

Opportunities under BILJA

Searching for Funding Opportunities

General Presentation

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AGENDA

- What is the *AZ BILJA Tribal Task Force*?
- How can we expand our efforts?
- Search for Funding Opportunities: What's in a NOFO?
- Some Resources:
 - ***Build.gov***
 - ***NGA.org***

● Discussion



What is the AZ BILJA Tribal Task Force?

The *Governor's Office of Tribal Relations* has formed the **AZ Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Jobs Act (BILJA) Task Force** to respond to tribal interest in securing federal infrastructure funding. The Task Force will provide opportunities for information sharing and technical assistance. Success depends on working together so we can continue to design and initiate programs to stimulate economic growth within American Indian populations both on and off tribal land.

This task force is dedicated to working *exclusively* with representatives serving Arizona Tribal Nations and Communities.

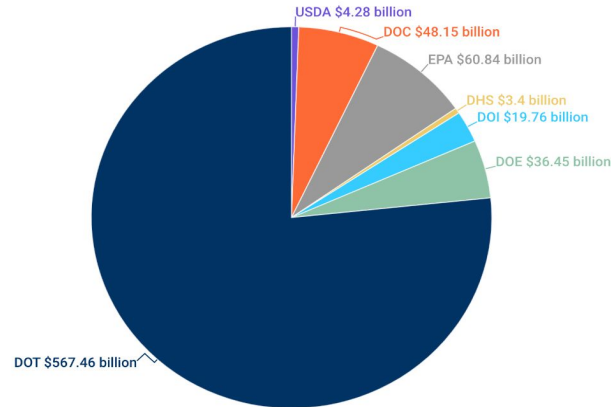


BILJA: An historic opportunity

The BIL makes funding available to several federal agencies through different mechanisms, including the:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (LIHEAP)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

BY THE NUMBERS: FUNDING BY FEDERAL AGENCY



Think big.

This is once in a generation funding, and the largest investment in Indian Country in American History.
It's unlikely to be repeated in our lifetime.

Now is the time for big thinking. We are asking ourselves to think collectively and to look for collaborative and partnership opportunities.



Revisit your wish list.

Even under the most extenuating circumstances, everyone tends to have a wish list.

We're dusting off those "if only we had more money" ideas and generating new plans. We'd like to see if there's an opportunity to do that together.



Bold thinking is inclusive thinking.

The historic level of funding being made available to Arizona Tribes under BILJA means it's important that we look beyond traditional boundaries, to think collectively, and work collaboratively.

Maximizing the opportunity for federal dollars coming into Tribal communities creating a synergy that is ultimately greater than the sum of our individual parts. Strategic planning and partnering efforts will be more sustainable and resilient in addressing future needs, and make your applications more competitive.



Make new plans.

Bold thinking leads to bold plans that are *shovel worthy*.

BILJA is a five-year bill. There is always a sense of urgency every time a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is published; revisit the plans you have now. Maybe add to those. Some plans may continue to work as-is, but need a few tweaks.

Now is the time to take a comprehensive look at your planning and capital needs; plan long term in a holistic manner, and develop a project pipeline. The **AZ BILJA Task Force** is taking this same approach with statewide strategic planning efforts. This is where we could look for opportunities to collaborate, especially on large-scale formula or discretionary grants.



Make use of every available resource.

The **AZ BILJA Task Force** is engaging Tribal Nations and Communities to leverage all available resources, and to help deliver technical assistance and build long-term capacity.

