



TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PORTAL TRAINING

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**NEW MEXICO
INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

OVERVIEW

- Eligibility
- Qualified / Unqualified projects
- Project Prioritization
- Funding Cap
- Project Period
- TIF Process
- TIF Portal Training

TRIBE AND PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

- Federally recognized Nations, Pueblos, or Tribes (NPTs) located in New Mexico or any of its governmental entities or subdivisions is eligible to apply for funding
- Projects must be entered into the ICIP prior to applying for TIF funds
 - Priority number on ICIP not applicable for TIF
- Each NPT must be in compliance with the Public Finance Accountability Act, 6-3B-1 to 6-3B-6 NMSA 1978, HB 493 Regular Session 2025, to be eligible to apply for funding



PUBLIC FINANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

- Effective July 1, 2025
- Annual audit completed for one of the last **two** fiscal years
- Grantee prepares action plan to address material weaknesses and significant deficiencies
- IAD supports Grantee to prepare and implement action plan
- Repeated material weaknesses and significant deficiencies for more than two consecutive fiscal years requires fiscal agent
- If Grantee is two years or more behind on audits, State Agency shall identify fiscal agent



QUALIFIED/UNQUALIFIED PROJECTS

QUALIFIED PROJECTS

- Water/Wastewater Facilities
- Water Systems Improvements
- Powerline Extensions
- Communication Tower
- Roads/Bridges
- Health Centers
- Emergency Buildings (EMS or Fire Station)
- Public Safety Buildings

UNQUALIFIED PROJECTS

- Vehicles
- Equipment
- Furniture

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

- Emphasis for TIF is on addressing specific **health, safety, welfare or economic development** needs
- Projects are ready to proceed within the time allotted for the grant
- **Demonstrate compliance** with requirements for grant funding (Reporting, Expenditures etc.)
- Supported by **other funding sources** or **in-kind** contribution in relation to the amount of the TIF Funding to complete the project

FUNDING CAPS

Project Category

Amount

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Planning | 15% of the total TIF allocation available |
| Design | 15% of the total TIF allocation available |
| Construction | 15% of the total TIF allocation available |

- Considerations when analyzing TIF grant request amount:
 - Can the project be phased?
 - Is this project ready? What is the readiness?
 - Does the NPT have active TIF projects and what is the status?

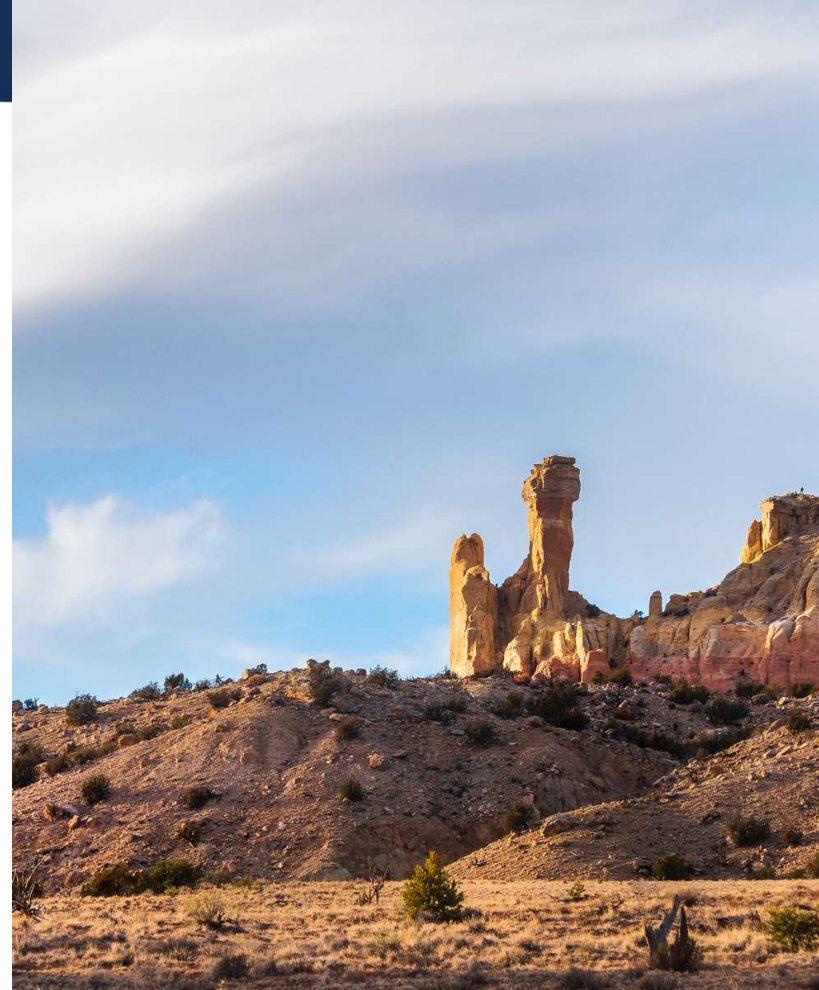
Per the TIF Guidelines:

