

**Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs  
Proposed Appropriation Language**

*For necessary expenses for Indian energy activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), \$16,000,000, to remain available until expended; Provided, That \$2,510,000 shall be available until September 30, 2016 for program direction.*

**Explanation of Changes**

Appropriation language proposed for the new Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs.

**Public Law Authorizations**

Public Law 109–58, “Energy Policy Act of 2005,” Title V

**Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs  
(\$K)**

<b>FY 2013 Current</b>	<b>FY 2014 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2014 Current</b>	<b>FY 2015 Request</b>
0	0	0	16,000

**Overview**

The Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (IE) directs, fosters, coordinates, and implements energy planning, education, management, and competitive grant programs to assist Tribes with clean energy development and infrastructure, capacity building, energy costs, and electrification of Indian lands and homes. IE coordinates programmatic activities across DOE related to the development of clean energy resources on Indian lands and works with other Government agencies and Indian Tribes and organizations to promote Indian energy policies and initiatives. IE performs these functions consistent with the federal government's trust responsibility, Tribal self-determination policy, and government-to-government relationship with Indian Tribes.

IE accomplishes its mission through technical assistance, education, and capacity building; research and analysis; and financial assistance to Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Tribes and corporations, and Tribal energy resource development organizations. Technical assistance entails utilizing subject matter experts to assist Tribes with deploying clean energy projects, as well as high-level technical support for energy planning, project development, transmission interconnection, and utility formation. Research and analysis involves surveying energy needs of Tribal lands, including available infrastructure support and natural resources, and developing subsequent strategies for electrification and energy deployment. Financial assistance via grant opportunities to Tribes supports the deployment of energy generation and energy efficiency projects, reducing the cost/use of energy on Indian lands.

Funding and assistance to Tribes complies with statutory requirements for IE, as specified in Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58), to address energy generation, infrastructure development, clean energy deployment, transmission, and electrification needs in Indian Country.

**Highlights and Major Changes in the FY 2015 Budget Request**

In FYs 2013-2014, coordinated management between the Departmental Administration's (DA's) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs and the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE's) Tribal Energy Program has helped streamline activities and facilitate the consolidation of program activities proposed in FY 2015 under a new, separate appropriation in Energy Programs. By creating a single, stand-alone Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (IE), DOE is able to respond more effectively and efficiently to the energy needs of Tribal governments and entities.

In FY 2015, \$16 million is requested to fund the new Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs. The funding request includes \$2,510 to support 7 FTEs and other program direction costs; and \$13,490 to provide for technical assistance and competitive grant programs which support clean energy development, energy efficiency improvements, electrification projects, and other greenhouse gas emission mitigation technologies for Indian Tribes. The Office will maintain one FTE in Golden, Colorado to manage the grant program. In addition, one FTE will be stationed in Alaska to work more directly with the 300+ federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native villages and corporations. The Alaska program manager will operate out of the Denali Commission, an independent federal agency, to further promote inter-agency cooperation on Alaska Native village energy issues.

**Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs  
Funding by Congressional Control (\$K)**

	<b>FY 2013 Current</b>	<b>FY 2014 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2014 Adjustment</b>	<b>FY 2014 Current</b>	<b>FY 2015 Request</b>	<b>FY 2015 vs FY 2014 Enacted</b>
<b>Program Direction</b>	—	—	—	—	2,510	+2,510
<b>Tribal Energy Program</b>	—	—	—	—	13,490	+13,490
<b>Total, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>	—	—	—	—	16,000	+16,000
<b>Federal FTEs</b>	—	—	—	—	7	+7

**Budget Structure Changes**

In FY 2015, the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs is moving out of the Departmental Administration (DA) account and being established as a new stand-alone office, with a separate appropriation under Energy Programs. The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy’s Tribal Energy Program and the DA’s Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs are being consolidated under the new IE appropriation to streamline management of DOE’s Tribal programs.

