session on March 24 and we will accept comments until March 31, 2021. You may submit your comments via email at <a href="mailto:tribalaffairs@dot.gov">tribalaffairs@dot.gov</a> Additional information about the virtual consultation on this topic may be found in the Department's Notice of Tribal Consultation that will shortly be issued in the Federal Register. Documents for reference and review:

- DOT Programs, Policies, and Procedures Affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Tribes
- Department's Tribal Consultation Plan

We will send out a registration link on March 15th for the virtual listening session on the 24th.

#### NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Webinar Series

The NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Centers of Excellence Program is hosting this webinar series to highlight the research, training, and community-engagement accomplishments at the Centers collaboratively funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Furthermore, the webinar series is intended to raise awareness of, and prompt dialogue on, opportunities to examine and address environmental contributions to health disparities. The webinars are open to anyone interested in learning more about environmental health disparities and strategies to reduce them.

#### **Schedule:**

• *March* 22, 2021 – <u>Fostering Community Engaged Research in Environmental Health Disparities</u>

- *April*, 26, 2021 <u>Intersections Between the Chemical, Physical, Built and Social Environments</u>
- *May 24*, 2021 <u>Exploring Critical Windows of Exposure to Heavy Metals in</u> Health Disparity Cohorts
- June 28, 2021 <u>Exposure Pathways & Environmental Health Disparities</u>
  All webinars in the series will be held live via Zoom on Mondays 3-4:30pm EST

### **EPA Tools & Resource Webinar: Air Sensor Performance Testing Protocols, Metrics, and Target Values for PM2.5 and Ozone**

Wednesday, March 24; 3-4pm ET / Register Here

This webinar will highlight two reports developed by EPA ORD that outline recommended performance testing protocols, metrics, and target values for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and ozone (O3) air sensors. The reports apply to the use of PM2.5 and O3 air sensor in non-regulatory supplemental and informational monitoring (NSIM) applications in ambient, outdoor, fixed site environments. The anticipated outcomes of this work are to:

- Provide a consistent approach for evaluating air sensor performance and reporting results;
- Help the user community better understand sensor performance;
- Assist the user community in making informed decisions on choosing sensors that appropriately suit their NSIM application; and
- Encourage innovation and product improvement in the marketplace.
- For more information, visit this <u>website!</u>

#### **NEW!** Wildfires and Air Quality: Two-Part Webinar Series

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>; 2:30 – 4pm ET / Register Here & Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: 2:30 – 4pm ET / Register Here

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a two-part webinar series on Wildfires and Air Quality, addressing wildfires and air quality impacts. These webinars are part of the EPA Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples - to build the capacity of tribal governments, indigenous peoples, and other environmental justice practitioners, and discuss priority environmental justice issues of interest to tribes and indigenous peoples.

### **NEW!** Growing Compost to Grow Your Food System – Virtual Course May 4 - 5, 2021; 12-5pm ET / Register Here

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals will be offering a new course, offered completely virtually and is for employees of federally-recognized Tribes. It will take place from 9:00am -2:00pm Pacific both days. This course will be taught by presenters from a number of different tribes that have been successful in starting their own composting programs and using that compost to help them grow food on their reservation. They will share their experiences, expertise, and tips for success

on a variety of composting and growing operations. You will hear presentations that include how to create and work with a green team, how to start a community garden, and case studies from five different Tribes. You will also have time to network directly with fellow Tribal professionals throughout the course and work in small groups to create ideas to help your project move forward. We anticipate a high degree of interest in this course. If you are interested in applying please complete an application by **Monday, April 5**.

#### **NTAA Upcoming Calls**

The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#. Contact <a href="mailto:Andy.Bessler@nau.edu">Andy.Bessler@nau.edu</a> if you have any questions about any call! \*Registration instructions\* When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This allows you to see everyone on the call and prevents us from conducting a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone's time.

