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Indian Country Today – [Lawsuit challenges ‘government-sanctioned climate change’](#)



One of the young plaintiffs is Jaime Lynn Butler, 18. Her profile says she has been working to protect the Earth since she was 4. Photo credit: Cronkite News

TOP STORIES

The NTAA Publishes New Webpage for the Mobile Sources Work Group

The NTAA Mobile Sources Work Group was formed to address pollution and emissions issues stemming from transportation and other mobile sources. A [webpage with information about mobile sources](#) has been created. Monthly work group calls for Tribes are typically held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm ET; July’s meeting date has been altered to July 11 to avoid the 4th of July holiday. The specifics that this work group will address are still under

development. To receive information and provide input, please contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu or Dara.Marks-Marino@nau.edu.

OAR's National Program Guidance and Response now available

OAR's Final FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidance and Response to public comments are attached and have been [posted online here](#). In addition to NTAA's comments, OAR received comments from AAPCA, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, NACAA, the Tribal Co-Chair of Region 9's Regional Tribal Operations Committee, and the Environmental Council of States.

Reuters – [U.S. EPA top career auto official moving to head climate office](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Rolling Stone – [Standing Rock Fights On: Tribal Activism Goes Solar](#)

Nunatsiaq News – [Iqaluit students walk out of school, demanding action on climate change](#)

Cronkite News – [Tribal leaders, lawmakers push bill to ban mining near Grand Canyon](#)

Inside Climate News – [Fumes from the Petroleum Tanks in this Port City Never Seem to Go Away. Are They Dangerous?](#)

AP – [New Mexico plans meetings for new methane rules](#)

E&E News – [States, greens push court to block methane rule change](#)

Business Mirror – [Air pollution causes 1 in 8 deaths worldwide: It threatens biodiversity and human survival](#)

High Country News – [Interior Department's coal reboot ignores tribes and curtails public input](#)

Indianz – [Harold Frazier: Keystone XL Pipeline threatens treaty territory](#)

Indianz – [Native Sun News Today: Tribes object to Keystone XL Pipeline man camps](#)

Native Sun News – [KXL Pipeline: Time's up for comment on 'tribally important' areas](#)

Cronkite News – [Power to the people: Utilities from around the U.S. pitch in to bring electricity to Navajos](#)

Colorlines – [Trump Administration Seeks More Prison Time For Pipeline Protestors](#)

E&E News – [EPA: 'Enforce the laws' – ex-chiefs come before Congress](#)

National Association of Clean Air Agencies – [Washington Update](#)

Climate Change/Energy

NPR – [TED Radio Hour: Climate Crisis](#)

Houston Chronicle – [Carbon removal machines entice politicians, even as cost projections run high](#)

CNN – [Washington Post: White House blocked State Department agency from warning about climate change](#)

ENN – [Adjusting Carbon Emissions to the Paris Climate Commitments Would Prevent Thousands of Heat-Related Deaths](#)

Utility Dive – [Bloomberg commits \\$500M to phasing out coal, halting new gas plants](#)

E&E News – [Mich. utility gets OK for landmark plan to ditch coal](#)

Climate Change News – [IEA develops pathway to ambitious 1.5C climate goal](#)

NY Times – [Judges Give Both Sides a Grilling in Youth Climate Case Against the Government](#)

E&E News – [Wheeler targets ‘worst-case’ climate scenario](#)

E&E News – [DOE funds research to boost solar for low-income families](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NY Times – [Automakers Tell Trump His Pollution Rules Could Mean ‘Untenable’ Instability and Lower Profits](#)

NPR – [Carmakers To White House: Work With California On Rules For Greenhouse Gases](#)

E&E News – [Nuclear Waste: N.M. governor on interim storage plan: ‘Economic malpractice’](#)

Indoor Air Quality

The Conversation – [From Paris to Shanghai, citizens are largely unaware of indoor air pollution risks](#)

Phys.org – [Researchers uncover indoor pollution hazards](#)

Be sure to subscribe to [EPA's IAQ Bulletins](#)

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Notice of Proposed Amendments for Solvent Extraction for Vegetable Oil Production

On June 11, 2019, EPA proposed minor amendments to the Solvent Extraction for Vegetable Oil Production National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air pollutants (NESHAP). EPA conducted a risk and technology review and determined that risks for this source category are acceptable and identified no improvements in technologies, processes or practices that would result in further emission reductions. The proposed action clarifies that the standards are applicable during periods of startup, shutdown and malfunctions, and will improve monitoring, compliance and implementation. A pre-publication version of the [notice and a summary fact sheet are available here](#).

