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A stunning arch reflection in the crystal clear waters of rainbow bridge at arabian desert, Utah,
Hailie Bates ·

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- **FY 2024 Broadband Technical Assistance (BTA) [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)** has been published in the Federal Register. The \$25 million available for BTA is made possible by the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\) \(Pub. L. 117-58\)](#). The USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is accepting applications from broadband technical assistance providers and technical assistance recipients. Applications must be submitted through [grants.gov](#) by **11:59 PM on August 20, 2024**. Visit the [Broadband Technical Assistance](#) for resources & more info.
- **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](#)
- **Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive NOFO**

The FY 2024 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been published. Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are encouraged to apply for part of the \$150 million available in grants to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income American Indian and Alaska Native families. The NOFO can be found [here](#). Applications are due by August 29, 2024, and are to be submitted through [www.grants.gov](#). A Dear Tribal Leader letter regarding the NOFO can be found [here](#).
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) - Up to \$3.6 million to increase collaboration with up to four non-profit regional intertribal organizations. The [Intertribal Organization Opportunity: Support for Tribal Clean Energy Communication and Engagement](#)" funding opportunity is focused on enhancing outreach and engagement to improve federally recognized Tribes' navigation and access to DOE clean energy funding and technical assistance. Eligible non-profit regional intertribal organizations may request up to \$300,000 annually for up to 3 years. Funding will support communication, internal organizational capacity-building, and engagement activities with the goal of building long-lasting effective working

relationships between Tribal elected leaders and staff, and DOE. **Apply by 3 p.m. ET on Sept. 24, 2024.** [View the full announcement](#) for more information and to apply.

- **FY 2024 Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS)** grant program NOFO is published at [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). **TO APPLY** use the following [link](#). Find more information about the grant on this [HUD webpage](#). **The application deadline is September 30, 2024.** If you have any questions about the FY24 ROSS program NOFO, please contact the ROSS team at ROSS-PIH@hud.gov. Please note, HUD will only be able to provide clarifying answers to your questions. HUD cannot assist you with preparing your application.

- [Tribal Clean Energy Funding Opportunities](#)

[EPA Community Change Grants—Free Technical Assistance To Support Application Process](#)

\$450 million for Tribes. **Apply by Nov. 21.**

EPA Grant opportunity to transform underserved communities—including federally recognized Tribes, intertribal consortia, Alaska Native Villages and Corporations, and Native Hawaiian nonprofit organizations across the United States—into healthy, climate-resilient, thriving communities for their current and future residents. **Need help with your application?** You can request free technical assistance with the application process by filling out the intake form on the [Community Change Grants website](#)

Housing help for Native Americans

Know what government programs offer housing assistance to Native Americans. You may be eligible for help through programs like:

- [The Housing Improvement Program \(HIP\)](#): a home improvement and replacement grant program for Native Americans with low incomes
- [The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program](#): offers government-backed mortgages to help Native American families buy homes.
- **The Homelessness and Housing Needs of Native American Veterans Toolkit** ([download PDF](#)) can help untangle some of the complexities and provide you resources. [Homelessness and Housing Needs of Native American Veterans Toolkit](#)

USDA Seeks Applications to Increase Homeownership Opportunities for Native American Tribes, Alaska Native Communities and Native Hawaiian Communities

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that it is accepting applications to increase homeownership for people in Tribal communities under the [Native Community Development Financial Institutions \(NCDFI\) Relending Demonstration Program](#). The purpose of the program is to increase homeownership opportunities for Native American Tribes, Alaska Native communities and Native Hawaiian communities. USDA will provide the loans to qualified NCDFIs that will relend the funds to eligible low- and very-low-income homebuyers to purchase, build, rehabilitate, improve or relocate dwellings on Tribal lands in rural areas. USDA is providing the funding under the [Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program](#). To learn more, read full [Stakeholder Announcement](#).

HUD's Office of Native American Programs is pleased to announce the following Tribes have been selected to be a part of ConnectHomeUSA More details are available at <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/ConnectHomeUSA%20Sites.pdf>.

Tier 1 (New to ConnectHome):

- Nez Perce Tribe
- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria

Tier 2 (Continuing to be a part of ConnectHome):

- Housing Authority of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Jicarilla Apache Nation Receives \$5 Million Grant for Rural Water Projects, as Part of Investing in America Agenda

The Department of the Interior [announced a \\$43 million investment](#) for rural water projects that will provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural and Tribal communities. Investments through the Bureau of Reclamation will support six projects already under construction or in the planning phase in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico and South Dakota, and follows \$733 million previously announced for rural water projects from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The complete list of projects being funded through this announcement is found at [announced a \\$43 million investment](#), including:

\$5 million for the Jicarilla-Apache Nation to continue data collection and design work. This builds on \$22 million previously committed through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for the design and construction of project components of the previous phase of the rural water system.

