



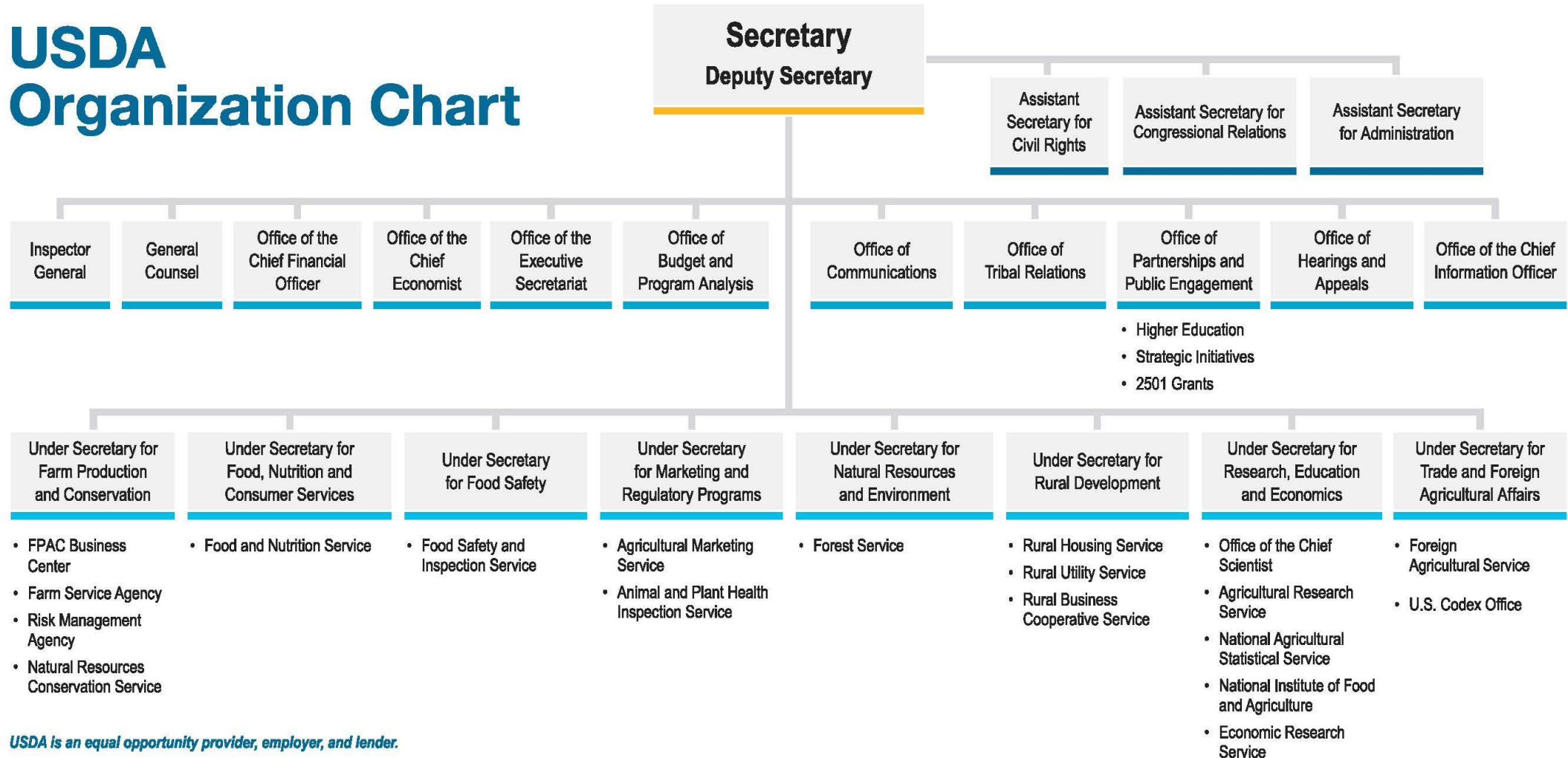
USET SPF Impact Week

Economic Development and Entrepreneurship Committee





USDA Organization Chart

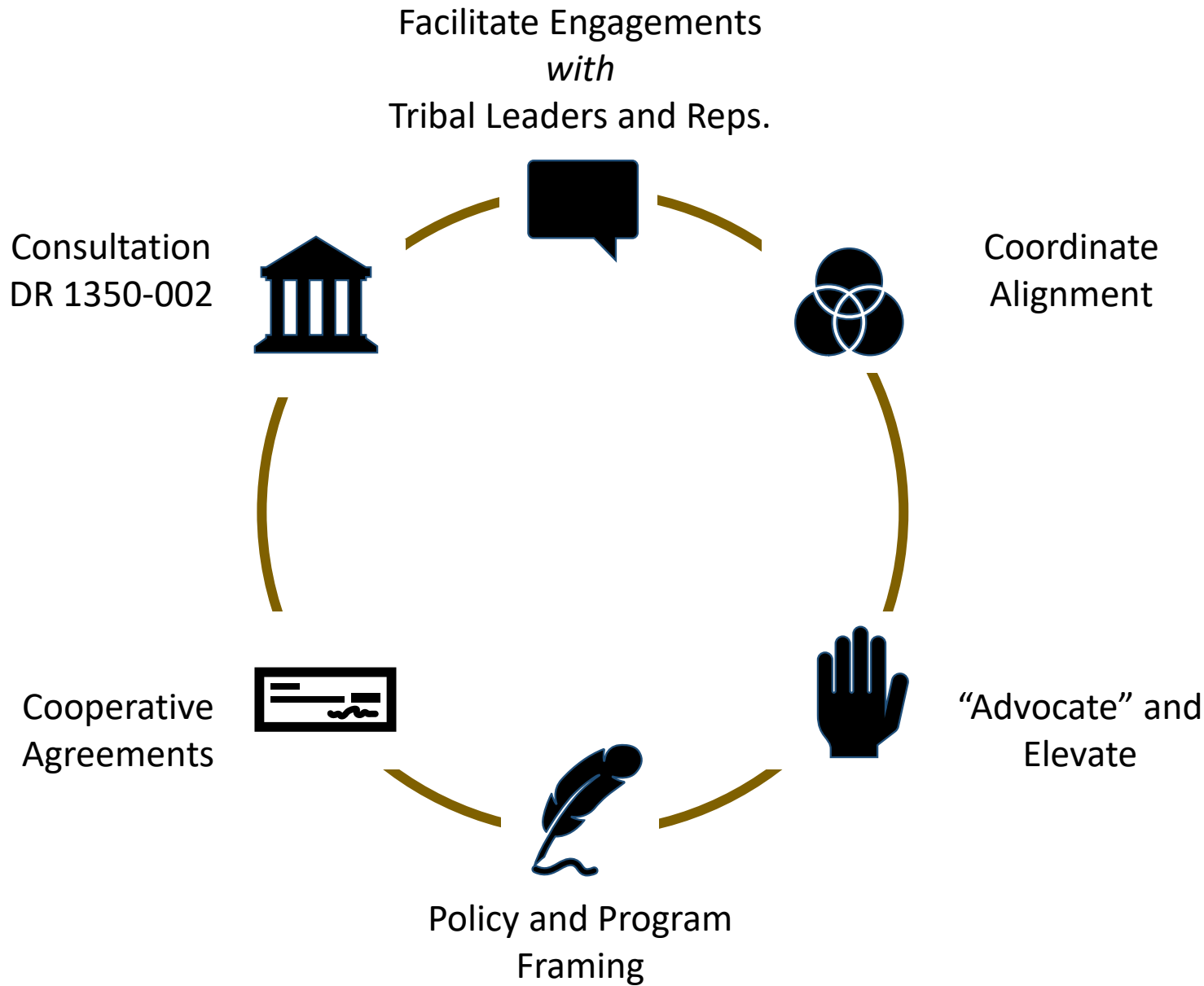


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About the USDA Office of Tribal Relations

- **Advise the Secretary** on policies related to Indian tribes
- Primary **point of contact** for tribal issues
- Implement **Executive Order 13175**
- Coordinate the Department's **programs involving assistance** to American Indians and Alaska Natives