Tribal Consultation Opportunity on EPA’s “Draft Guidance for allocating the Multipurpose Grant (MPG) for eligible Tribes” from the Office of International and Tribal Affairs. Start date: 6/17/19; End date: 7/12/19

This is a courtesy announcement that the USEPA intends to consult with tribal governments on the above mentioned action. This announcement is being sent both to tribal governments' representatives and other organizations such as EPA's tribal partnership groups that may also be interested in this action. Official notification of consultation will be sent to tribal governments potentially affected by this action. To obtain additional information about this action and other EPA consultations on going or planned [Click here to open "published list of consultations"](#)

Earth Challenge 2020

April 22nd, 2020, marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. In recognition, a group of partners are launching [Earth Challenge 2020](#) as the world’s largest coordinated citizen science campaign. We hope to bring together millions of people in collecting and sharing one billion data points in six areas: air quality, drinking water, plastics pollution, insect populations, climate change, and food security. We’re looking to partner with people who work in one of the research areas, or have complementary expertise, including the ability to interweave different forms of knowledge or help develop technologies. Email Sarah Newman, Research Team Coordinator, at sarah.newman@colostate.edu to start a conversation.

Estimating the Mortality Burden of Fine Particulate Matter Exposure Attributable to Indoor and Outdoor Microenvironments

Hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Date and Time: Thursday, June 13, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EDT

Exposure to fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) is associated with increased mortality. Epidemiology studies typically use outdoor PM_{2.5} concentrations to estimate exposure, but the majority of PM_{2.5} exposure in the United States occurs indoors and in other microenvironments. In this webinar, we will present a framework for estimating the total U.S. mortality burden attributable to indoor and outdoor PM_{2.5} exposure in the primary microenvironments in which people spend most of their time. Register for [Estimating the Mortality Burden of Fine Particulate Matter Exposure Attributable to Indoor and Outdoor Microenvironments](#).

June 18, 2PM (ET) - EPA Grants Award Process

EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment is hosting a webinar for the EPA grants community. The webinar will cover grants topics, including: how to find and apply

for grant opportunities; EPA's Grants.gov requirement; and preparing a proper budget detail. In addition, EPA will be hosting a Q&A session during the second half of the webinar. You do not need to register. If you wish to attend, just go to the following link a few minutes before the webinar starts: [Grant Award Process Webinar](#).

Webinar: Environmental Education and Indigenous Knowledge, presented by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) [Register here](#).

Tuesday, July 2, 4:00-5:00 PM ET. We look forward to you joining us for the next installment of NAAEE's monthly webinar series. The presenter for this webinar is [Megan Bang](#) Associate Professor in Education and Indigenous Studies, Northwestern University. She will focus on the intersection of environmental education and indigenous knowledge. This is an opportunity to gain a new perspective on the depth of our field and shaping culturally inclusive environmental education opportunities. This webinar is free of charge. For more information, please contact Colby Parkinson at colby@naaee.org or (202) 419-0412.

Region 9 Tribal/EPA Conference October 21-24, hosted by the Ak-Chin Tribe
Presenter Submission Information: deadline to submit a presentation is July 15

We hope you are excited for the upcoming conference! We are still looking for presentations for the 27th Annual EPA Region 9/ Tribal Conference. We would like the presentations to focus on topics such as: Land, Air, Solid Waste, Community Resiliency and Multi-Media. If you would like to submit a presentation proposal, [click here to submit a presentation!](#)

Tribal Success Posters Information: deadline to submit a poster is September 16

Tribal Success Posters are a way to showcase the environmental projects and achievements that your tribe has accomplished. The posters will be on display throughout the conference for all attendees to see! If you would like to get some inspiration in to making your own success poster, please [click here for a sample template, examples and submission location](#).

Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET

[For more information, click here!](#)

Registration is open for the 2019 Tribal Lands & Environment Forum!

August 19-22, 2019 in Palm Springs, California

You can visit http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef where you'll be able to register, submit session proposals, and find out information about travel and lodging options. This year we'll be in beautiful Palm Springs, California. Sure, it's August in the desert, but given the hard winter many of you have dealt with this year, we figured this might help you thaw out! We have some really exciting new options for you this year. Over the last few months, we've been working with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, as well as several other Tribes in the Palm Springs area, on some special field trips and cultural events that you won't want to miss. Also, for the first time, we're putting together a noon-time event on Wednesday that will feature a special guest. More details on those activities will be coming soon. We're all very much looking forward to seeing you at this year's TLEF! [More information here!](#)

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 Andy.Bessler@nau.edu 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.

Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country	Thursday, June 20, 2pm ET
NTAA/EPA Air Policy Update Call: Receive air quality policy updates from EPA and NTAA	Thursday, June 27, 2pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: A 3-part webinar series will replace the regular work group calls for the next few months. See below under "Indoor Air Quality" for more information.	Wednesday, July 10, 3pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: Formerly the VW Work Group, this Work Group will address all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, July 11, 2pm ET

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's (ITEP's) [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars and other events related to tribes and climate change.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's other trainings and events.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's [2019 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
Air Pollution and Ecosystems	July 23-26	Flagstaff, AZ	2
R and Environmental Data Analysis	August 6-8	Temecula, CA	3
Treatment as a State (TAS)	September 10-11	TBD	2
Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	TBD	TBD	1
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	TBD	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	Anytime	6 recorded webinars	NA
Indoor Air Quality – Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	In development	Online	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online	1
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online	1
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Fundamentals (QA 101)	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201-209)	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online	3

Note: This schedule is subject to change. [Click here](#) for up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications. If you have questions regarding the pre-requisites or your eligibility for a course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator,

at Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

Climate Change / Energy

ENERGY STAR webinars

June 12 and 26, Noon (ET) – Portfolio Manager: Ask the Expert

Most Wednesdays ENERGY STAR holds a live webinar that gives all Portfolio Manager users an opportunity to ask their questions directly to EPA experts in an open forum.

[Register](#)

June 12, 1 PM (ET) – Just Add WaterSense to Your Energy Efficiency Efforts

If you're just focusing on energy, you may be leaving money on the table. Join us to learn how to incorporate water into your energy management activities by assessing your facility's water use and identifying areas of water waste. Find out what it takes to make your building more water-efficient from simple, low-cost changes to larger-scale improvements and how WaterSense tools can help you start maximizing your savings and building performance.

[Register](#)

June 18, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 201

Continue to learn about EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool with a deeper dive into more advanced functionalities such as: editing property data; correcting and updating property use details; using the data quality checker; and sharing property data.

[Register](#)

June 27, Noon (ET) – Portfolio Manager 301

With a good background on the basic functionality of EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool, learn about some advanced features including: using spreadsheet upload templates to update property data; setting goals and targets to plan energy improvements for properties; creating custom reports; and using the Sustainable Buildings Checklist.

[Register](#)

June 13, 2 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager & GRITS: Announcing a new initiative to help institutions better track energy efficiency projects

This webinar will highlight the complementary benefits of the U.S. EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool and the GRITS platform for tracking

building-level and project-level data, respectively. The Sustainable Endowments Institute, a new ENERGY STAR Partner, is launching an initiative that provides Portfolio Manager users in city/county/state governments, healthcare, higher education, and K-12 schools with access to a free version of GRITS. GRITS is a project-management platform used by nearly 800 institutions to calculate, track, and share the energy, financial, and carbon savings data from their sustainability projects. With a broad range of users across sectors, both Portfolio Manager and GRITS are leading tools being used by institutions to better manage their energy and carbon data. The webinar will include presentations on both platforms as well as a case study from the State of Vermont as both a Portfolio Manager and GRITS user.

