# Indigenous Communities
*Economic Development Administration*
*American Rescue Plan Act funding*

## INVESTING IN AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES

**$3 billion** in American Rescue Plan funding allows EDA to lead an unprecedented approach to: *"prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus and for necessary expenses for responding to economic injury as a result of coronavirus."*

**EDA's American Rescue Plan programs are designed to:**

1. Accelerate the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic
2. Build local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks

# $3 billion in American Rescue Plan funding to invest in:

| Jobs for Today | Communities Built for All | Regions for the Future |
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*Good Jobs Challenge*

*Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation*

*Economic Adjustment Assistance*

**Indigenous Communities**

*Coal Communities Commitment*

*Build Back Better Regional Challenge*

*Statewide Planning, Research, & Networks*

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# $100 million for Indigenous Communities

*The Indigenous Communities program recognizes that Native communities have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus pandemic, in health and economic impacts.* **The _only_ eligible entities are:**

## Indian Tribes or a consortium of Tribes

State-recognized Tribes, unrecognized Tribes, and non-profits that do not fall within the definition of "Indian Tribe" are not eligible.

## Public/private nonprofit organizations/associations serving:

Native Hawaiians, Native Pacific Islanders of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau

*Tribes and other eligible entities may also apply for funding under any other American Rescue Plan Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).*

# Indigenous Communities Definition

***Under EDA's regulations, the term "Indian Tribe" includes:***

- the governing body of an Indian Tribe

- a non-profit Indian corporation (restricted to Indians)

- an Indian authority

- any other non-profit Indian tribal organization or entity; provided that the Indian tribal organization or entity is wholly owned by, and established for the benefit of, the Indian Tribe

> *EDA is considering updating its regulatory definition of "Indian Tribe" to include for-profit corporations that are wholly owned by and exist for the benefit of Tribes.*
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> *There will be a notification if EDA decides to move forward with that change.*

# Award Timeline

**July 2021**      Applications accepted

*Rolling competitive grant applications and awards*

**Sept 30, 2022**    All funds must be obligated

**May 31, 2027**     Period of performance must end to allow for close out

# Similarities to EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

- A wide range Economic Adjustment Assistance project types are eligible, including planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, revolving loan funds, public works, and infrastructure projects.

- EDA encourages application submissions based on long-term, regionally oriented, coordinated, and collaborative economic development or redevelopment strategies that foster economic growth and resilience.

- Any project that supports recovery from the economic effects of the pandemic is eligible.
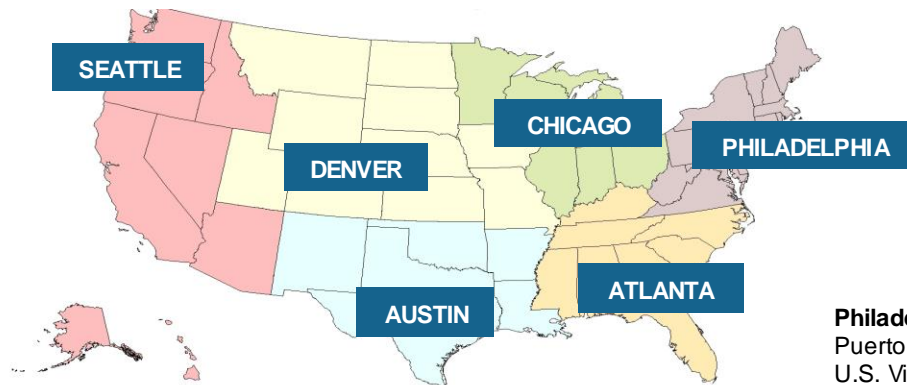
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# Differences for Indigenous Communities

- A wider range of projects are eligible:
  - Foundational economic infrastructure: broadband, energy, roads, water, and wastewater
  - Vocational and higher education facilities
  - Community health facilities, even if the connection to job creation is indirect
  - ★ ***Note:** Projects that directly support casinos or requests to replace lost revenue remain ineligible.*
- All awards will be made at 100% grant rate.
- Applicants are not required to demonstrate committed beneficiaries or provide signed ED-900Bs to be competitive.
- EDA will reimburse certain pre-award project costs.
  - Includes Preliminary Engineering Reports preparation and environmental and historic preservation requirement compliance costs.

# Next Steps to Apply

1. **Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** and Eligibility Requirements: https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/

2. **Find your Economic Development District** for planning support and technical assistance: https://eda.gov/resources/directory/

3. **Email your questions** about the American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities program to indigenous@eda.gov



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# More Questions?

Visit www.eda.gov/arpa to learn more about the American Rescue Plan programs and find contact information for each.