

Tribal Health Care Providers Can Use Federal Funding to Reduce Operating Costs and Improve Resilience

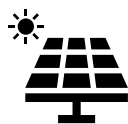
HHS is committed to advancing the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The **Inflation Reduction Act** offers billions of dollars that can support the mission of Tribal health care providers by improving emergency preparedness and lowering operating expenses. This resource was created to inform health care providers that are not operated by the Indian Health Service.

Investments to Support Tribal Health Care Providers

The tax credits listed below are eligible for "elective pay," meaning that **tax-exempt entities, Alaska Native Corporations, and Tribal governments (including a political subdivision, agency or instrumentality)** can receive a payment equal to the full value of the credits. In general, the grant and loan programs listed below can be used for the same project as the tax credits, subject to certain requirements and limitations.

On-Site Renewable Energy Generation

On-site energy generation can save money and ensure consistent power for the facility, even in an emergency.



The **Investment Tax Credit for Energy Property** can support investments such as solar, small wind, energy storage, microgrid controllers, and combined heat and power. With the **Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit**, the tax credit amount increases if certain requirements are met, including if a solar or wind energy facility is located on Indian land.

Low-Emissions Transportation

Funding for low-emissions transportation can support fleet investments such as mobile clinics.



The **Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit** is for charging stations using fuels including electricity and ethanol in non-urban and/or low-income areas.



The **Credit for Qualified Commercial Clean Vehicles** is for purchasers of qualified clean vehicles, including passenger vehicles, buses, and ambulances.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund loans can also support investments across the categories listed above. The Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Network is one of the Fund's hubs and will use \$400 million to support distributed energy generation, net-zero buildings, and zero-emissions transportation projects in Native communities nationwide.

Community Resilience Investments

Addressing environmental health needs can improve community wellbeing and resilience.



The **Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program** can fund partnerships – including partnerships between a community-based non-profit organization and a federally-recognized Tribe – to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to respond to environmental and climate justice challenges. For example, the Program can offer grants for the creation of or upgrades to community-level resilience hubs.

The above programs are administered by the Department of the Treasury and Environmental Protection Agency.



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