[Register](#)

**Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs webinars
June 26, 1 PM (ET) - Jobs and Economic Development from Tribal Energy
Projects**

Among the benefits of energy project development to tribal communities are the jobs and economic development that come with local investment. This webinar will share tools and methods tribes can use to estimate the jobs and broader economic benefits of energy projects. The webinar will also feature case studies from tribes that have successfully created jobs and economic development through energy development.

[Register](#)

**National Renewable Energy Laboratory webinars
July 10, 1 PM (ET) – Up to the Challenge: Communities Deploy Solar in
Underserved Markets**

This webinar will discuss new research on low-income community solar projects and programs. The U.S. Department of Energy launched the Solar in Your Community Prize Challenge in 2016. DOE selected 178 teams spanning 40 states with the goal to deploy 1,600 megawatts of solar by 2020. The [new NREL research](#) provides a summary of the key lessons learned and takeaways for other communities interested in replicating these approaches nationwide. This webinar will provide summary results from NREL's research along with insights from two winning teams – The CARE Project and Kerrville Area Solar Partners.

[Register](#)

USET Climate Resilience Summit August 27-29, Verona, NY

USET will be holding its Climate Resilience Summit August 27-29 at the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY, on the Oneida Indian Nation. For registration please [follow this link](#). This summit is meant to bring Tribal experts and partners together to share knowledge and best practices in building climate change resilience. Presenters and facilitators will include:

- * Tribal Nations with climate adaptation plans
- * Local practitioners in resilience building
- * Partners from the Northeast & Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Centers

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

CLEAN AIR SPACES: Indoor Air Filtration to Protect Public Health During Wildland Fire Smoke Episodes Web-based Summit

Date/Time: June 12-13, beginning at 7:30 AK/8:30 PDT and ending at noon AK/1 pm PDT on each day.

What are the Knowns and Unknowns?

Web Summit hosted by U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development, Air and Energy National Research Program

Purpose: To share current knowledge about the effectiveness of indoor air filtration approaches (central air handling and standalone portable air cleaners) to reduce indoor air pollution concentrations during wildland fire smoke events.

Attendees: This event is open to registered attendees interested in the topic. We anticipate a diverse audience, including representatives from local, state, tribal, and federal government organizations, the scientific research community, and nonprofit organizations.

This is a free event; however, registration is required and space is limited. For additional information and event registration [click here](#). Please register by June 7.

NIHB Presents: Climate Change and Indoor Air Quality webinar

Date and Time: Friday, June 14, 2019 from 1-2 pm ET

(Event begins at 12 pm CT, 11 pm MT, 10 pm PT, and 9 am AK time)

[Register here!](#)

The National Indian Health Board is pleased to announce another Climate and Health Learning Community webinar, Climate Change and Indoor Air Quality. In

this webinar, we will explore three methods for communicating risk and reducing exposure during wildfires. With increasing frequency and severity of wildfires, in addition to ongoing woodsmoke challenges, thousands of Tribal families are impacted by unhealthy ambient and indoor air quality. The Tribal Healthy Homes Network and the Tulalip Tribes will provide new research and practices that they are testing in the field (residential, school and worksite) to protect human health, including:

1. The use of low-cost, do-it-yourself air cleaners (“box fans”): how to build them, who should have them in their homes, and what the data says about particle reduction and efficacy of air filtration.
2. The use of low-cost air quality sensors to measure fine particulate levels at both outdoor and indoor sites in your community, and issues with instrument calibration and data display (relative to AQI - Air Quality Index).
3. The use of strategic, tailored risk communication practices during episodes, including smoke blogs, text alerts, customized public health messages, and expansion of the flag program.