Free Financial Coaching Available to Tribal Citizens

Since June 2020, with grant support from the Wells Fargo Foundation, the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. (ONAC) has been offering three types of free financial coaching to tribal citizens across the United States: 1) credit counseling, 2) homebuyer education, and 3) financial management (i.e. budgeting). Confidential sessions are offered one-on-one, by teleconference (Zoom) or phone call, with a Native certified credit counselor, homebuyer education provider, and financial educator. Typically, these sessions will last for an hour and are scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. Thus far, ONAC has offered this free financial coaching to those participating in ONAC's other programming. Now, ONAC is offering these financial coaching services to a wider group of tribal constituents. If you are a tribal citizen interested in free financial coaching, please complete the following registration form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ONACcounselingregistration>

Once the form has been submitted to ONAC, our financial coach will work with you to schedule a remote session by phone or teleconference. This confidential financial coaching is available to any American Indian or Alaska Native in the United States, regardless of where you reside. For any questions about these financial coaching services, contact Christy Finsel, ONAC Executive Director, at (405) 720-0770 or cfinsel@oknativeassets.org .

[Lowe's Foundation: Gable Grants](#)

The Lowe's Foundation's Gable Grants program is a five-year, \$50 million commitment to train 50,000 job-ready skilled tradespeople to build a stronger infrastructure that supports communities for the long term. From 2023-2028, community and technical colleges and community-based nonprofit organizations across the U.S. can apply for grants to recruit, train, and employ the future skilled trades workforce, with an emphasis on under-represented communities. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

AARP Sponsored Growth Grants

AARP is committed to supporting older entrepreneurs. AARP is collaborating with the NASE as a supporter of the Growth Grants program. The grants are targeting **[NASE Members](#)** who are minority business owners aged 45 and older. Through this partnership NASE and AARP are working to provide greater access to capital for business growth.

[Click Here to Learn More!](#)

Apply for a NASE Growth Grant sponsored by AARP today. Three winners will be selected each quarter *through the end of 2024* and awarded a \$4,000 grant to support the growth of their business.

National Opportunities

[Funding of up to \\$50,000 Enhances Community Spaces in Small Towns](#)

Through the Hometown Grants, T-Mobile is investing \$25 million over five years, through 2026, to fund community projects in small towns across the United States.

[Support Available for Youth-Led Responsible Technology Efforts](#)

The Responsible Technology Youth Power Fund aims to support youth and intergenerationally led organizations shaping the responsible technology movement.

[Grants Promote Access to Justice](#)

The American Bar Endowment's Opportunity Grant Program provides funding for new and innovative law-related projects and programs that address issues of importance to the public and the legal profession in the United States.

[Recorded Sound Preservation and Music-Related Research Funded](#)

The GRAMMY Museum Grants Program supports efforts that advance the archiving and preservation of the music and recorded sound heritage of North America and for research projects related to the impact of music on the human condition.

Regional Opportunities

[Food Purchase Grants Boost Hunger Relief in Food Lion Communities](#)

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provides support to organizations based in or providing support in the ten states in which Food Lion operates.

[Cross-Sector Work Through the Arts Supported in Colorado](#)

Arts in Society, administered by RedLine Contemporary Art Center, is a grant program supporting cross-sector work through the arts across Colorado.

[Funds Advance Youth Opportunities in 13 U.S. Cities](#)

The Foot Locker Foundation Community Empowerment Program provides grant funding to support local nonprofit community-based organizations in 13 cities whose programs advance opportunities for youth in underserved communities.

[Grants Strengthen Conservation in Massachusetts and New England](#)

The William P. Wharton Trust supports projects that promote the conservation, study, and appreciation of nature.

Federal Opportunities

[Support Helps Humanities Organizations Address Climate Issues](#)

The Climate Smart Humanities Organizations program strengthens the institutional base of the humanities by funding operational assessments and strategic planning efforts to sustain and protect historical, cultural, educational, intellectual, and physical assets from the risks of climate change.

[Maternal Behavioral Health Services Funded](#)

The purpose of the Community-Based Maternal Behavioral Health Services program is to improve access to evidence-based, timely, and culturally relevant maternal mental health and substance use (behavioral health) intervention and treatment by strengthening community referral pathways.

