

- 1. Are Tribes eligible for this funding Would the propane operated generators be eligible for this funding? The cost for the generators, electricians, trenches, propane hook-ups, etc. cost around \$10,000.00 each.**

Yes, all Federally recognized Tribes are eligible and can apply for the 40101(d) Formula Grid Resilience Grant. To apply for 40101(d) Formula Grid Resilience grant funds tribes are required to apply directly with the Department of Energy (DOE) and not through the Nevada subaward process. For any assistance needed, please reach out to the Grid Deployment Office at [GDOTribalAssistance@hq.doe.gov](mailto:GDOTribalAssistance@hq.doe.gov).

Unfortunately, the specific project mentioned is not eligible for this 40101(d) funding. New propane operated generators are not an option; but modification/upgrades to existing units could be allowable.

- 2. My name is [REDACTED] and I work for [REDACTED], a management consulting firm, who is assisting [REDACTED] with its efforts to apply to the Grid Resilience Grant Program. It appears that there are two different applications for the program. One is partially contained and described in the Notification of Funding Opportunity from the Nevada Governor's Office of Energy and then there is the application file listed at [https://energy.nv.gov/Resources/Federal\\_Funding\\_Opportunities/40101d/](https://energy.nv.gov/Resources/Federal_Funding_Opportunities/40101d/). Could you please advise as to what documents are required for a complete application and how they should be submitted?**

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the subaward opportunity for the 40101(d) Grid Resilience Grant Program. The Notice of Funding Opportunity NOFO is intended to inform the applicant and in completing the Sub-Award application found on the GOE website. Here is the link to the [application](#). Additional attachments required for the application to be complete are also available on the [Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program](#) funding page on GOE website and include:

- Budget Justification workbook
- Disclosure of Lobbying and Activities
- Environmental Questionnaire NEPA
- Cost Match Commitment letter

Further resources, including templates and regulatory guidance fact sheets, are available on the same funding page. The additional required documents should be included as attachments in the email sent to the [GOEgrants@energy.nv.gov](mailto:GOEgrants@energy.nv.gov) email box at the time of the application submission.

Additionally, I wanted to confirm that due diligence was performed to confirm Bo [REDACTED] an eligible applicant. Per the NOFO eligible applicants must fall into one of these categories:

Eligible Applicants

- Electric grid operator.
- Electricity storage operator.
- Electricity generator.
- Transmission owner or operator.
- Distribution provider.
- Fuel supplier.
- Any other relevant entity, as determined by the Secretary (of DOE).

In short, an applicant would typically be an investor-owned utility company (IOU), Cooperative Utility, or Municipal Utility.

**3. Section II of the Notice references an “Award Cap” of \$3,500,000.00. Is the cap per-project or per-applicant?**

The Award Cap of 3.5 is allocated per project, serving as a mechanism to guarantee adequate funding for all utilities participating in the grant program. This measure is vital to ensure equitable distribution of resources among applicants. In the event of limited applications from utility companies, the GOE is committed to maximizing the utilization of federal funds to bolster Nevada's grid resilience, thereby advancing the state's overall infrastructure. It's crucial to note that approval for multi-project applications may be granted based on the individual scoring of each proposed project, allowing for flexibility in funding allocation.

**4. Section IV of the Notice indicates that GOE “encourages the formation of coalitions,” for this grant funding opportunity. Is a “coalition” similar to a “Tribal Consortium” as defined by the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) Administrative and Legal Requirement Document (“ALRD”) 0071? Further, how does an applicant demonstrate the formation of a coalition in its application?**

As per the DOE Administrative and Legal Requirement Document (ALRD) DE-FOA/ALRD-0002736, a Tribal Consortium is defined in a manner similar to a coalition. For the 40101(d) Grid Resilience Grant Program, applicants may use the terms "Coalition" and "Consortium" interchangeably.

The ALRD delineates the requirements for Coalition/Consortium applicant packages, detailing the responsibilities of the Lead member within the consortium/coalition. These responsibilities encompass the sequence of application responses, as well as post-award monitoring.

