

Q3 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP:

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

October 6, 2026

AGENDA

- Welcome & Collaborative Overview
- High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Energy Program for Indian Tribes
- Closing

Collaborative Overview

The **Western Regional Collaboration (WRC)** is a multi-state collaborative consisting of 100+ members representing local and state governments, MSA's, territories, and tribal nations. The goal of the collaborative is to share resources and best practices to advance decarbonization, resiliency, and sustainability across the western region.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY:

HEEHR PROGRAM FOR INDIAN TRIBES

What is High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebates (HEEHR)?

HEEHR is:

- A DOE formula allocation available to each federally recognized Tribe and Alaska Native Corporation with an allocation.
- Funding that allows a Tribe to establish its own rebate program for eligible households and housing.
- A program that can support selected efficient electric equipment, electrical upgrades, and envelope improvements.

HEEHR is not:

- A competitive grant scored against other Tribes.
- A general home-rehabilitation program.
- A fuel-switching program for replacing propane, natural gas, oil, or wood equipment.
- A household rebate that residents can obtain directly from DOE before the Tribe launches a program.

The opportunity at a glance

Formula funding paid directly to Tribes, not through State Energy Offices



\$218.5M

available to Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations (of \$225M set aside)



Dec 11, 2026

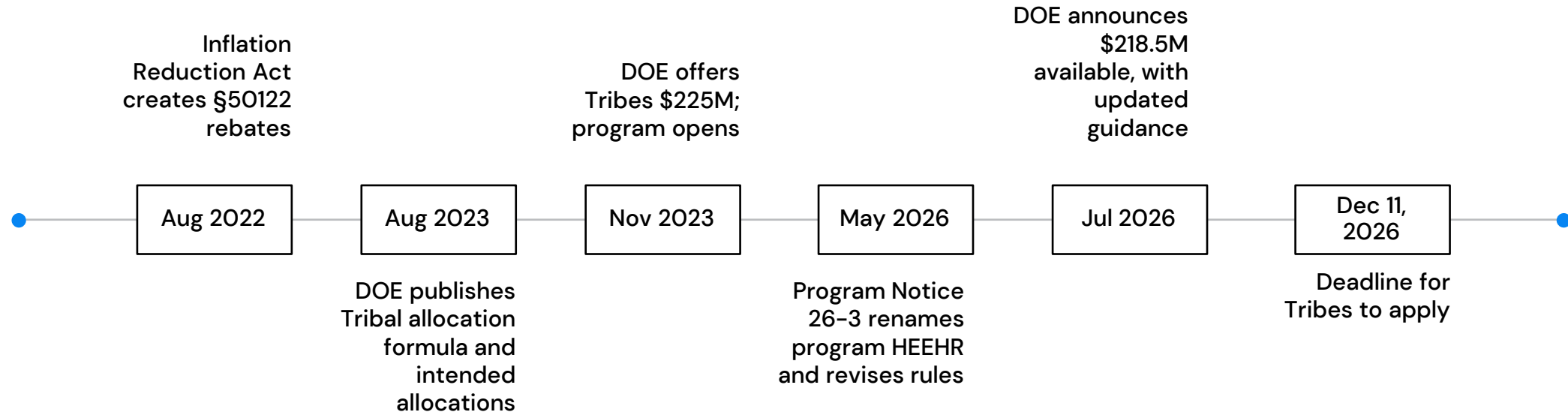
extended deadline for Tribes to apply for their formula allocations



\$14,000

maximum rebate per home for income-eligible households

How we got here



The [May 2026 notice](#) changed eligible upgrades and administration; earlier materials may be out of date

Who is eligible

Tribal entities administer the program; income-qualified households receive the rebates



Eligible Grantees

- Federally recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations with a DOE allocation
- Tribal consortium
- Third-party administrator, such as a Tribally Designated Housing Entity

Household income (share of area median income)

Below 80% AMI

Up to 100% of project cost

80% to 150% AMI

Up to 50% of project cost

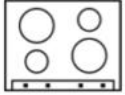
Above 150% AMI

Not eligible

Eligible homes: single-family, multifamily and manufactured housing, owned or rented. Multifamily buildings need at least 50% of occupied units to be low- or moderate-income.