**Comparability Matrix (\$K)  
FY 2015 Proposed Budget Structure**

<b>FY 2014 Enacted Budget Structure</b>	<b>Office of Indian Energy Policy &amp; Programs</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Program Direction</b>	<b>Tribal Energy Program</b>	
Departmental Administration			
Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs	2,510	—	2,510
Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy			
Tribal Energy Program	—	13,490	13,490
<b>Total, Office of Indian Energy Policy &amp; Programs</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>13,490</b>	<b>16,000</b>

**Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs  
Funding (\$K)**

	FY 2013 Current	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2014 Current	FY 2015 Request	FY 2015 vs FY 2014 Enacted
<b>Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>					
Program Direction	—	—	—	2,510	+2,510
Tribal Energy Program	—	—	—	13,490	+13,490
<b>Total, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>	—	—	—	<b>16,000</b>	<b>+16,000</b>

**Comparable Funding<sup>1</sup> (\$K)**

	FY 2013 Current	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2014 Current	FY 2015 Request	FY 2015 vs FY 2014 Enacted
<b>Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy</b>					
Tribal Energy Program	9,421	6,996	6,996	—	-6,996
<b>Departmental Administration</b>					
Program Direction	1,928	2,506	2,506	—	-2,506
<b>Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>					
Program Direction	—	—	—	2,510	+2,510
Tribal Energy Program	—	—	—	13,490	+13,490
<b>Total, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>	<b>11,349</b>	<b>9,502</b>	<b>9,502</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>+6,498</b>

<sup>1</sup> In FY 2015, EERE's Tribal Energy Program and DA's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs were consolidated into the new Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (IE), under a separate appropriation.

## **Program Direction**

### **Overview**

Program Direction provides for Headquarters and field employees responsible for administrative support, including program management and guidance, contract administration, and budget formulation and execution of IE's programs and activities.

Headquarters staff is responsible for providing overall guidance and direction for DOE program offices on Tribal energy activities and initiatives necessary to achieve IE's program objectives. Headquarters staff also provides day-to-day management of national technical assistance, educational activities, and capacity building programs. Anchorage staff performs management functions of IE technical assistance, capacity building, and education programs for Alaska Native villages, Tribes, and corporations. Golden staff performs grant management functions for IE financial assistance programs.

### **Highlights of the FY 2015 Budget Request**

Consolidation of program staff from the former DA Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (5 FTEs) and the former EERE Tribal Energy Program (2 FTEs), resulting in a staffing level of 7 FTEs to administer and manage IE's Tribal Energy Program activities. The Office will maintain one FTE in Golden, Colorado to continue to administer financial assistance programs and related grantee project support requirements. The Alaska program manager will work closely with the federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and coordinate inter-agency cooperative efforts to address energy issues in Alaska Native villages.

**Program Direction  
Funding (\$K)**

FY 2013 Current	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2014 Current	FY 2015 Request	FY 2015 vs FY 2014 Enacted
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**Program Direction Summary**

**Washington Headquarters**

Salaries and Benefits	—	—	—	1,210	+1,210
Travel	—	—	—	50	+50
Support Services	—	—	—	390	+390
Other Related Expenses	—	—	—	315	+315

**Total, Washington Headquarters**

<b>1,965</b>	<b>+1,965</b>
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**Golden Field Office**

Salaries and Benefits	—	—	—	200	+200
Travel	—	—	—	—	—
Support Services	—	—	—	300	+300
Other Related Expenses	—	—	—	45	+45

**Total, Golden Field Office**

<b>545</b>	<b>+545</b>
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**Program Direction**

Salaries and Benefits	—	—	—	1,410	+1,410
Travel	—	—	—	50	+50
Support Services	—	—	—	690	+690
Other Related Expenses	—	—	—	360	+360

**Total, Program Direction**

<b>2,510</b>	<b>+2,510</b>
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**Federal FTEs**

<b>7</b>	<b>+7</b>
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**Support Services and Other Related Expenses**

**Support Services**

Management Support					
Administrative Support Contract	—	—	—	85	+85
Grant Program Management	—	—	—	300	+300
Technical Assistance Program Management	—	—	—	210	+210
Indian Country Working Group	—	—	—	95	+95
Total, Management Support	—	—	—	690	+690

