

**U.S. EPA Region 9 General Assistance Program
Funding Opportunity
Co-sponsorship of the 25th and 26th Annual Tribal-EPA Conference
2017 and 2018**

Letter of Intent Due January 22, 2016

Conference Purpose: The purpose of the Annual Tribal-EPA Conference is to provide tribes in Region 9 with a broad array of environmental information, a forum for discussing critical environmental issues, and the opportunity to network with other environmental professionals. The conference is expected to last three days, may draw approximately 500 registrants, and is usually held in the Fall. In 2017, the conference will be held outside of San Francisco, preferably on Tribal Lands in Region 9. In 2018, the conference will be held within a 50-mile radius of San Francisco, or in the metropolitan area of Sacramento. This announcement covers the co-sponsorship of the 25th and 26th Annual Conference (Fall 2017 and 2018). It is highly recommended that the tribal co-sponsor consult EPA's green meetings Web site when planning the conference at: <http://www2.epa.gov/p2/green-meetings>.

The selected Tribal Co-sponsor will have the option to shadow and be mentored by the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission during the planning of the 24th Annual Tribal-EPA Conference to be held in the Fall of 2016.

The estimated funding amount is \$75,000 to \$120,000 per year, not including program income from registration fees.

Eligibility: Any eligible recipient pursuant to the May 15, 2013 Guidance on the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia.

Proposal and Application Process: Any interested GAP-eligible entity is invited to submit a letter of intent by January 22, 2016. Interested parties will be provided with additional information to allow them to compile a final proposal, which will be due in March of 2016. A selection will be made by June 30, 2016.

Please provide a letter of intent (email preferred) to:

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