



Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF)

The Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) was created by the Tribal Infrastructure Act in 2005. This act recognizes that many of New Mexico’s tribal communities lack basic infrastructure, including, but not limited to water and wastewater systems, roads, and electrical power lines.

Through this competitive funding, all federally recognized Nations, Pueblos and Tribes (NPTs) within New Mexico have an opportunity to submit a robust project proposal for their community. At each funding cycle, the project proposal is evaluated and based on scoring, is awarded funds through the 13-person Tribal Infrastructure Board, which is administratively attached to the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department.

NMSA 1978 § 7-27-10.1 – Severance Bonds for Tribal Infrastructure are sold in June and December each year. The State Board of Finance division shall allocate 4.5% of the estimated senior severance tax bonding capacity each year for tribal infrastructure projects, and the state board of finance will issue severance tax bonds in the annually allocated amount for use by the Tribal Infrastructure Board to fund qualified Tribal Infrastructure projects.

Applicable terms and conditions:

Applications are evaluated on four criteria:

- Critical need (possible 30 points): emphasis on addressing specific health, safety, welfare, or economic development needs.
- Readiness (possible 30 points): projects are ready to proceed, demonstrating all components and the ability to complete the project within the time allotted.
- Capacity (possible 25 points): the applicant has demonstrated timely expenditure and compliance with requirements for funding.
- Leveraging (possible 15 points): projects are supported by a high percentage of funds in relation to the amount of TIF funding they are applying for.

The Grantee must obligate 5% of the Adjusted Appropriation Amount within six months of acceptance of the grant agreement and must have expended no less than 85% of the Adjusted Appropriation Amount six months prior to the Reversion Date.

Generally, an NPT may apply for up to 15% of the total annual TIF allocation per project. However, the TIF Board reserves the right to alter the 15% cap no later than the second quarter of the calendar year.

TIF Projects awarded 2019-2025

2019 – \$14,050,394.00 - 11 projects	2023 – \$67,500,000.00 - 34 projects
2020 – \$19,896,635.25 - 14 projects	2024 – \$62,310,000.00 - 17 projects
2021 – \$26,630,794.00 - 17 projects	2025 - \$80,574,000.00 - 28 projects
2022 – \$38,140,000.00 - 17 projects	

TOTAL: \$309,101,823 – 138 projects