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FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SECOND STEP® PROGRAMS

ESSER Funds Are Almost Gone!

How Can I Get Started?

Fill out this form to connect with our team about how to use ESSER funds for Second Step programs.

States and districts have until **September 30, 2024**, to apply for ESSER funding. Don't miss this chance to support programs that teach students critical life skills, help improve school climate, and more!

To help offset costs for the 2025–2026 school year, the federal government has granted an extension until March 31, 2026, to spend those funds, giving you ample time to tailor SEL programs to your school's unique needs. These funds play a critical role in supporting schools and districts as they work toward educational recovery. To maximize their impact, contact your Education Partner to explore funding options and ensure that your school community benefits fully from this opportunity.

Form at https://go.secondstep.org/esser-funding?utm_id=120207049186650318

What Is ESSER Funding?

ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funding is a federal program administered by the Department of Education that provides time-limited emergency financial assistance for US school districts to address educational challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. School districts can apply for ESSER funding through their state educational agency (SEA). For more details, visit the [US Department of Education's website](#).

Can ESSER Funds Be Used for Second Step® Programs?

Absolutely! ESSER Funds are tailor-made to address students' academic, social, and emotional needs stemming from pandemic-related learning setbacks. These funds support research-backed and evidence-based programs that enable the implementation of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and Tier 1 SEL, which encompasses the comprehensive Second Step® family of programs. This is ideal for freeing up your budget because you can allocate ESSER funds for multi-year program subscriptions, extending up to four years after the funds are obligated. Be sure to check with your state or district for any additional local guidelines.

Is ESSER Funding Still Available?

Yes! ESSER III funding must be allocated by September 30, 2024, and liquidated within 120 days of that date, giving you ample time to customize an SEL program specific to your school environment and SEL goals. For specific deadlines and details, refer to the [US Department of Education's FAQ](#).

Where Can I See How Much My State Has Spent Using ESSER Funds?

To find out how much your state has spent to date using ESSER funds, follow these simple steps:

1. Visit the [ESSER Expenditure Dashboard](#).
2. Click on your state to see the spending details.
3. You can view how the money was used in different areas or download the entire state's spending data.

To view the most current details by state, click your state in the list below:

[Alabama*](#)/[Alaska*](#)/[Arizona](#)/[Arkansas](#)/[California](#)/[Colorado](#)/[Connecticut*](#)/[Delaware*](#)/[Florida](#)

[Georgia](#)/[Hawaii*](#)/[Idaho](#)/[Illinois](#)/[Indiana](#)/[Iowa*](#)/[Kansas](#)/[Kentucky*](#)/[Louisiana](#)/[Maine*](#)

[Maryland*](#)/[Massachusetts](#)/[Michigan](#)/[Minnesota](#)/[Mississippi*](#)/[Missouri*](#)/[Montana*](#)

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[South Dakota*](#)/[Tennessee](#)/[Texas](#)/[Utah*](#)/[Vermont](#)/[Virginia](#)/[Washington](#)/[West Virginia*](#)

[Wisconsin](#)/[Wyoming*](#)

*These 23 states have identified SEL as a priority with the American Rescue Plan and have funds allocated specifically to help support districts implement their SEL initiatives.

Melinda French Gates will Donate \$1 Billion to Support Women's Rights

https://www.2news.com/news/melinda-french-gates-will-donate-1-billion-to-support-womens-rights/article_d255ecea-1d60-11ef-857b-6bf452a2a49a.html#tncms-source=block-behavioral

Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement Notice of Funding Opportunity

HUD issued a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) which appropriates **\$225 million** in grant funding for the [PRESERVATION AND REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT \(PRICE\)](#) program. PRICE supports communities in their efforts to maintain, protect, and stabilize manufactured housing and manufactured housing communities (MHCs). Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are eligible to apply, and **at least \$10 million of the available funding is intended for Tribal communities**. All applications must be submitted to Grants.gov to be eligible for review. HUD will hold several webinars on the NOFO, and the schedule for these can be found [here](#). The application deadline is **June 5, 2024**.

