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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that [USDA is making investments](#) to provide clean drinking water, sanitary wastewater systems and affordable high-speed internet to people in Tribal communities. **A portion of the funding will improve water infrastructure for the Yomba Shoshone Tribe in Nevada, which is part of USDA's [Rural Partners Network](#).**

Secretary Vilsack made this announcement at the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's Reservation Economic Summit (RES) in Las Vegas, Nevada. The announcement comes on the heels of USDA's ongoing progress in removing long-standing systemic barriers to accessing USDA's programs by Tribal nations and ensuring that, where appropriate, Tribally owned enterprises and also Tribal trust lands are eligible for USDA programs. USDA has also taken steps to ensure Tribal resolutions of consent are obtained for many of its infrastructure programs, such as ReConnect, in the same manner that any permits and permissions are required.

USDA is investing \$58 million in Tribal communities in Nevada, Oklahoma and South Dakota. This funding will support economic development, high-speed internet deployment and modern infrastructure.

The projects are being financed through the [ReConnect Program](#) and the [Water and Waste Facility Loans and Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands Program](#) and include:

- The **Yomba Shoshone Tribe** in Nevada, a participant of USDA's [Rural Partners Network](#), will use a \$772,000 grant to make water infrastructure improvements. Funding will be used to replace a water tank, install water lines and fire hydrants, and make other improvements to increase efficiency and resiliency of the Tribe's water system. These improvements will enable homes and buildings in the community to have access to safer water. The project is an example of how this alliance of federal partners is helping communities access government resources to build critical infrastructure and support long-term economic growth where it's needed most.
- The **Oglala Sioux Tribe** in South Dakota received a \$35 million grant to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to provide high-speed internet. This project will deliver high speed internet to 3,300 people, 47 businesses, 55 farms and seven educational facilities in Bennett and Oglala Lakota counties.
- The **Choctaw Nation** in Oklahoma will use a \$22 million grant to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to provide high-speed internet. This project will deliver high speed internet to nearly 2,000 people, 12 businesses and 100 farms in Le Flore County.

Together, these projects will ensure people have access to high-speed internet that will provide new economic opportunities and access to modern water infrastructure that will alleviate health risks for generations to come. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, \$1.1 billion has been awarded through the ReConnect program to 57 Tribal communities.

Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program- Notice of Funding Opportunity

Under this NOFO, approximately \$150 million is available to eligible Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income American Indian and Alaska Native families. In accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, HUD will prioritize grant applications that spur housing construction and rehabilitation. A great opportunity to grow, customize and build your community.

Applicants will have until 11:59:59 p.m. EDT on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**, to submit applications. If applicants are unable to submit it electronically, they may request a waiver in accordance with Section IV.A. of the NOFO. [Read Letter Now](#)

- **[Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#)**: Awarded grants to 226 Tribal entities totaling \$1.86 Billion; applications for Round 2 are due on **March 22, 2024** for the remainder of the nearly \$1 billion in funding.

- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Notice of Funding Availability**

Native American Entities are encouraged to apply

The California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) [HOME 2022-2023 Notice of Funding Availability](#) (NOFA) of approximately \$120 million in federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds. Federally Recognized Tribes may apply for Program Activities and/or Project Activities; however, other Native American Entities may apply for only Project Activities. HCD and HOME Program team will provide comprehensive technical assistance to Native American Entities throughout the application process and during implementation of their Project or Program.

Application due dates:

- **Non-Native American Entity applications are due by April 9, 2024**
- **Native American Entity applications are due by May 9, 2024**
- **Questions?** Email HOMENOFA@hcd.ca.gov. For more info. visit [HOME Program webpage](#).

- Applications to apply for **ConnectHomeUSA** have been extended to **April 12, 2024**. ConnectHomeUSA Expansion Application Instructions at: [Federal Register :: Notice of Expansion and Proposed Restructuring of the Digital Opportunity Demonstration Program](#). CHUSA eligibility has been expanded to Continuum of Care (CoC) and Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) grantees. Please reach out to connecthome@hud.gov with any questions!

Application Resources: [Watch the Application Webinar](#)
[Review the Application Instructions](#)

- **Office of Indian Energy: \$25 Million for Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands**

New Funding Will Help Tribal Communities Deploy Clean Energy Technology, Increase Energy Sovereignty and Resiliency, and Lower Energy Costs. Read the [FOA press release](#) and download the [FOA for Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands-2024 \(DE-FOA-0003298\)](#).