Each tribe may apply for up to 15% of the total annual TIF allocation for a project. The Board reserves the right to alter this cap based on fund availability. The Board's alteration of this cap must be made at a Board meeting no later than the second quarter of each calendar year.

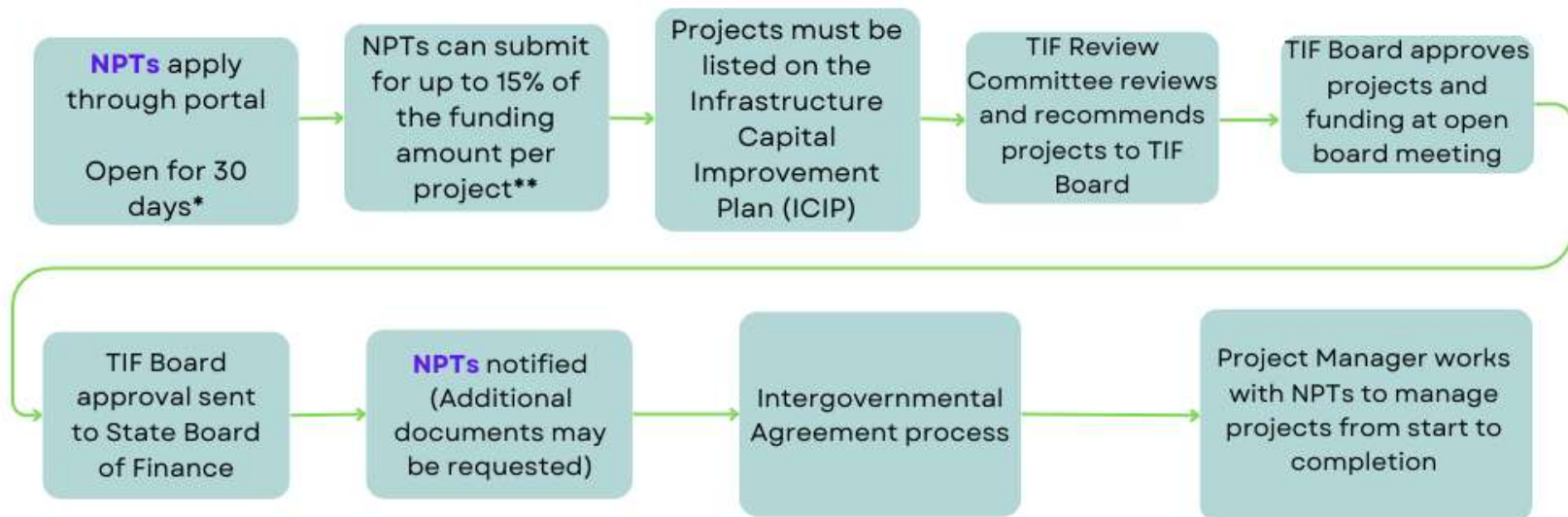


PROJECT PERIOD

- Planning projects must be completed by June 30 of the fiscal year two years following the fiscal year in which the award was granted.
- Design and Construction projects must be completed by June 30 of the fiscal year three years following the fiscal year in which the award was granted.
- Expiration date will be 06/30/Year
- Extension Request must be made 60 days before date of expiration of IGA.



TIF PROCESS



Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 6-29-7 (a)1 the Department of Finance Administration (DFA) administers TIF project funds.

DFA has an MOU with IAD in order for IAD to administer the funds to NPTs.

