GOE 401 GRID RESILIENCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM NOFO Q&A

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.

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 a said and I work for a said and I work for assisting 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/. 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 email box at the time of the application submission.

Additionally, I wanted to confirm that due diligence was performed to confirm is 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 perproject 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.

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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.