The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) offers a variety of resources to Tribal communities to help facilitate economic growth.

EDA is committed to meeting the needs of Tribal communities and increasing their participation in our grant programs. Following a series of government-to-government consultations with representatives of Tribal communities, EDA updated its regulations to create greater opportunities for participation, extending Tribal eligibility to include for-profit entities that are wholly owned by and established for the benefit of a Tribe.

For more information on EDA, EDA funding opportunities, and how to apply, please visit EDA.gov.

### PROGRAMS THAT CAN SUPPORT TRIBAL NEEDS

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<td><strong>OVERVIEW:</strong> EDA assists eligible recipients in developing economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. The Planning program helps support organizations, including District Organizations, Indian Tribes, and other eligible recipients, with Short Term and State Planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of high-quality jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions.</td>
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### STEM Talent Challenge

**OVERVIEW:** The annual $2 million “STEM Talent Challenge” provides up to $250,000 in funding for programs that put Americans across the country on paths to good-paying jobs and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The grantees’ programs give industry sectors access to talent in their own communities to fill in-demand jobs, help drive innovation and strengthen regional economies across the nation.

**DEADLINE:** Applications are accepted on an annual basis. This funding opportunity will remain in effect until superseded by a future announcement.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.eda.gov/oie/stem/](http://www.eda.gov/oie/stem/)

### Build to Scale

**OVERVIEW:** EDA manages a portfolio of grant competitions that further technology-based economic development initiatives that accelerate high quality job growth, create more economic opportunities, and support the future of the next generation of industry leading companies.

**DEADLINE:** Applications are accepted on an annual basis and processed as received. This funding opportunity will remain in effect until superseded by a future announcement.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.eda.gov/oie/buildtoscale/](http://www.eda.gov/oie/buildtoscale/)