What the rebates pay for

Maximum per upgrade; \$14,000 cap per home

Appliance		Rebate Amount (Maximum)
	Heat Pump (for space heating and cooling)	\$8,000
	Electric Stove, Cooktop, Range, or Oven, or Clothes Dryer	\$840
	Heat Pump Water Heater	\$1,750
	Electric Wiring	\$2,500
	Electric Load Service Center (Breaker Box)	\$4,000
	Insulation, Air Sealing, and Ventilation	\$1,600

[Source: IRA – Building Performance Association](#)



Electric to more efficient electric only

Since May 2026, replacing propane, gas, wood or oil equipment with electric equipment no longer qualifies. Equipment in new construction still qualifies.

What changed in Program Notice 26-3

Effective May 29, 2026

Before

- Fuel-switching rebates (e.g., propane furnace to heat pump)
- HVAC upgrades without envelope requirement
- Consumer Protection Plan, satisfaction surveys, dispute resolution
- Justice40 and required low-income spending percentages
- Point-of-sale and contractor-installed focus

Now

- Electric-to-efficient-electric upgrades only; fossil system can stay as backup
- Insulation and air sealing first, unless already adequate
- Fraud, Waste and Abuse Mitigation Plan (simplified under \$1M)
- Justice40 and spending-percentage requirements removed
- DIY installs allowed (except HVAC); mail-in rebates allowed

New flexibilities Tribes can use

Program Notice 26-3 changes



DIY installs

Households can buy and install products themselves, except HVAC



Mail-in rebates

Offered alongside point-of-sale rebates



More ways to buy

Retail, e-commerce, direct-to-consumer and marketplace vendors



Broader allowable costs

Shipping, contractor travel, warranties, accessories and Tribal taxes



30-day launch rule

Launch if DOE hasn't responded 30 days after final Implementation Blueprint feedback



Photo alternatives

Propose alternatives to geotagged before-and-after photos

New Restrictions

Program Notice 26-3 changes



No electrification

Replacing non-electric equipment with electric (fuel switching) no longer qualifies



Weatherizing requirement

Insulation and air sealing must be done before heating and cooling upgrades



Reporting

A progress report is due at least 90 days before moving to the next funding tranche



Self-attestation requirement

Tribes must verify all rebate applications using self-attestation of income eligibility before issuing a rebate

