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**Subject:** Re: R3 FY18-19 WPDG Request for Proposal - Posted

Hi Carol,

Can you please clarify what "universities that are agencies of a state" in terms of eligibility?

Under Track Two, states, tribes, local governments, interstate agencies, intertribal consortia, and universities that are agencies of a state must submit proposals that will develop or refine a state, tribe, or local government's wetland program by either carrying out one or more action(s): 1) under a core element(s) from the CEF, or 2) that advance the grant-eligible actions articulated in an EPA-approved WPP

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## RESPONSE

Hi, Marjorie

Thank you for your inquiry.

Universities that are agencies of a state government are universities chartered as part of a state government. Universities that are agencies of a state government must include documentation demonstrating that they are chartered as part of a state government in their proposal. Documentation may include such things as: state constitution, university charter, or case law that has confirmed the university as a state agency. Eligible universities that are agencies of a state government can only submit proposals under Track Two. Universities *that are not chartered* as a part of a state government are not eligible to apply for assistance under this RFP.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Carol Petrow

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**Subject:** Wetland Construction in East Norriton PA

Hello,

I am interested in pursuing grant opportunities for the construction of a wetland in East Norriton PA. Can you advise me on an opportunity? Thank you for your help.

Best Regards,

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## RESPONSE

Thank you for your inquiry.

On March 29, 2018 the Region III FY18 Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG) Request for Proposals (RFP) was posted on EPA's Wetland Program Development Grants website and grants.gov. If your inquiry is regarding this opportunity, please note that states, tribes, local governments, interstate associations, and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply for Regional WPGDs. WPDGs assist eligible applicants in developing or refining state/tribal/local programs which protect, manage, and restore wetlands.

In addition to WPDGs EPA provides several other funding sources that can be used to support state and tribal wetland programs, as well as voluntary restoration. More information is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/wetlands-funding>

I hope this helpful. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Carol Petrow

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**Subject:** EPA-R3-WPDG-18-19 clarification requested

Dear Ms. Carol and Anita:

I am writing to request clarification on the following sentence in Funding Opportunity #EPA-R3-WPDG-18-19 (attached here):

"Universities that are agencies of a state government are eligible, but must include documentation demonstrating that they are chartered as part of a state government in the proposal submission."

I have researchers here at Penn State University who are very excited about submitting a proposal in response to this FO.

Penn State is designated a "state-related institution of higher education" and we are non-profit. Our status is somewhat unique because we are the only land-grant University in Pennsylvania (<http://www.psu.edu/this-is-penn-state/our-history>, <http://trustees.psu.edu/pdf/Charter%20November%202017.pdf>).

Our internal analysis is that Penn State meets the spirit of your eligibility guidelines. Will one of the linked pieces work as acceptable documentation proving that?

Much appreciation for your time and attention,

KC

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## RESPONSE

Dear Ms. Cox,

Thank you for your interest in the EPA Region 3 Wetland Program Development Grants. I am responding on behalf of Anita Provenzano and Carol Petrow.

You are correct, the information on the RFP states that Universities such as yours are eligible to apply.

In fact, we have awarded grants to PSU in the past – Rob Brooks is the PI and the organization called "Riparia". Hope this helps.

Danielle Algazi,

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**Subject:** Grant Inquiry: Evaluate carbon sequestration capability of wetlands

Ms. Algazi, hello, and good afternoon,

Does EPA provide grants for a project to evaluate the carbon sequestration capability of wetlands?

This would be for wetlands in the Chesapeake Bay.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

Regards,

Ted Kluga



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## RESPONSE

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**Subject:** RE: Grant Inquiry: Evaluate carbon sequestration capability of wetlands

Hi Theodore, Thanks for your interest in Wetland grants. Currently, EPA Region 3 has a request for proposal that closes on May 14. Eligible entities and types of projects eligible are included in the Request for Proposals.

Hope this helps. Danielle