[Read the full announcement](#) to learn more and apply. **Applications are due May 30, 2024, at 5 p.m. ET.**

- **Communities Sparking Investments in Transformative Energy funding opportunity:** Approximately \$18 million in funding from the [Local Government Energy Program](#), for community-identified, transformative clean energy projects and programs that advance local energy priorities and self-determination, spark additional investments, and deliver direct benefits to workers and residents. DOE anticipates making up to 20 awards under this FOA, each ranging \$900,000 to \$3,600,000, **to eligible applicants, including Tribes** and local governments representing disadvantaged communities, energy communities, and small-to-medium-sized jurisdictions. Recipients will also receive technical assistance, including an on-site DOE-sponsored Clean Energy Fellow. More info: [DOE announced](#). **Deadline to apply is May 31, 2024.**

IHBG Competitive NOFO APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED and Other Technical Corrections

HUD is extending the FY 2023 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Application deadline by 30 days. Applications are now due by Friday, April 19, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET.

HUD has also made some technical corrections to the NOFO following Tribal feedback provided during ongoing NOFO training sessions:

- **Undisbursed Funds from 2016 or Prior Years:** References to undisbursed funds from 2016 and prior years have been removed from the NOFO. Applicants will no longer lose points under the Rating Factors if they have undisbursed funds from 2016 or prior years.
- **Needs Table Heading Corrected:** The Needs Table that was posted had an incorrect heading, which has been corrected. The data in the table is unchanged.
- **Updated FAQs:** HUD will also update FAQs shortly to further assist Applicants.

To allow Applicants additional time to take these changes into account, HUD has extended the application deadline until **Friday, April 19, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET**. Applications must still be submitted through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

National Opportunities

Funding Enhances the Lives of Adults With Autism

NEXT for AUTISM is committed to enhancing the lives of adults with autism throughout the United States.

\$10,000 Grants Increase Sports Participation for Girls of Color

The Women's Sports Foundation advances the lives of women and girls in the United States through sports and physical activity.

Preservation of Audio and Audiovisual Media Supported

Recordings at Risk supports the preservation of rare and unique audio, audiovisual, and other time-based media of high scholarly value through digital reformatting.

Grants Assist Dog Adoption Programs in the U.S.

The PEDIGREE Foundation funds nonprofit shelters and rescues in the United States with programs that support dog adoption.

Regional Opportunities

\$500,000 Available for Health Workforce Projects in OR, WA, ID, and UT

Cambia Health Foundation, the corporate foundation of Cambia Health Solutions, works in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Utah to advance whole-person health at every stage of life.

Support Advances Emergency Preparedness in South Carolina

The Duke Energy Foundation will provide \$500,000 through the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness and Storm Resiliency Grants to invest in emergency preparedness organizations across South Carolina.

Arts Organizations Funded in California and Nationwide

The Wilhelm Family Foundation supports nonprofit arts organizations with the goal of helping improve the quality of life of artists and creative communities nationwide.

Grants Facilitate Community Innovation in MN, ND, and SD

The Bush Foundation works to inspire and support creative problem solving within and across sectors in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography.

Federal Opportunities

Funds Available to Advance Asthma-Related Health Equity

The purpose of the Advancing Health Equity in Asthma Control through EXHALE Strategies is to address the systems-level, environmental, and social drivers of disparities by leveraging and expanding strategic partnerships to implement EXHALE strategies.

Telemedicine and Distance Learning Supported

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants program helps rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other, and the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.

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**Learning Disabilities Foundation of America**

The Learning Disabilities Foundation of America is dedicated to providing funds for research and education and the promotion of public awareness of both children and adults with learning disabilities. Support is provided to organizations throughout the U.S. Learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

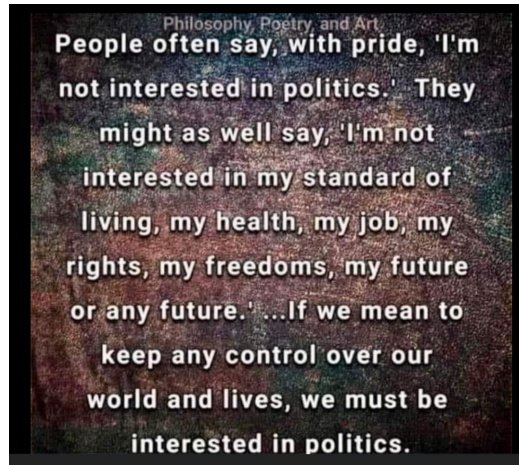
**Monogram Foods Loves Kids Foundation**