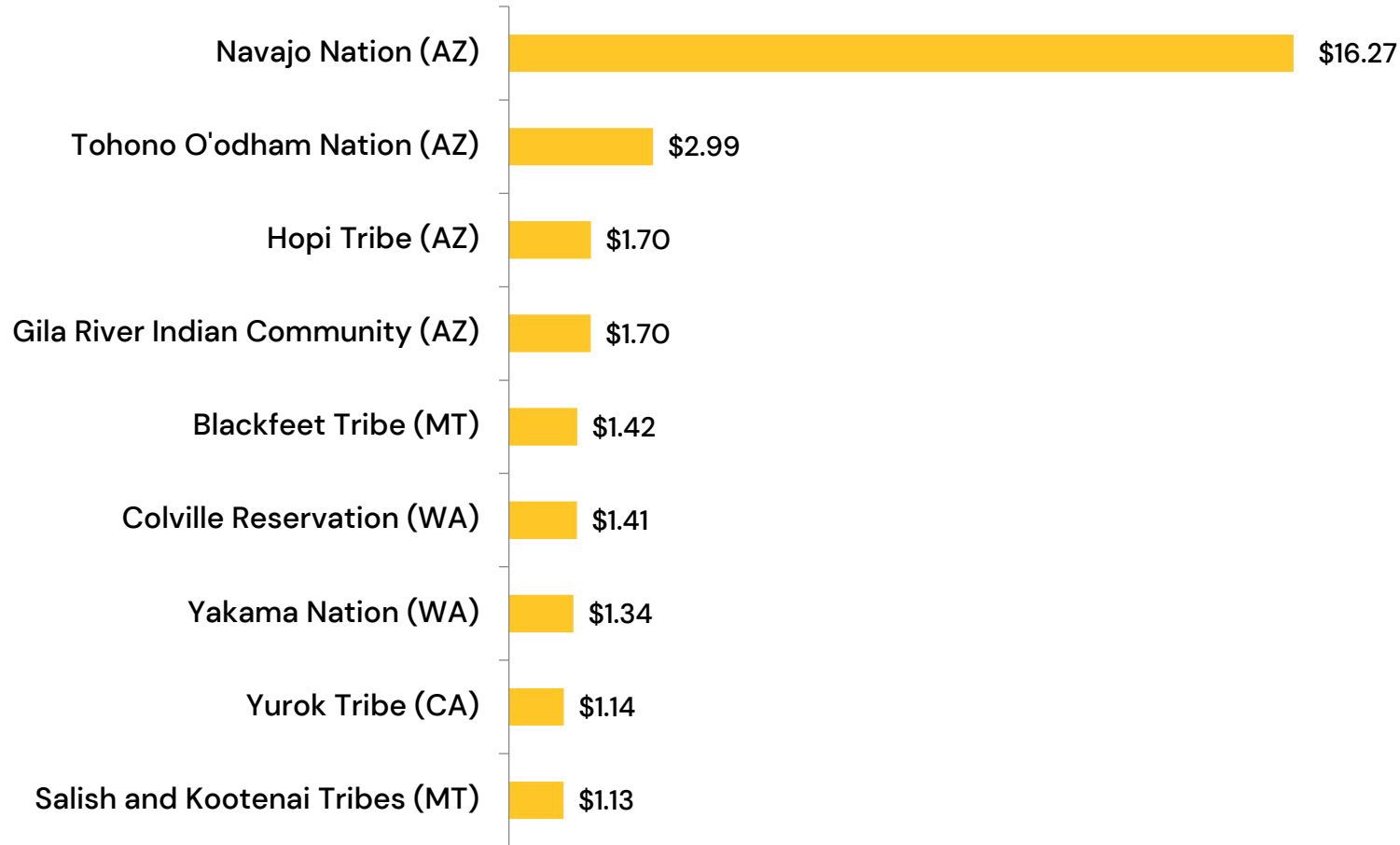


Contractor Screening

Contractors must be screened against Treasury's "Do Not Pay" Database

Example allocations for Tribes (\$M)

DOE intended allocations (August 2023)



Find your allocation

Every federally recognized Tribe and Alaska Native Corporation received a [formula allocation](#). Funds not applied for may be reallocated.

Is this a fit for your Tribe?

Consider:

- How many potentially eligible homes already use electric resistance heat, electric water heating, or eligible electric appliances?
- Are there planned new-construction or substantial-rehabilitation projects?
- How many households are below 80% AMI or between 80% and 150% AMI?
- Can roofs, electrical deficiencies, asbestos, mold, or other pre-weatherization barriers be addressed with other funding?
- Does the Tribe have an administrator, systems, procurement capacity, and a feasible delivery channel?



Strong Fit

Meaningful electric baseline, new housing pipeline, or substantial envelope/electrical needs.



Possible Fit with Coordination

Eligible households exist, but repairs, income verification, procurement, or contractor access are barriers.



Limited Fit Under Current Rules

Most homes rely on propane, wood, natural gas, or oil and there is little eligible new construction.

What this means for Tribes

Design around the homes you have

Check the baseline

Estimate how many homes already have electric heat, water heaters and appliances

Account for fuels

Propane, wood and fuel-oil replacements no longer qualify

Lead with envelope

Insulation and air sealing now come before HVAC

Unlock later HVAC

Weatherization, roof and envelope work can open the door to heat pump rebates

Use new construction

HVAC and appliances in new homes still qualify; pair with Tribal housing pipelines

Plan for distance

Use DIY, mail-in and online purchasing; budget for shipping and contractor travel

Coordinate HEEHR with other funding

DOE strongly recommends combining HEEHR with other programs, without paying twice for the same project

HEEHR rebates

Efficient electric equipment, panels, wiring, envelope

HUD IHBG / NAHASDA housing funds

Rehabilitation and new construction

Weatherization and LIHEAP

Envelope work and energy bill assistance

Utility and state rebates

Co-op, utility and State Energy Office programs

Federal tax credits

Where available to households or partners

Why coordinate?

- Rebates have per-item and per-home caps; other sources cover the rest
- Envelope work required before HVAC can be funded by weatherization
- Relying on one federal source leaves programs exposed to policy changes
- Confirm each program's rules on combining funds for the same measure

Before Applying

Act on the following:

Leadership and Authorization

- Confirm allocation.
- Designate an authorized official.
- Decide between direct administration, consortium, and third-party administration.
- Prepare the required Tribal Council resolution or head-of-government letter.

Program Concept

- Estimate eligible housing and households.
- Select measures and housing types.
- Identify the proposed rebate-delivery pathways.
- Identify housing, weatherization, utility, and repair coordination opportunities.