*Length of time for portal to be opened can be extended

**Percentage can be changed by TIF Board no later than second quarter of the year

TIF REVIEW COMMITTEE

- The TIF Review Committee (TRC) is a TIF Board Committee comprised of members of the Board and/or Staff designated from the various agencies represented on the Board, along with appropriate infrastructure experts as may be deemed necessary.
- The TIF Board Chair appoints the TRC chair.
- The TRC convenes and conducts an in-depth review of all project applications along with all supporting documentation based on the selection criteria set forth in the scoring metric.
- Tribal entities with top-ranking proposals are invited to make a short presentation to the Board outlining the proposed projects at a meeting of the Board.
- The TIF Review Committee (TRC) may, at its discretion, incorporate other review processes as it deems necessary provided that they will not affect the selection criteria or scoring metric.





APPLICATION SCORING METRIC

The TRC considers the following criteria and point system comprised of four (4) categories and a total of one hundred (100) possible points for each formal TIF project application:

- Critical Need (30 possible points): Projects that demonstrate a high degree of critical need with an emphasis on addressing specific health, safety, welfare, or economic development needs in accordance with the Act.
- Readiness (30 possible points): Projects are ready to proceed, clearly demonstrating all components and the ability to complete the project within the time allotted for the grant.
- Capacity (25 possible points): The Applicant has demonstrated timely expenditure and compliance with requirements for grant funding.
- Leveraging (15 possible points): Projects are supported by a high percentage of funds in relation to the amount of the TIF funding.

The Board votes on TIF awards in open meetings of the Board. The ability of the Board to make awards of grants under the Act is contingent upon the existence of sufficient funds in the Project Fund.

The Board's decision regarding TIF project awards shall be accepted by the applying tribe and shall be final.

QUESTIONS

- What are the maximum amounts to apply for?
- When, or if, those limits will change?
- Are there changes to submit NOOs?
- What is the best way to document the need and urgency for replacing failed or obsolete blowers at a wastewater treatment plant in a TIF application?

TIF APPLICATION PORTAL

- Create User Account/New User/Password
- Starting Application/Declaration/ICIP
- HB 493, 2025
- Critical Need
- Project Readiness
- Capacity
- Leveraging
- Reminders & Questions



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Thank you for visiting the New Mexico Indian Affairs (NM IAD) Department funding portal.

Please [log in](#) to access the funding applications.

Tribal Infrastructure (2/6/2026 - 3/13/2026)

Projects funded under this program include, but not limited to water and wastewater systems, roads, and electrical power lines. This is a competitive funding resource available to all federally recognized tribes, nations, and pueblos within New Mexico.

NEW QUESTIONS

New questions have been added. See below, under documents to download the TIF application questions.

REGISTER

If you didn't submit an application last year, you will need to create an account even if you had one from prior years before that. Click [here](#) to create your new account.

DOCUMENTS

Click [here](#) to download the TIF Portal User Guide.

Click [here](#) to download the TIF application questions.

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Create a new account.

First Name

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Select State

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Password

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Forgot password.

You will receive an email with a link to the password reset page. Make sure to check the spam/junk folders as well.

If you still haven't received the email in 30 minutes, please contact support@nmiad.us.

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DECLARATION

- ☐ I declare that we are federally recognized Indian nation, tribe, pueblo, or in the case of the Navajo Nation, a chapter. Check box if applicable.
- ☐ I declare that the proposed project we are seeking funding for is fully endorsed and supported by the tribal leadership as a current critical infrastructure need and is included in the 2027-2031 ICIP. Check box if applicable.
- ☐ I declare that we are able to receive and administer TIF grant funds should the project be funded. Check box if applicable.
- ☐ I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to represent the tribe for which the funding application is being submitted. Check box if applicable.

Signed by (enter email):

Position:

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TRIBE & PROJECT INFO

Tribal Entity:

If your tribe is not listed, please contact IAD at (505) 476-1600.

New Mexico county wherein project is located:

Project Type:

Legislative District:

[View information on legislative districts.](#)

Senate: ☐ House: ☐

Public Finance Accountability Act

[View Executive Order document](#)

Is the tribe currently in compliance with NMSA 1978, § 6-3B-1 et. seq.?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Project Title (100 characters):

Total estimated project cost:

Total amount of TIF funding requested:

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Provide the 2027-2031 ICIP identification number for the project (20 characters)

(Please note, projects not listed on the ICIP are ineligible for consideration)

If you haven't yet saved your application, please do so NOW.

Using this upload control, upload the ICIP project summary report as part of the supporting documentation.

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CRITICAL NEED

[View information about Critical Need](#)

There are a total of 30 points available for this section.

Are there safety or health issues that this project will address?