<b>EPA Policy Call:</b> Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, March 25, 2pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, April 1, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, April 15, 2pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, May 20, 1pm ET
Planning Call for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ): This monthly call works to plan the 2021 NTFAQ. Contact <a href="mailto:Andy.bessler@nau.edu">Andy.bessler@nau.edu</a> for more information.	TBA

#### The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional (ITEP)

<u>Click here</u> for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. Sign up for a self-paced course hosted by ITEP's Waste and Response and Tribal Air Quality programs. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP) hosts the Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates, Residential Building Science Review, Radon Fundamentals, Quality Assurance Fundamental, Writing a Quality Assurance Project Plan, Emissions Inventory Fundamentals, and Emissions Inventory Advanced.

#### **AIAQTP Schedule and Registration**

Training Title	Dates	Training Type
	2021	
Air Quality Systems (AQS) Database Basics Webinar #1	March 23	Webinar
Air Quality Systems (AQS) Database Basics Webinar #2	March 30	Webinar
PILOT: Addressing Air Quality in Tribal Communities (for Beginners)	April 7-8	Online
Wildland Smoke and Community Preparedness	April 12-16	Online
Woodstoves and Chimney Sweeps	April 21	Webinar
Project Planning, QAPPs and Grants for Alaska	April 26-30	Online
Quality Assurance Project Plans in a Nutshell	May 4	Webinar
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ)	May 2021	Virtual Conference

#### **Recorded Webinars**

Looking for more information check out the <u>Tribal Air Quality Media Space</u> <u>Channel</u>. Recent webinars include an Introduction to Air Quality Programs, Emissions Inventories, Remote Professional Assistance, and Woodstoves in Indian Country. Older classics include a series on Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke, Tribal Air Program and Grants, Data Management, and the Clean Air Act.

ITEP's <u>Tribes and Climate Change Calendar</u> includes conferences, trainings, webinars, and other events related to tribes and climate change.

#### Climate Change / Energy

#### **NEW!** MTERA 2021 Virtual Annual Conference

April  $27^{th} - 30^{th}$  / Register Here

The Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA), with support from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and RENEW Wisconsin, will

be hosting a four-day virtual conference on April 27-30, 2021. The theme for the event is *Tribes at the Energy Forefront*.

Hear from Tribal leaders, federal and state agencies, educators, and energy industry experts as they discuss successful Tribal energy projects, state and federal energy policy, and strategic energy planning to help Tribes advance beneficial energy initiatives. **Registration is FREE!** 

#### **Ecological Drought National Webinar Series**

February – March 2021

This four-part webinar series, taking place in February and March, seeks to raise awareness of ecological drought, share actions that strengthen ecosystem resilience and mitigate the impacts of droughts, and discuss research and management needs for future drought planning and preparedness. The series is co-hosted by NIDIS and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Climate Adaptation Science Center, with expert speakers from the research community, tribal nations, and government agencies.

• Missed the previous webinars? The recordings are available for <u>Ecological Drought</u>: An Introduction and <u>Ecological Drought</u>: Planning for Resilience.

#### Virtual 2021 Southwest Adaptation Forum (SWAF)

*SAVE THE DATE | April 6 − 8, 2021* 

The Climate Science Alliance is proud to host the <u>Virtual 2021 Southwest</u> <u>Adaptation Forum</u> (SWAF) in partnership with the <u>Southwest Climate Adaptation</u> <u>Science Center</u> SWAF 2021 will bring together leaders, practitioners, and researchers from across the Southwest to explore efforts that are advancing climate change adaptation, including hands-on activities, networking, and professional training.

ITEP's Climate Change Adaptation Training Courses registration is online! Learn more about the courses and register here.

#### **Toxics/Mobile Sources**

#### An Introduction to Electric Vehicle-Ready Buildings

Wednesday, March 24; 3-4pm ET / Register Here

This one-hour webinar will provide an introduction to the range of approaches local governments across the country are using to make their building stock ready for electric vehicles (EVs). Matt Frommer from the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project will explain the difference between EV-capable, EV-ready, and EV-installed buildings and the various policies and programs that support them. Michael Salisbury from Denver, CO will share local experiences with different policies, programs, and codes that support EV-ready development.