The Monogram Foods Loves Kids Foundation's mission is to meet the vital needs of children and their families. Support is provided to organizations based within 100 miles of a Monogram Foods facility or those organizations that provide services that benefit Monogram Foods' facility communities located in Bristol, IN; Denison and Harlan, IA; Haverhill, Medford, and Wilmington, MA; Chandler, MN; Dickson and Memphis, TN; Martinsville, VA; and Plover, WI. Learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

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A commission past its sell-by date. **The Nevada Wildlife Commission** is peopled in accordance with ludicrously outdated rules, and those people will not - repeat, will not - be brought into the 21st century kicking and screaming or under any other conditions. (In other words, let the coyote killing contests continue.) Soaking in anachronistic values, however, does lead to the commission rocking some righteous Kafkaesque stylings, as one critic more or less observed. "For you guys to say 'we're not going to the rulemaking process so you can make your case' is frankly not only repugnant, but unprecedented," said Warren Hardy, a former state legislator who was representing the Humane Society of the United States at a Wildlife Commission meeting. "You're saying 'we're not going to get consensus, so we're not going to do this.' So why do you exist?" And then Hardy basically promised that he would go to the legislature next year to see if he can maybe make the commission not exist, at least not as it's constructed now.

Dana Gentry\ /Indy

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## [Indy Environment: Think you saw a moose in Nevada? You might not be ...](#)



*Moose in Northern Nevada. (Courtesy Nevada Department of Wildlife)*

Standing roughly 6 feet tall at the shoulder with spindly legs and bulbous torsos, moose are lanky, awkward and the second-largest mammal in North America

With a propensity to spend their time in thick stands of vegetation and brush, they are populous in cold northern states such as Alaska (home to 175,000 moose) and Maine

But the population is growing — including in Nevada. The state’s moose population has grown over the past few years to number more than 100 across the northern part of the state. The ungulates (hoofed mammals) are late arrivals to North America with no evidence that they inhabited Nevada prior to European settlement, expanding into southern latitudes with hospitable climates, abundant food and few natural predators

The ungulates' arrival and spread across Northern Nevada has come without the assistance of state wildlife managers — many of whom are giddy over the species' current success

“It’s a really cool story,” said Cody McKee, elk and moose staff specialist for the Nevada Department of Wildlife. “A lot of our big game species are in crisis ... They’ve struggled through the last few years of drought and our epic winter last year. But here we have this success story and something we can all be excited about.”

But that success comes with a caveat. The bulls outnumber the cows in Nevada, and state wildlife managers say that can lead to challenges such as competitions between males and difficulties for cows raising their young

State biologists estimate that more than half of the 110 moose in the state are bulls, while a healthier ratio would be one bull for every two cows



Under a framework [established](#) by state lawmakers in 2019, the Nevada Department of Wildlife will be issuing a yet-to-be-determined number of hunting tags this year for a limited number of bulls to make a dent in the population disparity. It marks the first time the state has issued tags for moose and the first time in 40 years the agency has issued tags for a new ungulate species

Hunters who secure a Nevada tag will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity — anyone who is issued a tag in Nevada will not be awarded a second one. With [no commercial moose farms](#) in the United States, moose is a delicacy that can only be enjoyed by hunting. The tag also comes with a steep price tag: \$120 for residents and \$1,200 for nonresidents

But the price isn't deterring hopeful Nevadans

"There's a lot of interest," according to Bill Gibson of Elko Guide Services, who's already received four or five calls from people asking if he could guide them. "And the answer is sure — if you can get a tag. I think there's going to be 10,000 applicants for two of the first moose tags. It's going to be long odds

That's partially because Nevada hunters are limited by residency and cost in other states. In [Idaho](#), where moose populations are declining, 514 tags are being issued this year — 28 fewer than in years prior, and nonresident hunters are limited to no more than 10 percent of the total number of tags. In [Utah](#), Nevadans would have to pay more than \$2,200 for a bull moose tag

### **A 'population eruption'**

Moose are relative newcomers to North America. They were the last deer species to cross into the continent before the Bering Land Bridge that connected to Asia flooded about 11,000 years ago.

Their expansion into the lower 48 states occurred during just the last 150 years.

"The post-glacial-range expansion isn't yet complete, and that is what we are seeing in Nevada right now," McKee said. "Those moose are moving into the state and finding suitable habitat."

Moose were first observed in Nevada in the 1950s, and hunters were quick to capitalize — the first documented bull moose was harvested in Nevada around the same time.