**Total, Support Services**

<b>690</b>	<b>+690</b>
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**Other Related Expenses**

DOECOE	—	—	—	120	+120
WCF	—	—	—	205	+205
Other Services	—	—	—	35	+35

**Total, Other Related Expenses**

<b>360</b>	<b>+360</b>
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**Program Direction**

**Activities and Explanation of Changes**

FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request	Explanation of Changes FY 2015 vs FY 2014 Enacted
<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>		
No funding in FY 2014.	Funding supports 7 full-time equivalents (FTEs) who perform program management functions, implement program activities, perform budget execution and procurement functions, and monitor over 200 grantee and contractor activities. Includes funding for 1 FTE deployed in Anchorage, Alaska, to manage technical assistance activities with Alaska Native villages and coordinate with other Federal agencies.	Increase of \$1,410 provides funding for 7 FTEs.
<b>Travel</b>		
No funding in FY 2014.	Funding provides for necessary program management at field locations.	Increase of \$50 supports travel requirements for Headquarters and field staff conducting management and oversight of grant and technical assistance programs.
<b>Support Services</b>		
No funding in FY 2014.	Funding provides for administrative support for TEP technical assistance and grant management activities. Support services at the the Golden Field Site Office (\$300) includes funding to a contractor for grant program support.	Increase of \$690 supports administrative and management activities for technical assistance and grant programs.
<b>Other Related Expenses</b>		
No funding in FY 2014.	Funding provides for computer hardware and software services, Working Capital Fund (WCF) contributions, necessary office supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses.	Increase of \$360 supports costs associated with WCF and information technology expenses.

## **Tribal Energy Program**

### **Overview**

During FYs 2013-2014, EERE's Tribal Energy Program (TEP) and DA's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (IE) worked collaboratively with a high level of coordination and cooperation on Indian policy, technical assistance, and financial assistance to Tribes. In FY 2015, the newly consolidated Tribal Energy Program in IE will play a significant role in building partnerships with the 566 federally recognized Tribal governments and other federal agencies in order to address residential, commercial and industrial energy and environmental priorities. Financial and technical assistance to Tribes is critical and valuable in advancing sustainable energy development and deployment on Tribal lands. The current DOE strategic goal to increase installed clean energy capacity by 25 MWe in Indian Country represents a 15% increase over current estimated installed capacity.

The new IE will provide a combination of financial, technical, and training resources to Tribes. Program activities will support specific goals and objectives at DOE, including reduced energy use and increased clean energy generation capacity on Tribal lands. Additionally, the Office will address Tribal government priorities for energy sufficiency and associated economic development in Indian Country.

The consolidated technical assistance activities will include the Strategic Technical Assistance Response Teams (START) program, tribal community energy planning, late-stage project development assistance, and transmission and electrification feasibility assessments. Other activities will address Tribal leader and Tribal staff training, an internship program, and education efforts to build capacity that supports Tribal self-determination, self-sufficiency and energy security.

The consolidated grant program activities will provide funds for clean energy development and deployment; energy efficiency improvements; greenhouse gas emission mitigation technologies; and other projects to address electrification needs in Indian lands, in accordance with Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58).

Alaska programs, designed for addressing the key energy issues in remote Alaska Native villages, will focus on education, capacity building, and technical assistance at the community and regional level. The Alaska START program, project development and finance education, micro-grid integration support, and renewable energy technical analysis support are the hallmark of our efforts to reduce energy costs and increase the adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts in remote Alaska Native villages. IE has stationed one FTE, housed in the Denali Commission, to manage and implement our Alaska program, work with federally recognized tribes and native villages and corporations, and coordinate and collaborate with other federal and state agencies to achieve our program goals.

### **Highlights of the FY 2015 Budget Request**

In FY 2015, support is requested at DOE for the Tribal Energy Program (\$13,490), which includes expanded technical assistance activities (+\$2,500) and grant program activities (+\$10,990). Financial assistance to Tribes is designed to help Indian Tribes overcome financial barriers to deploying small to medium-scale renewable energy generation projects (used for heat and electric power), as well as energy efficiency projects that result in reduced energy costs, stabilized energy costs, and more efficient use of energy.