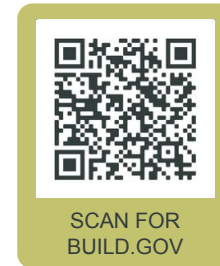
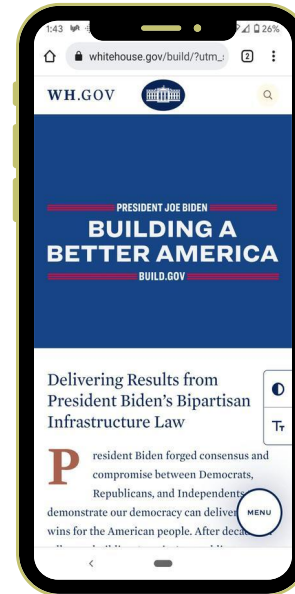
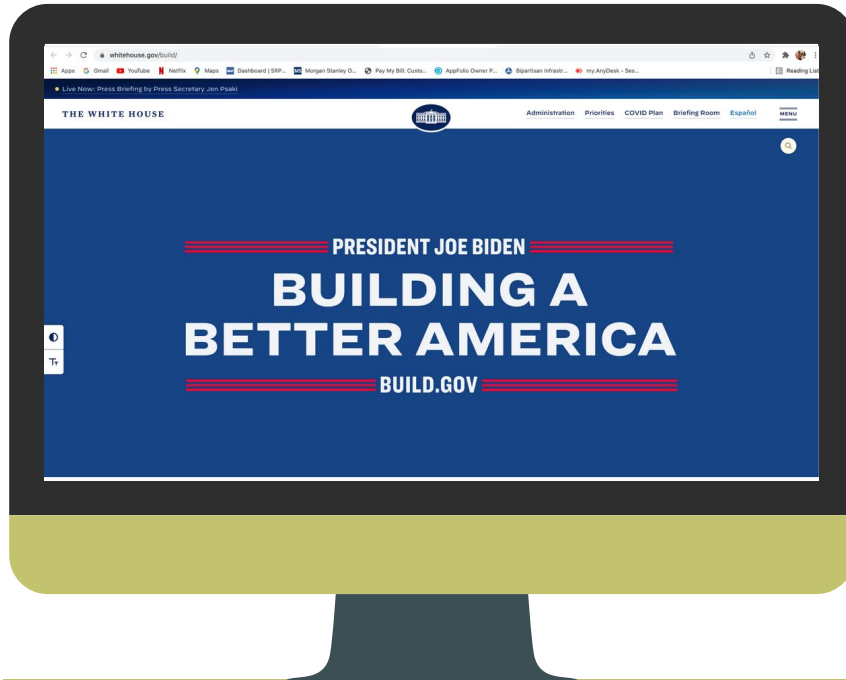
There are other resources out there too, and part of our commitment is to be able to continuously share and update these resources. Stay connected by signing up for the weekly newsletter.



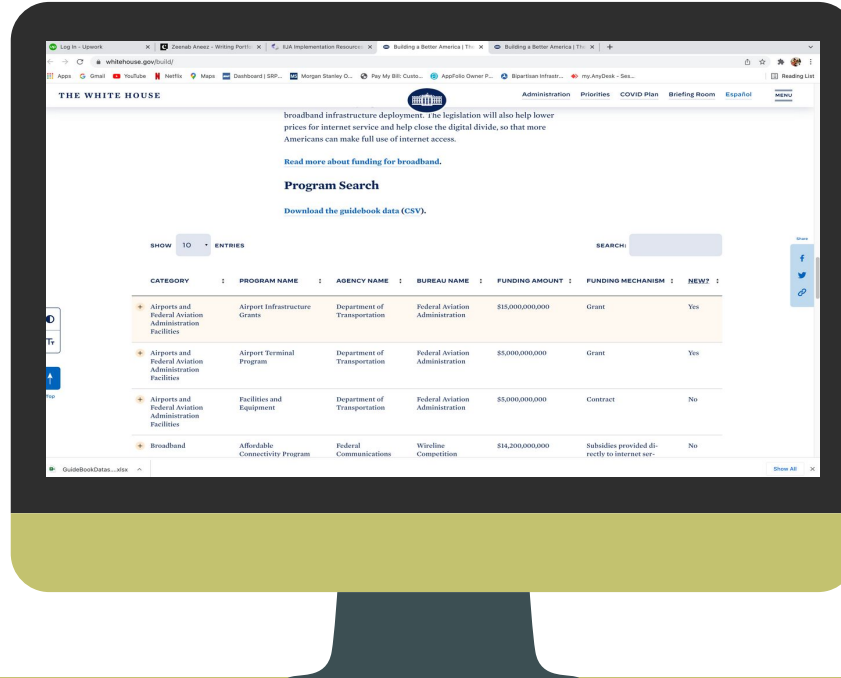
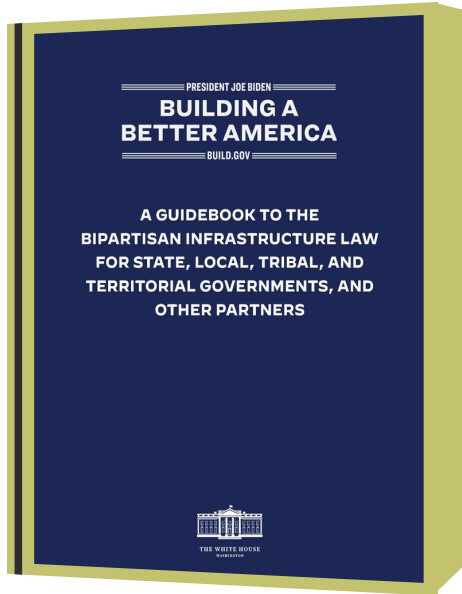
A few Resources to get you started...