OUR ROLE
AT USDA



Indian Country was Clear on The Challenges

Federal Contracting Issues in Food Purchases

Project Match Requirements Challenging

Tribal Consent in Infrastructure

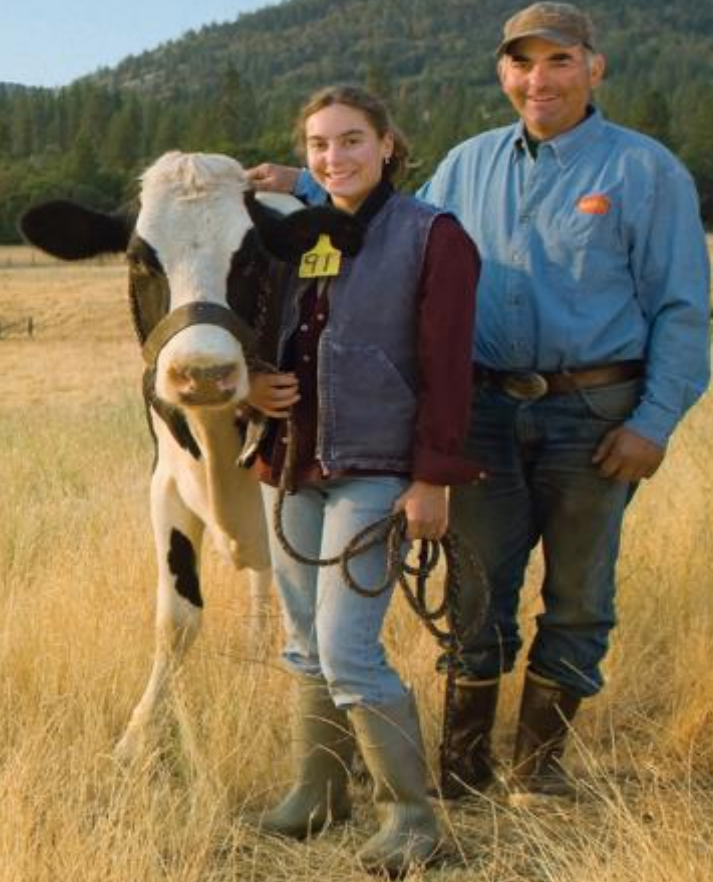
Recognition of Tribal Business Structures and Operations



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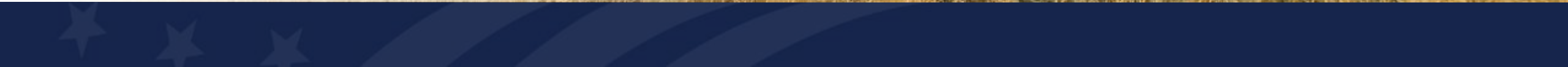


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Supporting Tribes in Buying and
Serving Food Locally

Program Match Flexibility: IRA Support for Rural Energy for America Program

Provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to rural/**tribal** small businesses and agricultural producers for **renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements.**

Available Funding

- Grants can cover up to 50% of total eligible project costs (from 25% pre-IRA)
- Loan Guarantees on loans can cover up to 75% of total eligible project costs
- **Combined** grant and loan guarantee funding can cover up to 75% of total eligible project costs

Eligible Entities

- Rural small businesses, including Tribal corporations
- Agricultural producers

New in REAP 2.0

- \$1.055 billion available in REAP funds
- The federal share was raised to 50% for all energy efficiency projects, all zero-emission renewable energy projects, and all projects in designated energy communities and projects submitted **by eligible tribal entities.**
- \$144 Million set aside for underutilized technology
- The maximum grant size was increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for energy efficiency projects and from \$500,000 to \$1 million for renewable energy systems.

Renewable Energy Systems Eligible Projects



Solar



Wind



Small Hydroelectric



Anaerobic Digesters



Biomass



Geothermal



Wave/Ocean Power



Hydrogen

Energy Efficiency Improvement Eligible Projects (Examples)