#### **2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop**

#### Google Form for Topics for the 2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop

The 2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop is event for our stakeholders traditionally hosted at the Portland International Auto Show and allowing an opportunity to learn about new and interesting topics, hear from peers about their lessons-learned and successes around clean fuels/policies and practices, celebrate clean transportation leaders in our region, and generally connect with like-minded fleet folks and industry stakeholders from across the region and clean transportation sector. In preparation for what will likely be a virtual Annual Workshop, we are seeking input on topics for the event. Please provide your input in this very short, four-question survey - feel free to respond to Michael Graham at micheal@cwcleancities.onmicrosoft.com

The recent additions to OTAQ's website in February 2021. <u>You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ on our website.</u>

- March 11, 2021: EPA posts a "patch" to MOVES3.
- February 22, 2021: <u>EPA announces support of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals' 2020 decision in Renewable Fuels Association et al. v. EPA.</u>

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#### **Indoor Air Quality**

### **NEW!** Smoke Webinar Series: Resident HEPA Filter Programs - Community Solutions for Creating Clean Air

Join the Western Region of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) and the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network (FAC Net) on April 6, 2021 at 10:00AM Pacific Time for a panel style webinar entitled "Resident HEPA Filter Programs - Community Solutions for Creating Clean Air". Register here with your contact information and any questions you have about community HEPA filter programs. The Zoom link and panelist information will be emailed to registrants one week before the webinar.

# NEW! Ventilation and Virus Mitigation in Schools: Creating a Game Plan to Reduce COVID-19 Risk and Make Lasting Improvements to IAQ Available to watch NOW and On-Demand!

Just in time for a new round of funding for schools in the American Rescue Plan, the webinar now can be viewed online! Learn how to develop a plan to acquire

federal funds for immediate and long-term IAQ and ventilation improvements to reduce the spread of viruses and ensure safer, healthier learning environments. By viewing this webinar, you also will learn how to—

- Create a game plan to help mitigate risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 in the near term and prioritize the top 5 IAQ improvements to ensure healthy air in schools in the long term.
- Assess your current air handling capabilities (e.g., effectiveness of filtration, ability to bring in fresh air, and energy efficiency) and create a plan to improve air quality using a free online risk assessment.
- Equip staff to implement risk reduction strategies and follow technical guidance from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) to reduce exposure to viruses in schools.
- Replicate best practices from a recent case study of how D.C. Public Schools—a large, urban district with an older building stock—used federal funds to improve the ventilation, filtration and system monitoring throughout the district.

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) Foundation Webinar Series:

- Radon in State Cancer Action Plans: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs *April 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- Radon Test Kit Distribution: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs May 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST
- Radon and Citizen Science: Public Engagement to Increase Education and Outreach *June 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- National Radon Action Month: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – July 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST
- The sixth webinar on a trending topic to be announced will be scheduled for the month of August *stay tuned*

Be sure to subscribe to <u>CodeTalk</u>, HUD's Office of Native American Programs newsletter, for webinars and opportunities!

#### **RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Now Hiring!**

CIRES/NOAA NIDIS Tribal Engagement Coordinator Boulder, CO. Full-time. Posted March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Click here for more information!

The Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences

(CIRES) and the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) are seeking a full-time **Tribal Engagement Coordinator** to work as part of an interdisciplinary team as the programmatic lead for tribal engagement on drought early warning and resilience across the United States.

