



Public Notice and Hearing
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (WAT)
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid
Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes

This public notice is being held in compliance with Section 40101(d)(2)(B)(ii) requiring that eligible applicants give notice and undertake a public hearing/notice to review the criteria and methods they anticipate for using grant awards.

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (WAT) is applying to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) for a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Section 40101(d) - Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes to develop a planning framework for resilience to address all-hazards including future climate implications.

DOE objectives for this proposal: a) quality jobs, b) prioritize the greatest community benefits, and c) share or maximize project benefits across disadvantaged communities.

To meet these objectives, grant funding will be utilized to:

- Ensure critical tribal facilities are not impacted by disruptive events such as extreme weather conditions, wildfire or a natural disaster which may impact normal grid operations. Options may include implementation of fire-resistant technologies and fire prevention systems.
- Implement technologies to improve and update grid control and operation infrastructure such as weatherization technologies and equipment.
- Enhance Tribal workforce development and advance the economic vitality of the Tribe through sustaining or creating good paying jobs and creating opportunities for new economic development.

The WAT has requested funds in the amount of \$198,284 for FY22, \$183,118 for FY23 and desires to include the \$330,689 for FY24 in a single award, for a total of \$712,091. A 15% match is required, which will be a cash match. No more than 5% of grant awards each year may be utilized for technical assistance and administrative expenses.

The WAT is asking for tribal member input about the proposed project, additional information and budgets will be made available in the future as projects are finalized, following grant award. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed application and should email comments to: terri.parton@wichitatribe.com no later than March 31, 2024.

Public Posting Places:

- Wichita and Affiliated Tribal webpage & Tribe's Social Media page
- WAT Bulletin Board in Administrative Office
- VIA Tribal Email to all employees
- Zoom Meeting with tribal employees on March 25, 2024

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TERRI PARTON, PRESIDENT