IHBG Formula Census Challenge Deadline Date Change

The IHBG regulation at 24 CFR §1000.336(d) requires that Tribes and TDHEs submit documentation supporting Census challenges by March 30th to be considered for the upcoming

fiscal year allocation. However, because the Census data used for computing the FY 2025 IHBG formula allocation was not available until September 29, 2023, HUD is **extending the Census Challenge deadline to July 29, 2024**. This extension provides Tribes and TDHEs with a similar amount of time as they had in prior fiscal years to review their Census data. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is regulatorily required to provide this information annually to all IHBG eligible Indian Tribes and their Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE). HUD is posting the FY 2025 Needs Data information on-line at: <https://ihbformula.com/2025-needsdata/>.

- **Office of Indian Energy: \$50 Million for Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands**

[Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands 2024](#)

Through this FOA, the Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations, to install clean energy technology on Tribal lands.

[Download the full FOA document](#) to learn more and apply. **Applications are due May 30, 2024, at 5 p.m. ET.**

Communities Sparking Investments in Transformative Energy funding

opportunity: Approximately \$18 million in funding from the [Local Government Energy Program](#), for community-identified, transformative clean energy projects and programs that advance local energy priorities and self-determination, spark additional investments, and deliver direct benefits to workers and residents. DOE anticipates making up to 20 awards under this FOA, each ranging \$900,000 to \$3,600,000, **to eligible applicants, including Tribes** and local governments representing disadvantaged communities, energy communities, and small-to-medium-sized jurisdictions. Recipients will also receive technical assistance, including an on-site DOE-sponsored Clean Energy Fellow. More info: [DOE announced](#). **Deadline to apply is May 31, 2024.**

FY24 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants NOFO, HUD

Application Deadline: June 10, 2024

Tribal Electrification Program (TEP) funding opportunity. This funding is for clean energy household electrification that will benefit Tribal communities in the United States. OIED will select Tribal communities that are in stages ranging from early planning to already implementing plans and actions for household electrification. The TEP will utilize \$145.5 million to increase the number of Tribal homes with zero emission electricity not including \$4.5 million for administrative costs to retain a professional services contract to provide technical assistance to tribes in the areas of pre-award guidance, award management, project technical assistance, procurement, and utility system impacts. More at: [Tribal Electrification Program | Indian Affairs \(bia.gov\)](https://bia.gov)

Application Deadline: June 30, 2024

HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant

Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages,

Application Deadline: July 15, 2024

Department of Interior \$320 Million for Tribal Domestic Water Supply Projects

The U.S. Dept. of Interior Bureau of Reclamation's funding opportunity assist federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations as they plan and construct domestic water infrastructure. Eligible projects include new domestic water supply infrastructure, improvements to existing infrastructure and facilities, extension of existing infrastructure and facilities to reach underserved service areas, and other projects that assess and address urgent water-related needs, among others.

Applications are due August 4, 2024

- [Tribal Domestic Water Supplies Program](#)
- [Tribal Domestic Water Supply Projects Funding Announcement](#)
- [News Release: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$320 Million for Tribal Domestic Water Infrastructure](#)

Tribal Opioid Response Grants

A notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The purpose of this program is to assist in addressing the opioid overdose crisis in Tribal communities by increasing access to FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (MOUD), and supporting the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring substance use disorders.

Eligibility is limited to federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe or tribal organizations. Tribes and tribal organizations may apply individually, as a consortium, or in partnership with an Urban Indian Organization. Applications are due on July 1, 2024.

For more information, the [NOFO can be found here](#).

Highway Construction Training Program Grants

On April 17, the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration published a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). This NOFO for Highway Construction Training Program (HCTP) grants will distribute up to \$4,226,871 in an anticipated total of 14 awards to eligible applicants.

