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Today the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced that the application process has opened for funding for Native Entities as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Digital Equity Capacity and Planning Grant programs.

Native Entities under the NTIA programs include Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations.

This grant funding will support tribal communities in promoting the meaningful use of the internet, empowering them to leverage digital tools and skills for long-term growth and well-being. Both the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program and the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program have set aside funding specifically designated for Native Entities.

Of the \$45,300,000 total:

- \$42,000,000 from the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program is available for digital equity and inclusion activities
- \$3,300,000 from the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program is for digital equity planning purposes.

Native Entities can apply to use these Capacity & Planning Grant Program funds from now until February 7, 2025 to carry out digital equity and inclusion activities consistent with the Digital Equity Act.

Funding for Native Entities will be determined through a competitive process. Applicants must submit a single application, and may apply for either only Capacity Grant Funds, OR both Capacity and Planning Grant Funds. Standalone applications for Planning Grant Funds will not be accepted.

Investing in digital equity empowers Native Entities to strengthen their communities and increase self-sufficiency.

Tribal communities interested in applying for funding under the Native Entity Capacity and Planning Grant Program may [CLICK HERE](#) to view the application materials.

If you have any questions, please contact OBAE's Neala Krueger, Digital Equity Coordinator at Neala.Krueger@connect.nm.gov or Victory Quintana, OBAE's Tribal Coordinator and Liaison at Valerie.quintana@connect.nm.gov

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