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Notice of Funding Availability for the Tribal Infrastructure Fund Fall 2026 Cycle

This Notice announces a Fall 2026 Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Cycle. Funds for this Fall 2026 cycle are pursuant to House Bill 247 (2026) which requires that general fund capital outlay appropriations for tribal projects shall revert to the tribal infrastructure project fund.

At the time of this Notice, the State does not have a final reversion amount. However, to complete the process prior to the end of the calendar year, the TIF Board agreed to open the TIF Application Portal. The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) will announce the final funding amount once it is finalized.

The TIF Board will award grants to qualified projects submitted by federally recognized Indian nations, pueblos or tribes (NPTs) located wholly or partially in New Mexico, in accordance with the TIF Guidelines and Procedures.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The Board, through the TIF Guidelines and Procedures, requires the following terms and conditions for project funding:

1. Projects must be entered into the ICIP prior to applying for TIF funds.
2. The Grantee must obligate 5% of the bond proceeds for the project within six (6) months of the date of the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).
3. The Grantee must expend at least 85% of the bond proceeds for the project prior to six (6) months of the expiration of the IGA.
4. All projects delineated in the application as planning projects must be completed by June 30 of the fiscal year two (2) years following the fiscal year in which the award was granted.
5. All projects, except for projects delineated within an application as planning projects, must be completed by June 30 of the fiscal year three (3) years following the fiscal year in which the award was granted.
6. 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.
7. Tribes awarded TIF funding must attend TIF trainings required by IAD.

DEADLINES: To facilitate the funding process, IAD has established an online portal for the submission of TIF applications (TIFAs), located at <http://www.nmiad.us>. IAD will open the portal for tribal user access on **Monday, August 3, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.** The portal will close on **Friday, September 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**¹ **Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted.**

¹ Please note that IAD may modify the closing date, if necessary. Notice will be provided for any modification.

In accordance with the TIF Guidelines, after the TIF portal closes, the TIF Review Committee (TRC) will review and select the highest-ranking proposals and invite tribes to present those proposals for approval before the Board at a formal Board meeting.

TIMELINE: The following is a tentative schedule, subject to change:

EVENT	DATE
TIF Portal opens	August 3, 2026 at 8:00 am
TIF Portal closes	September 4, 2026 at 5:00 pm
TRC reviews, scores, and prioritizes Projects	September 9-October 9, 2026
Top ranking Applicants notified to attend TIF Board meeting to present	Week of October 12, 2026
TIF Board meets to review presentations and vote	First week of November 2026
Applicants notified (Budgets and Audits Requested)	The week following the TIF Board Meeting
Tribal Audits Required (Public Finance Accountability Act (NMSA §§ 6-3B-1 <i>et seq.</i>))	Ongoing
IGAs sent to Grantees for Signature	The week following the TIF Board meeting

PREPARATION: Application questions and scoring criteria are in the portal and can be found at: https://nmiad.us/PDF/2026_TIFA_Questions.pdf

The current TIF Guidelines and Procedures are available for review on the IAD website at address: <https://www.iad.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/TIF-Guidelines-August-29-2025.pdf>

Please review the APPLICATION and GUIDELINES and direct any questions to IAD prior to August 3, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact:

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**The Tribal Infrastructure Act was signed into law in 2005 and recognizes that many of New Mexico's tribal communities lack basic tribal infrastructure, including but not limited to water and wastewater systems, roads, and electrical power lines. The lack of such infrastructure results in poor social, health, and economic conditions in communities. The Act created the Tribal Infrastructure Fund, the Tribal Infrastructure Project Fund, and the Tribal Infrastructure Board (Board). The purpose of the Board is to evaluate project proposals and to award grants and loans to qualified projects. The Board is administratively attached to the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department. The New Mexico Indian Affairs Committee holds legislative oversight over the TIF program and the grants and loans made by the Board. Pursuant to the Laws of 2010, HB162, Severance Bonds for Tribal Infrastructure, the State Board of Finance shall allocate a percentage of the estimated 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.*