Administrative Readiness

- Establish PAGE and FedConnect access.
- Identify staff or implementation support.
- Plan income verification, contractor screening, recordkeeping, and fraud controls.
- Engage DOE for technical assistance.

If declining funds, the Tribe should send DOE a signed letter declining its allocation. Funds that are neither applied for nor declined are reallocated to other Tribes.

What Program Designs must address

Use of funds:

planned spending on administration and on rebates, estimated by year.

Rebate rules:

confirm the program follows the statutory caps (\$14,000 per home plus the per-item caps) and list any lower caps the Tribe chooses to set.

Contractor cost monitoring:

how the Tribe will make sure contractor prices aren't inflated above market rates.

Project documentation:

what households and contractors must submit. Invoices must show the work done, the address, the contractor, the dates, the total cost and the rebate amount.

Contractor installation incentives:

any amount set aside, capped at \$500 per home.

No double-dipping:

how households and contractors will be told that other federal rebates can't pay for the same project, and how it will be implemented.

Duplicate-rebate tracking:

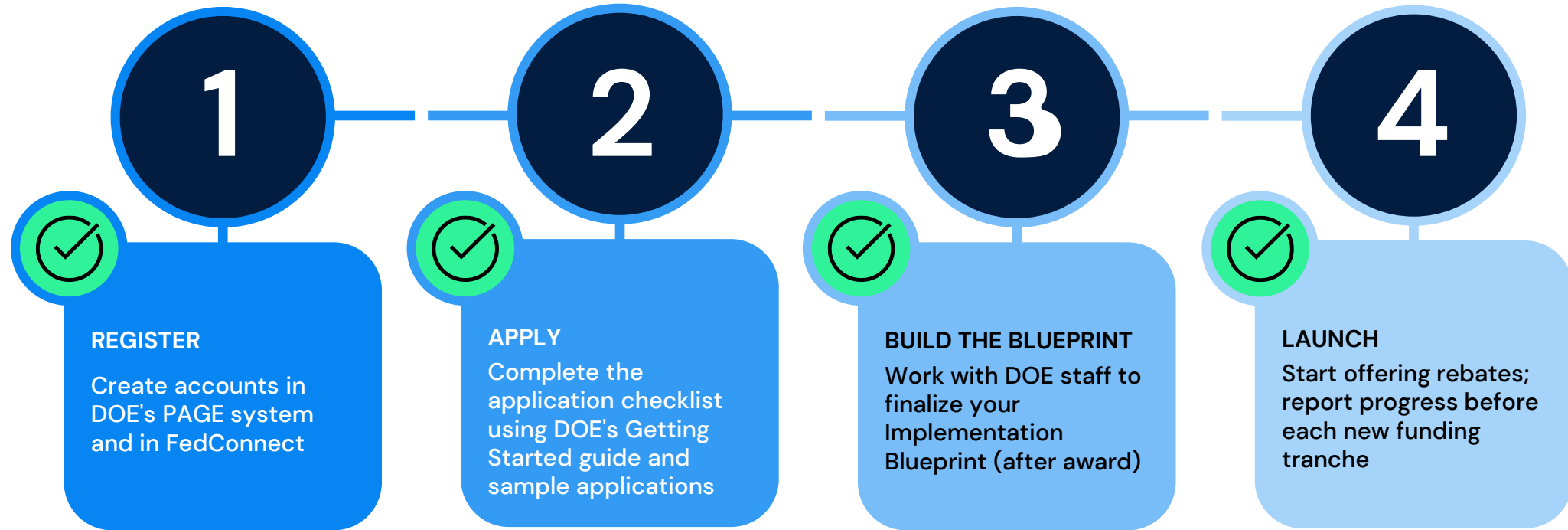
DOE's API, DOE's spreadsheet, or another method DOE approves.

Tenant protections for rentals:

two years of affordability protections, no evictions tied to the upgrade, and no rent increases except for property taxes or documented maintenance costs.

How to apply

Applications go directly to DOE; free technical assistance is available



DOE support: sample applications, one-on-one technical assistance, application support, optional digital systems and coaching. Contact irahomerebates@hq.doe.gov

Resources

- [DOE program-notice-26-3](#)
- [Tribal-Allocations-11.9-1.pdf](#)
- [Resources | Department of Energy](#)
- [Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program for Indian Tribes](#)



Thank You!

QUESTIONS?

LOOKING AHEAD

- ✓ **October, November, December Newsletters**
- ✓ **Next Virtual Workshop: December 15, 2026 at 10AM PST**



THANK YOU!

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