**Tribal Energy Program  
Funding (\$K)**

**Tribal Energy Program**

    Technical Assistance  
     Tribal Energy Grant Program  
**Total, Tribal Energy Program**

FY 2013 Current	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2014 Current	FY 2015 Request	FY 2015 vs FY 2014 Enacted
—	—	—	2,500	+2,500
—	—	—	10,990	+10,990
—	—	—	<b>13,490</b>	<b>+13,490</b>

**Tribal Energy Program**

**Activities and Explanation of Changes**

FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request	Explanation of Changes FY 2015 vs FY 2014 Enacted
<b>Technical Assistance</b>		
<p>No activity in FY 2014 Enacted.</p> <p>Funding for this activity at DOE (\$2,000) supports technical assistance activities, as outlined in the 2014 Budget request for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE).</p>	<p>Funding for technical assistance programs includes training, education, and capacity building efforts that assist with the dissemination of information to Indian Country through on-line training, regional/national workshops, webinars, and printed guides and materials.</p> <p>In addition, technical assistance is provided to Tribes through the Strategic Technical Assistance Response Teams (START) program, which provides subject matter experts to assist Tribes with deploying clean energy projects. Other technical assistance efforts include high-level support for energy planning, project development, transmission interconnection, and utility formation.</p> <p>Additionally, funding will support the IE Alaska program focused on education, capacity building, and technical assistance, including Alaska START program, project development and finance education, micro-grid integration support, and renewable energy technical analysis support.</p> <p>Lastly, internships at DOE National Laboratories and field sites are provided to Native American graduate students interested in careers in the energy sector.</p>	<p>Tribal technical assistance activities consolidated at DOE in FY 2015 under the new IE appropriation.</p> <p>Technical assistance request level of \$2,500 includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EERE’s TEP technical assistance activities consolidation under IE (+\$2,000); and</li> <li>• Additional resources to support deployment of clean energy projects, as well as Alaska START activities (+\$500).</li> </ul>
<b>Tribal Energy Grant Program</b>		
<p>No activity in FY 2014 Enacted.</p> <p>Funding for this activity at DOE (\$4,996) supports Tribal grant activities, as outlined in the 2014 Budget request for EERE.</p>	<p>Funding for Tribal Energy Grant Program provides financial assistance to Tribes to assist with electrification projects on Indian lands, including deployment of clean, sustainable energy systems.</p> <p>In FY 2015, EERE’s Tribal Energy Program function and activities are being consolidated into the new Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs.</p>	<p>Tribal grant programs consolidated at DOE in FY 2015 under the new IE appropriation.</p> <p>Tribal Energy Grant Program request level of \$10,990 includes activities to address the need for clean energy deployment and electrification of Indian lands and homes, in accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58, Title V).</p>

Department Of Energy  
 FY 2015 Congressional Budget  
 Funding By Appropriation By Site  
 (\$K)

Indian Energy Policy and Programs	FY 2013 Current	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request
<b>Bonneville Power Administration</b>			
<b>Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>			
Technical Assistance	0	0	100
<b>Total, Bonneville Power Administration</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Golden Field Office</b>			
<b>Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>			
Program Direction	0	0	545
<b>Total, Golden Field Office</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>545</b>
<b>National Renewable Energy Laboratory</b>			
<b>Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>			
Technical Assistance	0	0	900
<b>Total, National Renewable Energy Laboratory</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Sandia National Laboratories</b>			
<b>Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>			
Technical Assistance	0	0	500
<b>Total, Sandia National Laboratories</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Washington Headquarters</b>			
<b>Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>			
Program Direction	0	0	1,965
Technical Assistance	0	0	900
Tribal Energy Program	0	0	10,990
<b>Total, Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,855</b>
<b>Total, Washington Headquarters</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,855</b>
<b>Western Area Power Administration</b>			
<b>Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>			
Technical Assistance	0	0	100
<b>Total, Western Area Power Administration</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total, Indian Energy Policy and Programs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,000</b>