**5. Can you please send additional clarity on who can apply as a lead verses joint application? We are confused by this language. Please see below.**

**We also ask that an informational session be held in the next week so my members can get an opportunity to ask questions directly. Over email is burdensome and can leave room for more questions.**

A single lead organization must submit the application, but they are welcome to include as many collaborative entities as needed as part of the project team. The application must come from one lead entity, which will serve as the primary point of contact with GOE and be responsible for the overall project. All partner entities will report to the lead agency, which will be responsible for managing the grant and sub awards, if applicable.

We'd be happy to set up an informational meeting to walk through the opportunity and answer any questions. We definitely understand that many eligible organizations may not have in-house grant writing support, and we want to ensure everyone feels confident in applying.

**6. I was sent the NOFO for the FY 2025 Grid Resilience Grant Program Section 40101(d) and asked to see if I can find out if the funding for this grant has been put on hold or has a freeze on it. Can you please give me this information or direct me to a site or someone that may be able to answer this for me?**

No, the 40101(d) grant funds are not on hold or frozen at this time. The FY 2025 Grid Resilience Grant Program under Section 40101(d) is active, and the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been released as scheduled.

**7. We are a wastewater treatment facility and wanted to know if we could apply for this grant with our energy provider? The way I understand it is our energy provider would need to apply and then we would be a subrecipient, is this correct? Also, how would the cost share work for this, it would depend on how many megawatts of electricity our energy provider sells per hour?**

Yes, your understanding is generally correct, and your approach might be allowable under Section 40101(d), depending on the structure of the application, eligibility of the lead applicant and if the project falls within the Eligible Projects listed in the NOFO.

Eligibility & Partnership Structure:

Eligible utilities including electric grid operators, electricity storage operators, transmission owners or operators, distribution providers, and fuel suppliers can be subrecipients under the GOE's GRID Resiliency grant program.

In your case, your energy provider, if eligible, under the program, would typically be the applicant to the state, and your wastewater treatment facility could participate as a subrecipient or project partner in their application.

Eligible Project:

Eligible Resilience Measures could include any or all the following scopes:

- Weatherization technologies and equipment.
- Fire-resistant technologies and fire prevention systems.
- Monitoring and control technologies.
- The undergrounding of electrical equipment.
- Utility pole management.
- The relocation of power lines or the reconductoring of power lines with low-sag, advanced conductors.
- Vegetation and fuel-load management.
- The use or construction of distributed energy resources for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events, including microgrids and battery-storage subcomponents.
- Adaptive protection technologies.
- Advanced modeling technologies.
- Hardening of power lines, facilities, substations, or other systems; and
- Replacing old overhead conductors and underground cables.

This grant program may not be used for the construction of a:

- New electric generating facility or large-scale battery-storage facility that is not used for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events.
- Cybersecurity.
- Workforce Development.
- Studies.

Cost Share Requirements:

The cost match is based on the size of the utility, specifically:

Utilities that sell more than 4 million megawatt-hours/year are required to provide a 100% cost match (i.e., 50/50).

Small utilities (those selling 4 million MWh/year or less) are only required to provide a 48% cost match.

The utility's sales volume determines the match level.

**8. Can this grant award go toward a reimbursement of previous project expenses?**

No, expenses for past work or previously completed projects are not allowable under the 40101(d) NOFO. All eligible project activities must occur within the period of performance outlined in the subaward agreement.

**9. Can the 48% Match be the labor on the project?**

Yes, project teams may provide cost match in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. Cost match can come from the Prime Recipient, Subrecipients, or third parties (entities not performing the scope of work). Any partial donation of goods or services is considered a discount and is not allowable. Cash contributions may include personnel, fringe, supplies, equipment, indirect, and other direct costs, as outlined on page 16 of the ALRD. Applicants should detail their cost match, including personnel breakdowns, in the budget justification workbook submitted with the application.

**10. Do applicants include the 48% match in budget proposal or just provide a commitment to meet the match?**

Applicants should include the full 48% match in the budget proposal, though they may exceed this amount if desired. The budget should reflect the total cost of the project, including both federal funds and cost match, and should be detailed in the budget workbook. This breakdown is also captured on Page 1 of the Project Notification Form and supported by the Cost Match Commitment Letter.

**11. Grant Period of performance for Sub recipients? Start and end date of project.**

The project start date will be effective upon signature of the sub award agreement between GOE and the sub awardee. The award period of performance extends through 2032. All Terms & Conditions of the agreement between GOE and DOE will apply to sub recipients as well.