This webinar is hosted as part of the Climate and Health Learning Community and is open to the public. Anyone is also invited to join the [learning community](#) to receive information about future events. Signing up for the webinar will add you automatically to the learning community listserv. The learning community is part of the [Climate Ready Tribes](#) initiative, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Each person who attends at least two learning community events will earn a professional development certificate. Please note that you will need to substantially attend each webinar - at least 45 minutes of a one hour presentation - in order to be counted present.

HUD Webinar, June 20, at 2:00 pm: Serving Native Americans with Healthy Homes Resources

Presenters: Michael Goldschmidt, Director – National Healthy Homes Partnership; and Art Nash, Associate Professor, School of Natural Resources and Extension, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Target Audience: OLHCHH tribal grantees; a variety of stakeholders serving Native Americans.

Purpose: This webinar will highlight four new tribal publications and related app being developed through OLHCHH and USDA NIFA, with extensive input from a cross section of stakeholders and tribes. The webinar will briefly describe the process used to develop these educational materials and the prototype tribal app, and delivery/dissemination plan.

- Content includes a 15-minute review of the scope of the outreach effort/publications; and how the materials are tailored to four audiences across Indian Country.
- New Tribal App Sneak Peek.
- 5 minutes on the prototype of the tribal app and how it will work, and benefits.
- How to access, contribute and use these resources.

Theme Focus: Highlights some common healthy homes in Native American homes; how to get started in 5 minutes!

To register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4179992863226382595>

NTAA’s Indoor Air Quality Work Group Presents an Informational Webinar: Policy Tools to Address Vaping and E-Cigarettes in Tribal Communities on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 2:00 pm ET

This webinar will explore vaping and e-cigarettes and how Tribes can create and utilize policy tools to reduce IAQ threats from this emerging trend in tobacco use. The 1 ½ hour-long webinar will include speakers from the California Department of Public Health’s Tobacco Control Program (CDPH). You can [register here](#).

Be sure to subscribe to [CodeTalk](#), HUD’s Office of Native American Programs newsletter, for webinars and opportunities!

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RESOURCES

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To view and/or receive ITEP’s American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, [Native Voices, click here!](#)

Climate Change/Energy

Sign up for the [Alliance for Green Heat](#)’s newsletter!

To view and/or receive ITEP’s [Climate Change newsletter, click here!](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

June Is National Healthy Homes Month

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) joins the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD) in recognizing June as National Healthy Homes Month. Take this opportunity to learn about the relationship between indoor air, housing and health. Check out the [resources](#) available to advocates of healthy housing. [EPA's Indoor Environments Division](#) shares HUD's goal of ensuring healthy homes by maintaining healthy indoor air. The following strategies will help to maintain and improve your home's indoor air quality (IAQ):

- [Source Control](#)—Eliminate pollution sources or reduce emissions. For example, adjust emissions from gas stoves and eliminate sources of mold and moisture.
- [Better Ventilation](#)—Use exhaust fans when cooking or showering.
- [Filters and Air Cleaners](#)—Change the filter in your heating/cooling system, following the manufacturer's recommendations. Using an air-cleaning device also may be an option.

You can improve your home's air quality by [using "green" cleaning products](#), [not smoking indoors](#), [testing your home for radon](#) and [upgrading your heating and cooling systems](#) to be cleaner and more energy efficient, among many [other actions](#).

Celebrate National Healthy Homes Month with EPA's Indoor Environments Division and HUD! Follow the links below to resources that can help you improve your home's IAQ:

- [Protect the IAQ in Your Home: What You Can Do Now](#)
- [Interactive Mold House Tour](#)
- [The Healthy Homes Program](#)

Announcing New Webpages to Help You Protect Your Family From Wildfire Smoke Indoors

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor Environments Division is pleased to announce the availability of two new webpages with information to help you protect your family from wildfire smoke indoors:

- [Wildfires and Indoor Air Quality](#)
- [Create a Clean Room to Protect Indoor Air Quality During a Wildfire](#)

If you live in an area where the [wildfire risk is high](#), being [prepared](#) for fire season is especially important for the health of children, older adults, and people with heart or lung disease. Visit these webpages to learn about—

- How to adjust your heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system or air conditioner to keep smoke out.

