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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 10 Puget Sound Action Agenda, Tribal Implementation Lead Request for Proposals – Fact Sheet

Purpose:	To support work identified in or consistent with the Puget Sound Action Agenda that is also of high tribal priority.
Eligible Applicants:	The 19 federally-recognized tribes in the greater Puget Sound basin, and authorized consortia of these eligible tribes.
Estimated Funding:	\$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 annually for 5 years.
Number of Grants:	One (1).
Length of Funding:	5 years.
Anticipated Announcement:	November 2, 2015; posted at www.grants.gov and http://www2.epa.gov/puget-sound/funding-and-grants-puget-sound .
Applications Due:	11:59 PM EST, December 31, 2015.
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Request for Proposals (RFP).

On November 2, 2015 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) issued a competitive grant announcement, soliciting proposals under the **Puget Sound Protection and Restoration: Tribal Implementation Assistance Program (CFDA 66.121)**.

The RFP solicits proposals from eligible applicants to act, in coordination with the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), EPA, and other relevant parties, as the Tribal Implementation Lead for the 2014/15 Puget Sound Action Agenda, and subsequent updates of the Action Agenda,

as described below.

Eligible Entities. All federally recognized Indian Tribes located within the greater Puget Sound basin, and any authorized consortium of these eligible Tribes, may apply. The greater Puget Sound basin is defined as all watersheds draining to the U.S. waters of Puget Sound, southern Georgia Basin, and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. We encourage eligible applicants to consider working as collaborators; one eligible entity must be named as the principle applicant. See RFP for more detail on eligible entities.

Eligible Activities. Applicants

are expected to describe in their applications how they will accomplish the eligible activities. Eligible activities encompass the functions that will enable efficient and timely implementation of high priority tribal projects identified in or consistent with the 2014/15 Puget Sound Action Agenda and subsequent updates of the Action Agenda. This includes functioning as a member of the Puget Sound Management Conference to promote synergies between this program and other Management Conference activities. Eligible activities also include maintaining an accurate, dynamic, and

comprehensive working understanding of all eligible tribes' highest priority environmental concerns. In addition, eligible activities include those necessary to efficiently and effectively develop, implement, and manage a subaward program to implement high priority tribal projects in or consistent with the 2014/15 Puget Sound Action Agenda and subsequent updates to the Action Agenda.

In the approved 2012 update of the Action Agenda, three areas of focus were identified that would deliver the most progress toward ecosystem recovery for the funds and effort invested. Termed "Strategic Initiatives", these three priority areas are expected to provide the foundation of the Action Agenda through 2020. These initiatives are summarized below:

Protect and Restore Habitat.

Restoring damaged shorelines and protecting salmon habitats along the rivers and streams that flow into Puget Sound is necessary to sustain the many beneficial uses of Puget Sound including the recovery of local salmon runs and the and the commercial, recreational and tribal treaty rights associated with these valuable fisheries.

Prevent Pollution from Urban Stormwater Runoff.

Many streams that drain into Puget Sound are threatened

from stormwater runoff due to pollution, altered flow regimes and resulting habitat degradation. These stressors result in alteration of the quality and quantity of water flowing in a stream channel such that organisms are exposed to more rapid and severe changes in water flows, elevated levels of contaminants and nutrients, altered channel stability and morphology. In short, polluted runoff from roads, roofs, parking lots, other paved areas, and from agriculture is considered the biggest threat to the water quality of Puget Sound and its contributing streams and rivers. Although we have many tools, technologies and practices for reducing stormwater pollution, we need to use them much more widely across the many local jurisdictions within the Puget Sound Basin.

Restore and Re-open

Shellfish Beds. Shellfish harvesting is a major economic sector in Puget Sound supporting over 3,200 local jobs and bringing in an estimated \$270 million dollars to the region each year. It is also a tribal treaty right and a treasured tradition for countless Northwest families. But harvests are threatened by pollution that has closed more than 7,000 acres of Puget Sound beaches from commercial, recreational and tribal harvest. The health of our local shellfish beds begins on land, through

reduction of pollution from contaminated runoff and failing on-site sewage systems. The 2014/2015 Action Agenda can be found at:

http://www.psp.wa.gov/2014/action_agenda_download.php.

The recipient is also expected to monitor subaward performance to ensure that subawards are achieving the objectives of the program and are producing the expected outputs and outcomes and meeting subaward requirements. The recipient is also expected to ensure that funds are spent timely to minimize unliquidated obligations.

Eligible activities also include incorporating processes to guide and solicit actions that study, evaluate, model, plan, and prepare for the impacts of climate change on Puget Sound ecosystem protection and restoration activities.

See the full RFP for further detail on eligible activities and all other aspects of the RFP at: [EPA Puget Sound NEP-Grants and Funding](#).

Apply on-line at: Grants.gov.