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**The Untold Story of John Muir, Indigenous Peoples, and the American Wilderness**

<https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2024-07-24/untold-story-john-muir-indigenous-peoples-and-american-wilderness>

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Man finds hundreds of tracks that predate dinosaurs on his property

<https://www.wilx.com/2024/07/18/man-finds-hundreds-tracks-that-predicate-dinosaurs-his-property/>

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**[Doing Science at the Library: Seeing Art in a New Light](#)**

07/23/2024 11:00 AM EDT

Did you know that the Library employs scientists to help preserve our collections? Learn about the work of one scientist and about the video that can help you learn more.

# The Ten Commitments



## Recyclers look to domestic markets for processing and reselling recyclables

### Extract:

One possible solution to the continued fragmentation in the system is for states to pass **extended producer responsibility laws, which would make manufacturers responsible for the life cycles of the products they make.**

“That’s saying the people producing the plastic packaging and the single-use plastics, you should be the ones paying because it’s overwhelming our systems. It’s overwhelming our cities. Consumers can’t pay for it,” said Marissa Heffernan, an associate editor with Resource Recycling magazine.

[https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/07/18/do-the-things-we-throw-into-the-bay-areas-blue-bins-really-get-recycled-heres-why-the-answer-is-changing/?utm\\_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=n](https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/07/18/do-the-things-we-throw-into-the-bay-areas-blue-bins-really-get-recycled-heres-why-the-answer-is-changing/?utm_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=n)  
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## CherylRoy Hicks

We were there. Never saw this pic. Lots of people that I miss now. Grampa and aunt Shirley, knew everything about family and relatives. Could ask them anything and they would tell you. Miss them both. Aunt ima, uncle joe.

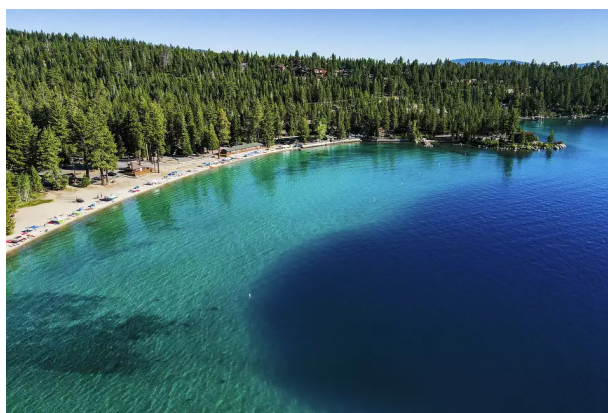
## Elveda Martinez

Ok you old people, help us out on identifying this group. On the left side - George and Catherine Martinez, Wesley Jim at the drum, Shirley (yellow) the lady with the scarf sure looks like Delores Birchum....are those the Rogers (cowboy hat)? I got this from Phoebe Bender. She said it



## **Billionaires keep trying to buy up Tahoe, but the land has never been theirs**

Meeks Bay was one of the Washoe Tribe's original encampments



Meeks Bay was one of the Washoe Tribe's original summer encampments before settlers arrived in the 1800s. Cheri Gagne/Getty Images

<https://www.sfgate.com/renotahoe/article/washoe-tribe-lake-tahoe-meeks-bay-last-stronghold-19535115.php>



## **Second State of the Union by James Buchanan 6 Dec 1858**

Kansa-Nebraska problems

Mormon uprising in Utah

Negotiations with China

Treaty with Japan

Relations with European nations

Crisis with Mexico

Interest in the Isthmus (A treaty was signed on the 16th day of November, 1857, by the Secretary of State and minister of Nicaragua, under the stipulations of which the use and protection of the transit route would have been secured, not only to the United States, but equally to of the Nicaraguan Government will appear by the papers herewith communicated from the State Department.)

Relations with Central Couth America

Acuring Cuba

Extensive Discussion of other matters. Very little on "Indian Affairs".

Extracts:

"The march of the army to Salt Lake City through the Indian Territory has had a powerful effect in restraining the hostile feelings against the United States which existed among the Indians in that region and in securing emigrants to the far West against their depredations. This will also be the means of establishing military posts and promoting settlements along the route. I recommend that the benefits of our land laws and preemption system be extended to the people of Utah by the establishment of a land office in that Territory."