Lighting



Heating



Cooling



Ventilation



Fans



Automated Controls



Insulation



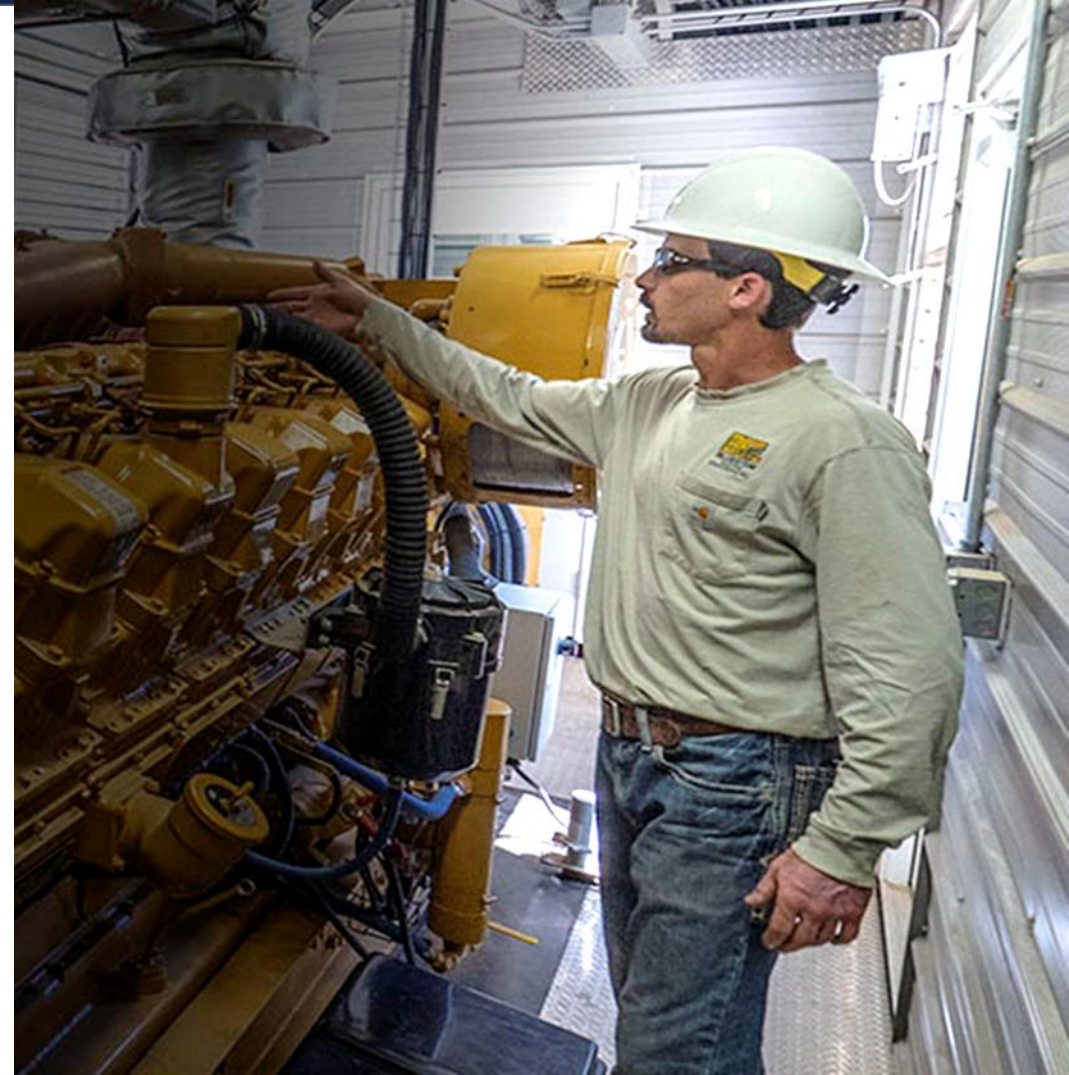
Program Match Flexibility: Broadband (ReConnect) Set Aside

100% Grant

Potential awardees must meet a **100 Mbps symmetrical minimum service** requirement in all proposed service areas.

The **maximum award amount is \$25M**

No match is required for Tribes, colonias, and persistent poverty counties





Tribal Resolution of Consent

Eligibility requirement for non-Tribal applicants in USDA Infrastructure programs proposing to **service Tribal lands:**

ReConnect

Electric Loans

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Tribal Arms/Instrumentalities
as Applicant or Beneficiary
(Small and Emerging
Businesses)

Upcoming Events

Consultation and Listening Session Series on Barriers (Week of April 22nd)

4/22 Education and Research

4/23 Forests and Public Lands Management

4/24 Farming, Ranching, and Conservation

4/25 Economic Development

4/26 Food, Safety, and Trade

Build America Buy America Act Consultation

To Be Announced



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