#### Red Feather Development Group: Development Manager

Red Feather is looking for an experienced Development Manager to further our mission by cultivating, soliciting and stewarding individual, corporate, foundation, and governmental gifts and grants. For more info, go to <a href="www.redfeather.org">www.redfeather.org</a>
<a href="mailto:To Apply">To Apply</a>: Send cover letter, resume, and portfolio of previous grants and fundraising appeals to email: <a href="mailto:joe@redfeather.org">joe@redfeather.org</a>

#### **Indigenous Climate Action Just Transition Lead**

Reporting to the Director of Programs and the Executive Director of ICA, the Just Transition Lead will be responsible for developing and implementing Just Transition campaigns on behalf of ICA. Visit this <a href="website">website</a> for more information. The primary responsibility of the Just Transition Lead will be to build out training programs based off of our Just Transition Guide, support and implement renewable energy projects with community partners, and nurture strategic relationships to advance the values that are critical for Indigenous energy sovereignty.

**CLOSING DATE For Applications:** Open until position is filled.

Please send your resume along with your cover letter to <a href="monture@indigenousclimateaction.com">monture@indigenousclimateaction.com</a> with the subject: 'Application - Just Transition Lead'

### Black Mesa Trust Just and Equitable Transition (JET) Project Manager Open until filled

The JET Project Manager will assist BMT in the following activities: 1) Just transition advocacy at the state, tribal, and utility levels; 2) Coordination and advocacy for a 20-megawatt pilot solar project (known as "Hopi Solar Project I") on the Hopi Nation and; 3) Supporting a Hopi Engineering Student Apprentice's involvement in the Hopi Solar Project I.

Location: Northern Arizona • Part-time (~20 hour/week) • 9-10 month contract, depending on candidate's available start date. The anticipated start date is between March 1st and April 1st, 2021 and the contract end date is December 31st, 2021. As this is a contract position, it does not include benefits. • \$2,400/month, paid monthly

To Apply • 1-2 page Resumé and 1-2 page Cover Letter detailing why you are particularly qualified for and interested in this position; the position is open until filled o Email your Resumé and Cover Letter as attachments to: Rachel Ellis at <a href="mc96@nau.edu">mc96@nau.edu</a> and questions to 505-699-4746

#### Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress Registration closes April 12, 2021

Join us virtually for this free 4-week program from July 5th through July 29th. Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 2pm-6pm ET. Week 3 is offline for community engagement projects.

**WHO:** Seeking groups of applicants with 1 adult community mentor and 3 to 5 rising high school seniors from any federally recognized tribe, in the US and eastern time zone territories, from the same communities. All applicants must have reliable internet. Resources may be awarded to selected applicants on a per student basis to accommodate community-based projects.

**HOW:** Applications accepted on a first-come first-served basis for the first 100 students who pass the application process. Application is at <a href="https://nycalc.org">https://nycalc.org</a>

<u>Spark Northwest</u> is seeking a dynamic Project Manager to join their small staff of local clean energy innovators. The Project Manager will lead the Solarize and Energize campaigns to bring clean energy to low-wealth neighborhoods and represent Spark Northwest's environmental justice goals in policy conversations with allied groups and in utility planning. <u>Click here</u> to apply.

#### Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

#### **FY21 Exchange Network Grants Program**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Exchange Network (EN) Grant Program Solicitation Notice (SN) has been published to Grants.gov and is available here.

Applications are due to EPA by 11:59 PM Eastern Time, Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Additional guidance tools, including optional fillable templates, are available for applicants both on Grants.gov and on the EN website. Applicants are encouraged to review the new FY21 SN in full, as significant updates have been made since the FY20 version. Information on applicant webinars will be provided shortly. The purpose of Exchange Network (EN) grants are to foster better environmental management and decision-making through increased access to timely, high quality, environmental information. An applicant's proposed project goals and outputs should align with one or more funding areas in the SN and EPA's FY 2018-21 Strategic Plan Goal 3: Greater Certainty, Compliance, and Effectiveness, Objective 3.4: 'Streamline and Modernize'. For more information, contact Erika Beasley, EN Grants Program Manager at Beasley.erika@epa.gov

#### First Nations Development Institute grant opportunity

With the generous support of the Indigenous Peoples Fund at Tides Foundation, First Nations will establish a Gather Food Sovereignty Grant that will support work contributing to building a national movement that will fulfill a vision of Native communities and food systems that are self-directed, well-resourced and supported by community policies and systems. This opportunity is targeting emerging projects that focus on developing Tribal Food Sovereignty. Through the first round of the Gather Food Sovereignty Grant, First Nations expects to award up to 13 grant awards of approximately \$32,000 to support Native American-led food sovereignty work.