Since the 1950s, there have been 552 documented moose observations in the state, primarily across Elko County and into the Ruby Mountains. A few have been spotted at the south end of the Santa Rosa Range near Winnemucca in Humboldt County.

By 1996, the state's moose population had grown large enough that the state reported its first — and to this day, only — documented moose attack, near Elko County's Bull Camp Creek, when a hunter with a deer tag got too close to a moose while taking a photo. After knocking the hunter unconscious, the moose wandered off. The victim's brother administered first aid and drove the injured man to a hospital.

Between 2018 and 2022, there were an average of 57 moose sightings reported to state officials per year. In 2023 there were 170 observations, a 300 percent increase.

McKee described the growth as an unsustainable "population eruption." Nevada's moose are experiencing a 98 percent adult survival rate, among the highest in the Western United States, due in part to a [lack of predators](#) such as bears, cougars and wolves.

The swelling population hasn't presented a problem yet. The ungulates are antisocial, and their numbers are spread out over such a large area they aren't competing for forage with other species.

Prime potential habitat areas such as the Ruby Mountains have only a handful of moose thus far, and moose could continue expanding through the range toward central Nevada, although it's unlikely they'll make it any further. Access to water could limit their spread south, and inhospitable terrain to the west would likely prevent them from making their way into western Nevada or Lake Tahoe.

"It could happen," McKee said. "But that might be a tough one."

### **Population growth relies on females**

While the size of the state's moose population might not seem large enough to warrant hunting — for comparison, Nevada boasts roughly 14,000 elk and 70,000 deer — it's not the number of moose, McKee said. It's the demographics.

As moose settle in new areas, the first pioneers tend to be young males.

"Right off the get-go you end up with these skewed sex ratios," he said. "In wild ungulate populations, when you have a lot of bulls on the landscape in relation to the number of cows, that can lead to competition. It can affect the cow's ability to care for herself or her calf."

State biologists have already seen that disparity. In one drainage area, one female was spotted — with seven males.

"That's a whole lot of competition for a very limited reproductive event," McKee said. "Males contribute very little to the health of the herd except for sperm. Population growth relies on the health of the females."

How many tags will be issued in Nevada is yet to be determined.

In April, the Nevada Department of Wildlife will make a recommendation on the parameters of a tag system to the nine-member, governor-appointed Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. The board, which establishes policy for the department, will ultimately make the decision, voting on it the first week of May.

The tags will be valid from Sept. 1 through Nov. 30 in portions of Elko County.

Prospective hunters should beware though. A bull will have anywhere from [400 to 700 pounds of meat](#) and up to 65 pounds of antlers to transport away from the kill site.

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### **Nevada Museum of Art: Cannupa Hanska Luger "SPEECHLESS" thru June**

Luger, enrolled with Three tribes of Fort Berthold, is of Manadan, Hidatsa, Arikara, Lakota and European descent, activating cultural and social awareness regarding Indigenous experience through large scale installations.

Free admission for tribal communities

## Scholarships (D-I) with April 30 Deadlines

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| <a href="#">David C. Lizárraga Fellowship</a>                                            | \$5,000  | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Dedman Essay Competition</a>                                                 | \$1,500  | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Delaware Solid Waste Authority John P. "Pat" Healy Scholarship</a>           | \$2,500  | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Delmar Foundation Scholarships</a>                                           | \$5,000  | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">DO3 Scholarship for Survivors of Life-Threatening Illnesses</a>              | \$1,500  | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Donald Handeland Scholarship</a>                                             | \$3,000  | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Dymond Shantyl Dantzler Legacy Scholarships</a>                              | \$1,000  | April 30, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">E. Anne Spitzer, MD Memorial Scholarship</a>                                 | Varies   | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Eaton Family Credit Union Scholarship</a>                                    | \$5,000  | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">EFWA Graduate Scholarship</a>                                                | \$2,500  | April 30, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">Florida Green Building Coalition Scholarship</a>                             | \$1,000  | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Friends of Moraine Hills State Park Scholarship in Environmental Studies</a> | \$1,000  | April 30, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">GMiS California Health Sciences Scholarships</a>                             | \$1,000  | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">GMiS STEM Scholarship</a>                                                    | Varies   | April 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Google Lime Scholarship</a>                                                  | \$10,000 | April 30, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">Hartford Gay &amp; Lesbian Health Collective Scholarship</a>                 | \$500    | April 30, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">Infinitus Dream Scholarship Fund</a>                                         | \$3,000  | April 30, 2024 |
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