The demand for highway construction, maintenance, and operations workers is growing, while at the same time, emerging technologies require these workers to have new skills. According to a 2022 national survey by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), more than 70 percent of construction firms reported difficulty finding qualified trade and craft workers and 90 percent reported difficulty filling salaried positions. Government agencies, trade organizations, private agencies, and local and Tribal communities nationwide need new, collaborative approaches to meeting this challenge.

For more detailed information, the NOFO can be [found here](#)

A step toward solar equity. Nevada received the highest award amount per capita of any state. In fact, Nevada received the same award amount as Florida, Illinois, and Pennsylvania — states with significantly higher populations, Jeniffer Solis reports: [A \\$156M federal grant will soon make community solar in NV a reality](#)

Reminder: WANTO Grant Applications Due Soon Applications to our **Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO)** grant program are due on **June 10**. WANTO grants fund community-based organizations working to expand pathways for women to enter and lead in all industries. [Apply here](#).

Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program – Notice of Funding Opportunity

I am pleased to announce that on May 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Program ([FR-6800-N-48](#)).

Under this NOFO, approximately \$150 million is available to eligible Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income American Indian and Alaska Native families. In accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, HUD will prioritize grant applications that spur housing construction and rehabilitation.

Applicants will have until **11:59:59 p.m. EDT on Thursday, August 29, 2024**, to submit applications. If you are unable to submit your application electronically, you may request a waiver in accordance with Section IV.A. of the NOFO.

HUD will provide information on NOFO training opportunities in the near future. Applicants are encouraged to participate in the training before applying for funding. To find additional information about the NOFO and training materials please visit our Codetalk website (www.hud.gov/codetalk), where materials will be posted as they become available.

I strongly encourage your community to apply for the IHBG Competitive Grant. If you have questions about the NOFO, please contact IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov or your Area ONAP office.