- What to look for in a [portable air cleaner or high-efficiency HVAC filter](#).
- How to set up a clean room in case you need to stay indoors at home during periods of heavy smoke.
- What you can do to avoid creating [fine particles indoors](#) if you are affected by wildfire smoke.

To learn more about protecting your indoor air and health, visit www.epa.gov/iaq. For current fire conditions and additional resources on wildfires and smoke, visit the [AirNow Fires: Current Conditions](#) page.

Be sure to sign up for [EPA's Healthy Indoor Air newsletter](#).

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

1854 Treaty Authority is hiring a Climate Specialist

Deadline to apply: June 21, 2019

[More information here.](#)

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USDA AMS Farmers Market Promotion Program – \$11.5 million

Applications Due: June 18, 2019

Eligible Entities Include: Food councils, local governments, public benefit corporations, regional farmers market authorities, tribal governments

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), requests applications for the fiscal year 2019 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). FMPP's purpose is to help support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct-producer-to consumer markets to help increase access and availability to locally and regionally produced agricultural products. AMS will competitively award grants to eligible applicants for projects that meet the purpose of this grant program. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

USDA AMS Local Food Promotion Program – \$115 million

Applications Due: June 18, 2019

Eligible Entities Include: Food councils, local governments, public benefit corporations, regional farmers market authorities, tribal governments

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), requests applications for the fiscal year 2019 Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP). LFPP's purpose is to help support the development, coordination, and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to help increase access and availability to locally and regionally produced agricultural products. AMS will competitively award grants to eligible applicants for projects that meet the purpose of the grant program. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

DOI FWS Multistate Conservation Grant Program – \$6 million

Applications Due: July 26, 2019

Eligible Entities: state governments

The primary goal of the Multistate Conservation Grant Program is to provide grant funds to address regional or national priority needs (National Conservation Needs or NCNs) of the State fish and wildlife agencies (States) and their partners that are beyond the scope and capabilities of a single State. Projects awarded funding are published annually in the Federal Register. Projects funded through the MSCGP provide grant funds to address regional or national level priority needs of the States that are beyond the scope and capabilities of a single State. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Grants Program

On May 7, 2019, the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) published the [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#) for the [Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\) Competitive Grants Program](#). This NOFA announces the availability of \$198 million for competitive grants to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities eligible to receive IHBG funding under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.).

To assist tribes in preparing their applications, HUD's Area Offices of Native American Programs (AONAPs) are holding in-person trainings on the grants program. The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) has scheduled on-site and in-person trainings on IHBG Competitive Grants Program NOFA eligibility and requirements. The trainings will take place at all six (6) AONAP locations, as follows:

AONAP Office	City	State	Scheduled Training Dates
Northern Plains	Denver	CO	June 11–12, 2019

Alaska	Anchorage	AK	June 12–13, 2019
Northwest	Seattle	WA	June 18–19, 2019
Southwest	Phoenix	AZ	June 19–20, 2019
Southern Plains	Oklahoma City	OK	June 25–26, 2019
Eastern Woodlands	Chicago	IL	July 9–10, 2019

Your AONAP office will be in touch soon with details such as registration, location and times. ONAP staff will provide the training and cover NOFA requirements, including threshold requirements, technical rating factors and post-award reporting requirements. There will be opportunities to ask questions. Applications are due August 8, 2019. These funds can be used for a range of housing work, which could include rehabilitation work that improves indoor air quality. Apply at www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=315659. Please locate and read the Dear Tribal Leader letter [here](#).

DOI FWS State Wildlife Grant Program – \$1 million

Applications Due: August 31, 2020

Eligible Entities: state governments

The State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program provides States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and Territories (States) Federal grant funds for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. Eligible activities include both conservation planning and implementation activities. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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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](#).

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