Build.gov



The IIJA guidebook for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments, and Partners

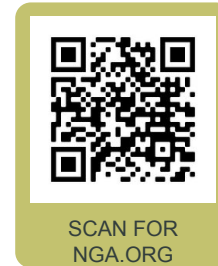
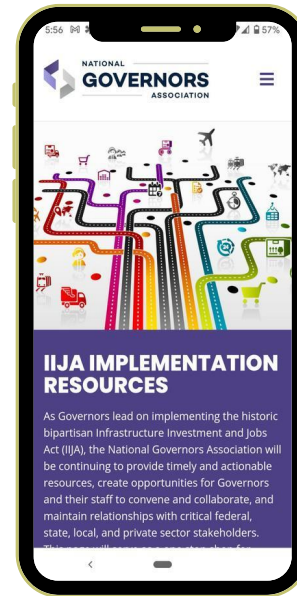
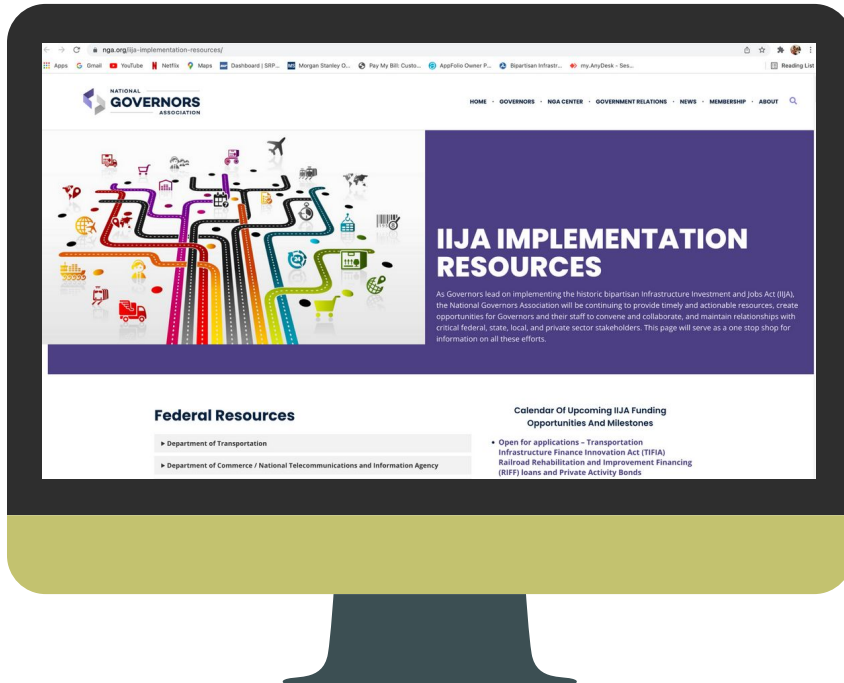


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National Governors Association website (nga.org)



When to connect with the *AZ BILJA Task Force*:

- Need clarification on a grant?
- Need direct contact with a federal agency?
- Need technical assistance to complete an application?
- Interested in partnering with the state or gateway community to apply for a funding opportunity?
- Looking for an objective review of potential funding sources?
- Discuss capacity issues. What do you need to be successful?
- Questions on land-use and permitting?



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