The grant period for this funding opportunity will commence March 1, 2021, and end February 28, 2022. Application on the <u>Gather Food Sovereignty Grant site</u>.

### **Assistant Secretary Sweeney Announces \$3 Million Living Languages Grant Program Funding Opportunity**

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Mac Lean Sweeney announced today that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting applications to the Living Languages Grant Program (LLGP). This \$3 Million grant program will fund between 15 and 60 grants, ranging from \$25,000-\$200,000, to federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native entities to document, preserve and revitalize Native languages and build active speaker capacity. IEED's solicitation for LLGP funding and details on how to apply can be found in the Federal Register and at Grants.Gov.

Today, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a competitive funding opportunity to assist local communities in developing sustainable capabilities to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. The FY21 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program seeks to provide funding to implement local prevention frameworks and explore innovative approaches to preventing targeted violence and terrorism. The FY21 program establishes the following priorities:

- Preventing Domestic Violent Extremism
- Enhancing Local Threat Assessment and Management Capabilities
- Implementing Innovative Solutions for Preventing Targeted Violence and Terrorism
- Challenging Online Violence Mobilization Narratives

The TVTP Grant Program seeks to provide funding to applications that align with these objectives and that protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. Applicants are required to conduct a rigorous needs assessment to outline what resources are already available in their area and what gaps need to be filled. All projects have required performance measures.

Eligibility includes Tribal, state, local, territorial governments; non-profits; and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for funds to establish capabilities or fill gaps in their prevention capabilities.

There is \$20 million available under this announcement. Please refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Appendix B for information on funding levels by project type, and application track.

The FY21 TVTP Grant Program will prioritize cost-effective programs and projects, and those which provide a detailed needs analysis and propose to collect and report on required performance measures. DHS will assess funded projects for promising practices and make them available in a replicable form for other communities or sectors. DHS is seeking to achieve diversity among geographical locations, applicant type, and project type. The period of performance is 24 months, starting October 1, 2021.

The application period opened on March 24, 2021 and will close on May 25, 2021 at 5:00:00 PM ET. Applicants should consult the NOFO for more specific information about the process. Applying for this grant is a multi-step process and it is recommended that applicants begin that process early in order to allow sufficient time to complete the interim steps. Applicants can register early with the Non-Disaster Grants Management System (ND Grants) and are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of this announcement. Early registration will allow applicants to have adequate time to start and complete their application.

For more information, please see the relevant NOFO posting on Grants.gov and the TVTP Grant Program site on DHS.gov <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants">https://www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants</a>.

DHS will host informational webinars to discuss the main elements of the NOFO and will take general questions from interested applicants. Please use the following links to join the webinars:

- 2/24 2:00PM EDT Wednesday
- <u>2/26 2:00PM EDT Friday</u>
- <u>3/30 2:00PM EDT Tuesday</u>
- <u>4/1 2:00PM EDT Thursday</u>

For questions about the TVTP Grant Program, please contact the Office for Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention at <a href="mailto:TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.gov">TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.gov</a>.

To view and/or receive ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, Native Voices, click here!

#### Climate Change/Energy

#### On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy

Applications Due: Not Applicable Eligible Entities: tribal governments

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from

DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

Join NCAI's Climate Action email listserv here!

Sign up for the Alliance for Green Heat's newsletter!

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#### **Indoor Air Quality**

#### **Resource for Healthy Indoor Air Quality**

Check out the website <a href="https://forhealth.org/">https://forhealth.org/</a> for many resources related to healthy homes and indoor air quality!

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to Funding Opportunities! Additionally, THHN has developed a Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities.

## Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register can be <u>found here</u>.

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