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Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$72 Million from President's Investing in America Agenda to Electrify Homes Across Indian Country with Clean Energy

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Funding will close access-to-electricity gap in 21 Tribal communities

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WASHINGTON — Today, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced \$72 million from President Biden's Investing in America agenda to help Tribal communities electrify homes. This investment from the Inflation Reduction Act — the largest ever investment in climate — is a critical step toward the goal of electrifying all homes in the United States with clean energy sources and advances the Biden-Harris administration's work to reach a carbon pollution-free electricity sector by 2035.

This first round of funding from the Office of Indian Affairs' [Tribal Electrification Program](#) will provide financial and technical assistance to 21 Tribes to connect homes to transmission and distribution that is powered by clean energy; provide electricity to unelectrified Tribal homes through zero-emissions energy systems; transition electrified Tribal homes to zero-emissions energy systems; and support associated home repairs and retrofitting necessary to install the zero-emissions energy systems. The program will also support clean energy workforce development opportunities in Indian Country.

“Every home deserves to have access to reliable, affordable electricity – and now, with historic investments from President Biden's Investing in America agenda, we're bringing much-needed resources to Indian Country to electrify homes with abundant clean energy sources,” said **Secretary Deb Haaland**. “As we implement this new and innovative program, we will continue to support Tribal communities as they work to develop their electricity infrastructure and help meet our shared clean energy goals.”

Secretary Haaland made the announcement during a visit to the Hopi Tribe in Arizona, which is receiving \$4.2 million through these awards. The visit comes as Secretary Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland conclude a multi-day trip that included visits with the White Mountain Apache and the Pueblo of Zuni in New Mexico to highlight how historic resources from the President’s Investing in America agenda are supporting Indigenous communities.

“Indian Country’s revitalization and future depends on Tribal households, schools and businesses having access to clean, reliable power,” said **Assistant Secretary Newland**. “The Tribal Electrification Program is important for providing Tribes a much-needed boost to their efforts of closing the access-to-electricity gap in their communities.”

In 2000, the Energy Information Administration [issued a report](#) which estimated that 14 percent of households on Native American reservations had no access to electricity, which was 10 times higher than the national average. In 2022, the Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy [issued a report](#) citing that 16,805 total Tribal homes were unelectrified, with most being in the Southwest region and Alaska. By recognizing that each Tribe has its own energy-and electrification-related needs and implementation capacity, this program will meet the unique needs of individual Tribal communities.

The Tribal Electrification Program also advances the Biden-Harris administration’s [Justice40 Initiative](#), which was established by President Biden as part of his January 2021 Executive Order 14008, *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*, and which set the goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that have been marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution, including federally recognized Tribal Nations, which are recognized as Justice40 communities.

The 2024 grant recipients are:

Tribal Electrification Program Grant Recipients		
Tribes or Tribal Organization	State	Funding
Levelock Village	Alaska	\$333,813
Kootznoowoo, Incorporated	Alaska	\$500,000
Chickaloon Native Village	Alaska	\$7,767,520
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Alaska	\$9,922,060
San Carlos Apache Tribe	Arizona	\$360,000
Hopi Utilities Corporation	Arizona	\$4,200,000

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	Arizona, New Mexico and Utah	\$10,000,000
Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, Colusa Rancheria	California	\$250,000
Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians	California	\$250,000
Yurok Tribe	California	\$3,271,068
Guidiville Rancheria of California	California	\$3,552,350
Shoshone Paiute Tribes	Idaho and Nevada	\$525,000
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Kansas	\$305,000
Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska	Kansas	\$9,400,000
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Minnesota	\$295,000
Prairie Island Indian Community	Minnesota	\$500,000
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	Minnesota	\$600,000
Pueblo of Santa Ana	New Mexico	\$14,500,000
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	South Dakota	\$1,000,000
Quinault Indian Nation	Washington	\$3,650,000
Eastern Shoshone Housing Authority	Wyoming	\$1,000,000
Total		\$72,181,811

A second round of funding availability is expected to be announced in the spring of 2024.

For more information, visit the [BIA's interactive map](#) on projects in Tribal communities funded through the bureau under the Investing in America agenda.

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