USDA Rural Development Programs for the National Tribal Energy Summit
Rural Energy for America Program

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Program
Energy Audits

Southeast Conference
Juneau, Alaska

$96,000 Award
To conduct Energy Audits

Sitka Tribe Tannery received an energy audit to evaluate a project that is projected to save $1,028/year.
Rural Energy for America
Program
Energy Efficiency
Improvement Grant

SAC and FOX NATION
RESERVE, KS

Trading Post and Truck Stop

$6,458 Grant
Total Project Costs $28,500

To install energy efficient lighting

Saving 51,000 kWh
Rural Energy for America Program
Energy Efficiency Improvement Grant

WHITE BUFFALO FOODS, INC
FORT YATES, ND

$42,261 Grant
Total Project Costs $169,000
To install energy efficient refrigeration, freezers, and LED lighting.
Saving 63,400 KWH
For More Information on REAP

www.rd.usda.gov

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Geothermal Energy Project

- $31.2 Million CF Loan
- Dedicated in September 2013
- Consolidated over 20 public service Tribal departments, programs and agencies
- Included geothermal heating and cooling system – estimated to save $200k - $300k annually in combined energy costs
Picuris Pueblo Fire Station - NM

Solar Energy Project

- $100,000 CF loan and $50,000 CF Grant
- Dedicated in 2015
- Runs 100% on Renewable Energy - NetZero
- Repurposed a 1920’s school building
- Serves the smallest pueblo of the 19 in New Mexico
Community Facilities Resources

Rural Development Fact Sheets:
Brief Summaries of RD Programs
• https://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/fact-sheets

Rural Development State Offices:
Contact Information for Offices in your State
• https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices

CF Disaster Grants:
Grants for areas with a recent Presidentially Declared Disaster Area
• https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/services/rural-development/disaster-assistance
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- https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/electric-gfr
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