Waewaenen (Thank you) for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

Sincerely, Heidi J. Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary

~~~~~**Biden-Harris**  
**Administration Announces Recipients of nearly \$900 Million for Clean School Buses under President’s Investing in America Agenda**

The 2023 Clean School Bus Rebate Selectees have been announced! [Click here to view the results.](#)

The EPA Clean School Bus Program has selected approximately 530 rebate applicants for funding totaling nearly \$900 million to support the purchase of over 3,400 buses, 92% of which will be electric. The EPA will distribute awards to school districts in nearly every state and Washington D.C., along with several federally recognized Tribes and U.S. territories. Prioritized school districts serving low-income, rural, and, or Tribal communities make up approximately 45% of the selected projects and will receive approximately 67% of the total funding.

Under the Program's multiple grant and rebate funding opportunities to date, the EPA has awarded almost \$3 billion to fund approximately 8,500 school bus replacements at over 1,000 schools.

### **A Note to Those Selected:**

The EPA expects to officially notify 2023 Rebate Program selectees of selection via email within 7-10 business days; selectees must refer to that selection letter for their official award details and instructions on how to proceed.

**A Note to Those NOT Selected:**

Thank you so much for your interest in the 2023 Clean School Bus Rebate Program. Due to the overwhelming number of applications, the EPA unfortunately is not able to award your application.

Eligible 2023 CSB Rebate Program applications not selected during the lottery are listed in the [waitlist](#). If a selectee does not complete the remaining required steps early in the rebate process, drops out, or is otherwise deemed ineligible, that selectee will be removed from the program. Those funds may be offered to other 2023 applicants on the waitlist. EPA will follow the selection process outlined in [Section 6 of the 2023 CSB Rebate Program Guide](#) when reallocating these funds. Applicants may be pulled from the waitlist up to 90 days after the initial selection notification in May 2024. However, EPA may opt to use returned funds for future CSB funding opportunities rather than award funds to applicants on the waitlist.

The EPA plans to administer future rounds of funding under this historic \$5 billion program. School districts not selected under the 2023 Rebate Program are encouraged to reapply to future CSB funding rounds, as well as to other funding programs. For instance, the [2024 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program](#) is accepting applications until 11:59 PM ET on July 25, 2024; EPA is offering up to \$932 million in available grant funding and anticipates approximately 70% to fund new, zero-emission Class 6 or 7 school buses. Please continue to check the CSB Program website for more information and maintain an active [SAM.gov](#) account to ensure you are prepared to take advantage of future funding opportunities.

For the latest information on Clean School Bus Program funding opportunities, news, and resources, please visit: [www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus](http://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus) and [click here to sign-up for the Clean School Bus listserv](#).

Thank you!

**EPA Clean School Bus Program**

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DOL Announces \$98M in Awards to Support Apprenticeships

The Department of Labor announced the award of \$98 million in grants to 72 organizations in 30 states and Guam to provide training and employment services in an ongoing effort to expand access to apprenticeship opportunities, prepare young workers for quality jobs and strengthen the nation’s workforce to meet industry demands.

These [YouthBuild Program](#) grants range from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million each and will support pre-apprenticeships to educate and train young people, ages 16–24, who are neither enrolled in school or now in the labor market, for jobs in construction and other high-demand industries. YouthBuild grants will help deliver education and training to enable participants to build or rehabilitate affordable housing in their communities for people in need.

The Nez Perce Tribe in Washington State was a recipient of a \$1.2M grant. For more information about the program and grantees, [click here](#)

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## Financial Toolkit: Frequently Asked Questions

The National Center on Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities (LEAD) has developed a toolkit that provides information on social security benefits and answers questions on employment and maintaining the benefits. To access this FAQ resource, [click here](#)

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Nani Harry is with Ed Harry and Brenda Harry.

Today was such an honor.

**I was asked to render a medallion for Billy Mills.** The piece that I created recaptures the moment that he won the gold in the 10,000m race at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games. It took a lot to bead this piece, emotionally, physically, and mentally. However, my spirit feels rejuvenated. I am so beyond moved by the words that were shared today. [#inspired](#)



Enlarge pic for medallion detail

