

# Grant Funding Opportunities for Orphaned Well Plugging, Remediation, and Restoration on Indian Lands

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is offering three types of grant funding in FY23 for a total of \$50 million in Federal assistance:

- **Tribal Implementation Grants:** Funds are available to plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned well sites on the Indian Tribe's respective trust or restricted lands.
- **Program Development Grants:** Funds are available to assist tribes in the development or administration of a Tribal program to carry out any activities associated with plugging, remediating, and/or reclaiming orphaned well sites on the Indian Tribe's respective trust or restricted lands.
- **"In Lieu Of" Funding:** Tribes have the option to request the DOI administer and carry out plugging, remediation, and reclamation activities on the Tribe's behalf.

## **Which Indian Tribes are eligible to receive this funding?**

Eligible Indian Tribes include those where orphaned wells are located on the federally recognized Indian Tribe's respective trust or restricted lands.

## **How do Tribes apply for funding?**

Tribes may apply for funding between November 18, 2022 and January 20, 2023. Tribes should apply following the instructions in the FY23 Tribal Orphaned Well Grant Guidance available at <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/fy23-tribal-orphaned-well-grant-guidance.pdf>. All applications must be emailed to [ECRP@ios.doi.gov](mailto:ECRP@ios.doi.gov) by 11:59 pm on January 20, 2023. An email acknowledging receipt will be provided to the sender within one business day of receipt.

## **How can Tribes receive additional information on the Orphaned Well Program and grant application procedures?**

Technical assistance for submitting application materials is available from DOI's Interior Business Center (IBC). IBC can be reached at [ECRP@ios.doi.gov](mailto:ECRP@ios.doi.gov).

Additionally, training webinars and open office hours are planned for the following dates:

- Wednesday December 7, 2022, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST: Orphan Well Tribal Grant Guidance Informational Webinar
- Wednesday December 14, 2022, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm EST: Best Management Practices – Grant Awards Information Webinar
- Wednesday December 21, 2022, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EST: Open Office Hours
- Wednesday January 11 & 18, 2023, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EST: Open Office Hours

Please visit <https://www.doi.gov/oepc/tribal-orphaned-well-grants> for complete webinar information.