

## **Comment on grant request open until March 21, 2023**

Bay Mills Indian Community will be submitting a grant request to the Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Deployment Office (BDO), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes.

Eligible uses for this funding include improving the resilience of the electric grid and making advancements to address the tribe's current and future resilience needs. The program's objectives are to enhance the resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events. To help achieve this, funding may be used to implement a wide range of resilience measures to mitigate disruptive events' impact.

Part of the grant requirements involves public notice and a hearing to share what potential funding will be used for. Information provided may be used to help for setting objectives and metrics for the proposed funding.

Augmenting our governmental facilities with photovoltaic distributed generation systems will greatly reduce BMIC power usage, thereby reducing total cost of electrical bills. For facilities that do not currently have backup generators, photovoltaic panels can be paired with battery backup to maintain power during power failures and outages. Using renewable energy distributed generation systems with battery backup can help bridge the gap and prevent extended power outages, thereby ensuring critical governmental operations are not impeded.

If you would like to submit comments regarding this project, please send them to Cheryl Bernier, [cbernier@baymills.org](mailto:cbernier@baymills.org) by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

An in-person hearing will be scheduled on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Bay Mills Indian Community Conference Room in the Tribal Administration Building for those more comfortable with in-person communication.