"But there is another view of our relations with Mexico, arising from the unhappy condition of affairs along our southwestern frontier, which demands immediate action. In that remote region, where there are but few white inhabitants, large bands of hostile and predatory Indians roam promiscuously over the Mexican States of Chihuahua and Sonora and our adjoining Territories. The local governments of these States are perfectly helpless and are kept in a state of constant alarm by the Indians. They have not the power, if they possessed the will, even to restrain lawless Mexicans from passing the border and committing depredations on our remote settlers. A state of anarchy and violence prevails throughout that distant frontier. The laws are a dead letter and life and property wholly insecure. For this reason the settlement of Arizona is arrested, whilst it is of great importance that a chain of inhabitants should extend all along its southern border sufficient for their own protection and that of the United States mail passing to and from California. Well-founded apprehensions are now entertained that the Indians and wandering Mexicans, equally lawless, may break up the important stage and postal communication recently established between our Atlantic and Pacific possessions. This passes very near to the Mexican boundary throughout the whole length of Arizona. I can imagine no possible remedy for these evils and no mode of restoring law and order on that remote and unsettled frontier but for the Government of the United States to assume a temporary protectorate over the northern portions of Chihuahua and Sonora and to establish military posts within the same; and this I earnestly recommend to Congress. This protection may be withdrawn as soon as local governments shall be established in

these Mexican States capable of performing their duties to the United States, restraining the lawless, and preserving peace along the border.”

“I do not doubt that this measure will be viewed in a friendly spirit by the governments and people of Chihuahua and Sonora, as it will prove equally effectual for the protection of their citizens on that remote and lawless frontier as for citizens of the United States. And in this connection permit me to recall your attention to the condition of Arizona. The population of that Territory, numbering, as is alleged, more than 10,000 souls, are practically without a government, without laws, and without any regular administration of justice. Murder and other crimes are committed with impunity. This state of things calls loudly for redress, and I therefore repeat my recommendation for the establishment of a Territorial government over Arizona.”

[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/James\\_Buchanan%27s\\_Second\\_State\\_of\\_the\\_Union\\_Address](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/James_Buchanan%27s_Second_State_of_the_Union_Address)

### **James Buchanan's Third State of the Union Address 19 Dec 1859**

Treatise on Slavery

Trouble in Washinton Territory

Chaos in Mexico

Asking or more Presidential Power

Failure of Congress to pass funding for Post Office

Status of Treasury

“transmit herewith the reports of the Secretaries of War, of the Navy, of the Interior, and of the postmaster-General. They each contain valuable information and important recommendations well worthy of the serious consideration of Congress. It will appear from the report of the Secretary of War that the Army expenditures have been materially reduced by a system of rigid economy, which in his opinion offers every guaranty that the reduction will be permanent. The estimates of the Department for the next have been reduced nearly \$2,000,000 below the estimates for the present fiscal year and \$500,000 below the amount granted for this year at the last session of Congress.”

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### **James Buchanan's Fourth State of the Union Address 3 Dec 1860**

**Why is it, then, that discontent now so extensively prevails, and the Union of the States, which is the source of all these blessings, is threatened with destruction?**

More on slavery and state's rights

Various statud of foreign relations

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Kansas: Lecompton Consstitution

Treasury

Duties/Tarrifs  
Poastmaster

“Peace has also been restored within the Territory of Utah, which at the commencement of my Administration was in a state of open rebellion. This was the more dangerous, as the people, animated by a fanatical spirit and intrenched within their distant mountain fastnesses, might have made a long and formidable resistance. Cost what it might, it was necessary to bring them into subjection to the Constitution and the laws. Sound policy, therefore, as well as humanity, required that this object should if possible be accomplished without the effusion of blood. This could only be effected by sending a military force into the Territory sufficiently strong to convince the people that resistance would be hopeless, and at the same time to offer them a pardon for past offenses on condition of immediate submission to the Government. This policy was pursued with eminent success, and the only cause for regret is the heavy expenditure required to march a large detachment of the Army to that remote region and to furnish it subsistence.”

“Utah is now comparatively peaceful and quiet, and the military force has been withdrawn, except that portion of it necessary to keep the Indians in check and to protect the emigrant trains on their way to our Pacific possessions.”

“ It would be a useless repetition to do more than refer with earnest commendation to my former recommendations in favor of the Pacific railroad; of the grant of power to the President to employ the naval force in the vicinity for the protection of the lives and property of our fellow-citizens passing in transit over the different Central American routes against sudden and lawless outbreaks and depredations, and also to protect American merchant vessels, their crews and cargoes, against violent and unlawful seizure and confiscation in the ports of Mexico and the South American Republics when these may be in a disturbed and revolutionary condition. It is my settled conviction that without such a power we do not afford that protection to those engaged in the commerce of the country which they have a right to demand.”

“I herewith transmit to Congress the reports of the Secretaries of War, of the Navy, of the Interior, and of the Postmaster-General. The recommendations and suggestions which they contain are highly valuable and deserve your careful attention.”

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*Again, I invite readers to read the entire address(es).....so much context!*

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