# Tribal Funding Opportunities with BIL/IRA Funds



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# Funding Sources

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Inflation Reduction Act (Can only be used to treat the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) on National Forest System Lands)









# Programs that Provide Funding for Work on Tribal Lands

Community Wildfire Defense Grants (BIL Funds) – helps communities in the WUI to:

- Restore and maintain landscapes
- Create fire-adapted communities
- Improve wildfire response.
- https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants



## Programs that Pay Tribal Nations to Work on National Forest Systems Lands

#### Funded with BIL

- 638 Contracts through Tribal Forest Protection Act Agreements
  - Funded to date:
    - Heritage Surveys by Umatilla and Warm Springs
    - Boundary Fence by Santa Clara Pueblo
    - Fuels Treatments by:

Ojibwa

Chippewa

Menominee





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- Removal of Flammable Vegetation with Native youth crews
  - Funded to date:
    - Chugachmiut Fuels Module
    - Choctaw Fuels Module
    - Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps w/ Wood for Life wood banks
    - ITC Workforce Development Program to increase Native American natural resource professionals.





# Questions?

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