Olympic champion Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota), presented with an Eagle Feather at Lake Andes school.

The only American to ever win Olympic gold in the 10,000 meters.

Billy Mills remains the USA's one and only gold medallist in the men's 10,000m, a feat he achieved at Tokyo 1964.

Run like the wind.

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## [As A Samoan Woman, I Am Begging Non-Polynesians To Stop Getting Polynesian Tattoos](#)

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/im-sick-tired-seeing-non-165825649.html>

## [Rick Mora's Awakening](#) ·

**The first human inhabitants of the Santa Barbara, California area were the Chumash,** estimated to have settled in this region over 10,000 years ago. A hunting-gathering people,



Chumash society was organized into villages, with a chief at the head of each community. The Chumash utilized the natural bounty of the local environment, consuming a wide variety wild game, plant foods, and marine life. Chumash economy featured an active exchange of trade goods and a monetary system based on shell beads. One of the outstanding technologies of the Chumash was the tomol or plank canoe, used to ply the waters of the Santa Barbara Channel.

At one time, Chumash territory encompassed 7,000 square miles that spanned from the beaches of Malibu to Paso Robles. The tribe also inhabited inland to the western edge of the San Joaquin Valley.

Utilizing resources from both the land and the sea, they called themselves “the first people,” and pointed to the Pacific Ocean as our first home. These early Chumash ancestors were hunters, gatherers, and fishermen who lived in large, dome-shaped homes that were made of willow branches.

As the Chumash culture advanced with boat-making, basketry, stone cookware, and the ability to harvest and store food, the villages became more permanent. The Chumash society became tiered and ranged from manual laborers to the skilled crafters, chiefs, and shaman priests who were also accomplished astronomers. Women could serve equally as chiefs and priests.

In the rolling hills of the coastline, our Chumash ancestors found caves to use for sacred religious ceremonies. The earliest Chumash Indians used charcoal for their drawings, but as the culture evolved, so did the cave markings — using, red, orange, and yellow pigments. These colorful yet simple paintings included human figures and animal life. Many of the caves still exist today, protected by the National Parks system, and illustrate the spiritual bond the Chumash hold with the environment.

In 1769, a Spanish land expedition led by Gaspar de Portola left Baja California and reached the Santa Barbara Channel. In short order, five Spanish missions were established in Chumash territory. The Chumash population was all but decimated, due largely to the introduction of European diseases.



THE PINENUT-PRAYER DANCE

The pinenut-prayer dance which took place in Schurz, Nevada, on September 6th of this year (1958) was a cultural remnant of a ceremony of the Northern Paiutes which is older than the memory of any Indian living today. The function of this dance was to assure an abundant pinenut crop through the power of prayer and dancing. Evidence of its aboriginal character is rare and incomplete, however some conclusions may be drawn from observing the modern ceremony.

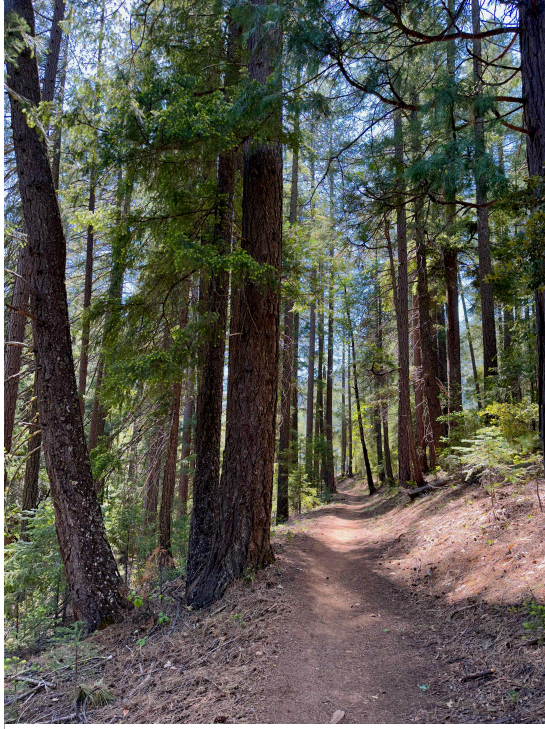
The Schurz people had considered having a dance in the fall of 1957, but the pinenut crop was very poor. During the preparation for this dance the ritual was explained to Margaret Wheat by Edna Jones, the granddaughter of Captain Wasson, the last great "captain" of the "Taboose-daka" or "Taboose-eaters" of the Walker River.

At that time Edna Jones described the procedure as follows: the Indians would secure a piñon tree to do the circle dance around. Someone who could "pray good" would pray for rain for the pinenuts. At some time an old lady, carrying a basket of water, would walk counterclockwise on the outside of the circle of dancers and, dipping a sagebrush twig in the basket, would sprinkle the ground with water. "Sagebrush is a doctor." say the Paiutes, meaning that it has power for good.

Edna Jones asked M. Wheat if she had a basket which would hold water. "In the old days," Edna said, "the Indians made baskets all the time. Now they have sold all of them or they have buried them with the people who owned them. New baskets hold water better than old ones which are dried out." M. Wheat's collection contained a basket which would hold water rather well. Edna suggested that if it was lined with cellophane it would work all right.

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## ☀️ Explore the Second Divide Trail along Pauley Creek ☀️

by Steve Evans, Wild Rivers Program Director

Nestled in the northern Sierra Nevada, the Downie River flows south from the Yuba-Feather divide on its relatively short journey to its confluence with the North Yuba River in Downieville. The river and its major tributaries – Pauley Creek, Rattlesnake Creek, Lavezzola Creek, Empire Creek, Red Oak Canyon – offer some of the best human-powered outdoor recreational opportunities in the northern Sierra. Pauley Creek is in the ancestral and traditional homelands of the Nisenan and Washo people.

[Read more..](#)

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