How will this project improve the quality of life and help the overall community welfare?

How many people or homes are affected and impacted?

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What studies have been done to recommend a solution?

What data and analysis have been completed to justify the critical need for this project?

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PROJECT READINESS

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Select all the components of the project that have already been completed:

Describe in detail all of the components of the project that you have already completed. This may include (but is not limited to) the following (as applicable):

Pre-Planning Activities: Endorsement by tribal leadership, community outreach, preliminary coordination with internal departments and external agencies

Planning: Community input, coordination and collaboration, feasibility studies, preliminary engineering reports, conceptual designs, financial and business feasibility studies

Land Approval: Boundary surveys of required land (for easements, rights of way, or new facilities), documented tribal approval for the land use, documented approval from government agencies for the land use OR state that the project renovates or rehabilitates an existing facility

Surveys, Studies, and Clearances: Topographic surveys, geotechnical studies and reports, environmental studies/reports/clearances, cultural resources studies/reports/clearances, Clean Water Act and other permits, utility assessments (for new buildings), other necessary permits and licenses

Engineering design: State the percentage of completeness

Construction: Describe any aspects or phases of construction which are already complete

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Describe in detail all of the components of the project that you will complete using this funding. This may include (but is not limited to) the following (as applicable):

Pre-Planning Activities: Endorsement by tribal leadership, community outreach, preliminary coordination with internal departments and external agencies

Planning: Community input, coordination and collaboration, feasibility studies, preliminary engineering reports, conceptual designs, financial and business feasibility studies

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Engineering design: State the percentages of design that will be completed with this funding

Construction: Describe any phases of construction that will be completed with this funding

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Provide a timeline showing the completion of all steps described above:

Detailed budget showing project costs:

a. Provide a detailed budget that reflects all of the components described in question 2, as well as associated costs such as construction management and project management by entering each budget component separately. After entering a budget component and dollar amount click the "Add to Budget Table" button below.

i. List the budget component:

ii. The dollar amount:

Add to Budget Table

b. State who developed the detailed budget:

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c. Briefly describe the qualifications of the person or entity that developed the detailed budget:

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CAPACITY

There are a total of 25 points available for this section.

What project management capacity is available to manage this project? Please provide a short narrative on your capacity to ensure the projects get completed on time.

What is your technical capacity to manage this project? Please provide technical resources that are available for this project.

What is the administrative and grant management capacity? Who will do the Capital Project System (CAPS) reporting? How will the budget be tracked? Who will manage and maintain the project files?

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Upload the most recent three (3) months of Capital Project Management System (CPMS) or CAPS reports for active and/or completed TIF funded projects for the past two (2) years.

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Check box if the tribe has not had an active TIF project in the past two (2) years. ☐

Additional expenditure and compliance documentation will be provided to the Project Review Committee by IAD.

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LEVERAGING

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There are a total of 15 points available for this section.

What is the overall budget for the complete project?

What are the site development costs?

How will FF&E (furniture, fixtures, and equipment) be paid for?

For large projects, is there a phasing plan? ☐

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What other funds have been allocated for this project?:

a. State each source of the funds:

Please enter each funding source separately after selecting a funding source, entering a date and dollar amount click the "Add to Funding Table" button below.

i. Select the source of the funding:

ii. The date the funds were or will be secured:

iii. The dollar amount:

[Add to Funding Table](#)

b. Calculated total of all sources of cash match from above:

c. Percentage of cash match compared to the overall cost of the project (total cash match / overall project cost):

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What are the in-kind services and costs that are allocated for this project?

a. Describe each:

i. Source of in-kind support in detail (e.g., staff time for project management, staff time for grant administration, land):

ii. The detailed method by which the dollar amount of this in-kind support was calculated (e.g., 40 hours at \$15/hr = \$600):

b. Enter the total value of all sources of in-kind support:

c. Percentage of in-kind support compared to the overall cost of the project (total in-kind support / overall project cost):

d. Percentage cash match plus the percentage in-kind support:

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Supporting Documents

In this section you shall upload any appropriate supporting documents associated with the project.

Documents to include: easements, right of way, water rights, existing professional service contracts, purchase orders and other contracts, plans, specifications, designs, preliminary engineering reports, feasibility studies, environmental documents, planning reports, cost estimates, bid tabulations, ICIP, CPMS reports, mandates, asset management plan, population and household, and proof of match. Use the upload control below.

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Application Submission



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