



# **Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program**

## Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021



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# Tribal Outreach

- NTIA staff conducted made numerous calls to Tribal governments
- Conducted over 50 regional speaking engagements
- Hosted 10 webinars
- Created 5 Frequently Asked Questions documents

Link: <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/resources/tribal-nations>

# Summary of Applications

- NTIA received more than 280 applications
- Total of over \$5 billion in funding requests

## *Summary of potential curing needs*

- Project narrative
- Indirect cost rate
- Budget narrative or justification
- Standard federal forms

Link to press release: <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/press-release/2021/ntia-s-tribal-broadband-connectivity-program-receives-more-280-applications-over>

# Next steps: Application Review Process

The review process is divided into three stages:

## **1. *Initial Administrative and Eligibility Review***

- Determine eligibility, completeness, and responsiveness to programmatic requirements
- 7 calendar days to cure any application deficiencies

## **2. *Merit Review***

- Two objective reviewers will score applications based on evaluation criteria provided in Section E.1. of NOFO
- 14 calendar days to cure any application deficiencies

## **3. *Programmatic Review***

- NTIA will review applications determined to be qualified for funding during Merit Review for conformity with programmatic objectives, requirements, and priorities
- 10 calendar days to cure any application deficiencies

# Upcoming Dates

- NTIA expects to complete its review, selection of successful applicants, and award processing by late November 2021
- NTIA expected the earliest start date for TBCP awards to be mid-December 2021

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## **Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund** *for Tribal Governments*



## About This Briefing

The U.S. Department of the Treasury is providing this webinar and other resources for informational purposes.

The descriptions provided in this document are non-exhaustive, do not describe all terms and conditions associated with the use of Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (Capital Projects Fund), and do not describe all of the eligible and ineligible uses that may apply to this funding.

Any Capital Projects Fund funding received will be subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into by Treasury and the respective recipients, as is outlined by the guidance.

# Capital Projects Fund Overview

The Capital Projects Fund provides Tribal governments with access to funding to invest in capital projects to aid their response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Making funding available for broadband infrastructure is a priority of the fund.

On Monday September 20<sup>th</sup>, Treasury launched the Capital Projects Fund, and Treasury will accept applications from Tribal Governments beginning on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately \$167,504 has been allocated to each Tribal government.

## The Capital Projects Fund aims to:

- Directly **support recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency** by strengthening and improving infrastructure necessary for participation in work, education, and health monitoring that will last beyond the pandemic.
- Enable investments in capital assets designed to **address inequities in access to critical services**.
- Contribute to the Administration's goal to **provide every American with the modern infrastructure** necessary to access critical services, including a high-quality and affordable broadband internet connection.

# Use of Funds

Tribal governments have flexibility in selecting how they would like to deploy CPF funding to address critical needs identified within their communities.

## *Presumptively Eligible Uses*

### ✓ **Broadband Infrastructure Projects**

- Encouraged to serve **locations without access to reliable wireline speeds of 100 Mbps download / 20 Mbps upload**
- Designed to **deliver reliable service with minimum 100 Mbps download / 100 Mbps upload** unless impracticable

### ✓ **Digital Connectivity Technology Projects**

- Purchase or installation of devices, such as **tablets, desktop computers, and laptops made available to the public** through loan programs or use in public facilities
- Purchase or installation of **wi-fi equipment for public use**

### ✓ **Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects**

- Construction or improvement of **buildings designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring**

## *Case-by-Case Reviews*

Recipients may propose other uses and must demonstrate that the project:

- Invests in a capital asset that directly and jointly enables work, education, and health monitoring
- Addresses impacts of COVID-19
- Addresses a critical need in the community

## *Presumptively Ineligible Uses*

- General infrastructure projects like highways, bridges, transit systems, and ports
- General construction and improvement of hospitals or traditional schools

# How to Apply

## Tribal governments must complete a simple application to receive funding, including:

- Basic information to confirm eligibility (and must be signed by an authorized representative)
- Funds transfer information, including recipient's financial institution, address, phone, routing number, and account number (requires a valid SAM.gov account)
- A signed award agreement, and
- Information about the Tribal government's intended use of funds.

## Important Reminders

- **Application Opens:** October 1, 2021
- **Application Deadline:** June 1, 2022
  - Treasury may-reallocate unclaimed funds after June 1, 2022; Tribal governments are therefore encouraged to submit Applications well in advance of the deadline to allow remediation if needed
- Tribal governments must submit a request to receive funding even if they have previously requested funds from other programs through this portal.
- Tribal governments may apply jointly including via a Tribal consortium.
- **Resources:** Treasury has partnered with NTIA's Tribal Connectivity & Nation to Nation Coordination to provide applicants with support.
  - **Webinar for Tribal applicants:** October 6, 2021, 3:00 PM ET, slides can be found at [treasury.gov/CPF](https://www.treasury.gov/CPF)
  - An **application checklist** for Tribal governments is also hosted on the CPF website

# Thank you.



**For More Information:**

Please visit Treasury's Capital Projects Fund website [treasury.gov/CPF](https://treasury.gov/CPF)

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