

Competition

The basics on competing for EPA assistance programs

November, 2018

Finding EPA Competitive Opportunities on Grants.gov

- ◆ Find current competitive opportunities
 - ◆ Synopses includes important info: funding amounts, eligible entities, submission deadline, and more
- ◆ Searchable by CFDA, keyword, agency, type of entity, etc
 - ◆ Discretionary Grant Programs at EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-discretionary-grant-programs>
- ◆ Sign up for automatic notifications of opportunities

Applying on Grants.gov

- ◆ Apply online using Grants.gov (required for initial application)
 - ◆ Must Register – Obtain Unique Entity Identifier (e.g. DUNS), register with SAM, Setup Username/password, authorization
 - ◆ *Ensure when you apply for an opportunity that the DUNS you use is assigned to your organization – if it isn't you may be deemed ineligible*

Applying on Grants.gov Workspace

- ◆ Up through 2017 there were two ways of applying
 - ◆ Legacy PDF Application Package
 - ◆ Workspace
- ◆ January 2018: Workspace is the only method of submitting an application
 - ◆ Reuse forms & auto-populate data
 - ◆ Collaborative
 - ◆ Detect errors earlier
 - ◆ Best submission process for users with connectivity issues
- ◆ Learn more about Workspace:
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview.html>
- ◆ View our recorded webinar training about Workspace:
<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grantsgov-workspace-training-grant-applicants-and-recipients>

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BASIC SEARCH CRITERIA:

Keyword(s):

Funding Opp #:

CFDA Number:

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OPPORTUNITY STATUS:

☒ Open (2065) ☐ Closed (1396) ☐ Archived (19938)

FUNDING INSTRUMENT TYPE:

☒ All Funding Instruments
☐ Cooperative Agreement (568)
☐ Grant (1630)
☐ Other (43)
☐ Procurement Contract (42)

ELIGIBILITY:

☒ All Eligibilities
☐ City or township governments (1008)
☐ County governments (1018)
☐ For profit organizations other than small businesses (952)

CATEGORY:

☒ All Categories
☐ Agriculture (31)
☐ Arts (see 'Cultural Affairs' in CFDA) (6)
☐ Business and Commerce (15)
☐ Community Development (29)

AGENCY:

☒ All Agencies
☐ All Agency for International Development (63)
☐ All Corporation for National and Community Service (2)

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Funding Opportunity #	Opportunity Title	Agency	Open Date ↓	Close Date
AMS-NOP-13-0061	Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program FY 2013	Agricultural Marketing Service	08/01/2013	08/30/2013
SA-SYLEP-800-13-GR-51	Saudi Young Leaders Exchange Program	U.S. Mission to Saudi Arabia	08/01/2013	08/30/2013
G13AS00105	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Gulf Coast CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/2013
G13AS00109	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Basin CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/2013
G13AS00110	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Lakes Northern Forest CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/2013
NPS-13-NEO-0107	Assessment of natural resource conditions at Hopewell Furnace NHS, Gettysburg NMP, and Eisenhower NHS	National Park Service	08/01/2013	08/06/2013
PAR-13-300	NLM Express Research Grants in Biomedical Informatics (R01)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
PAR-13-301	The Role of the Cytoskeleton in Cellular Aging (R21/R33)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
G13AS00106	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Gulf Coast CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/2013
PAR-13-295	Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R21)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
PAR-13-296	Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R01)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
PAR-13-299	Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R03)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
L13AS00170	BLM AK CESU - Scenario Planning for Energy and Resources Development	Bureau of Land Management	08/01/2013	08/23/2013
NOAA-NMFS-PRPO-2014-2003832	FY 2014 Species Recovery Grants to Tribes	Department of Commerce	08/01/2013	10/29/2013
NOAA-NMFS-PRPO-2014-2003811	Species Recovery Grants to States (Section 6 Program)	Department of Commerce	08/01/2013	10/29/2013
NNH13ZDA001N-PMDAP	ROSES 2013: Planetary Mission Data Analysis Program	NASA Headquarters	08/01/2013	10/11/2013
PA-FPH-14-022	FY14 Region 9 Nevada (not including Clark, Douglas or Washoe counties) Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health	08/01/2013	04/01/2014
PA-FPH-14-020	FY14 Region 9 Republic of the Marshall Islands Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health	08/01/2013	04/01/2014

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Competitive Opportunities

- ◆ EPA Program Office Websites

- ◆ Check program websites for current funding opportunities (ex: Office of Air and Radiation: <http://www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding>)

- ◆ Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA): <https://beta.sam.gov/>

- ◆ Read more about assistance programs
 - ◆ Typical funding amounts, types of projects funded, eligible entities, and more





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Assistance Listings

This site is the official source

The federal government provides assistance to the American public in the form of projects, services, and activities. It supports a broad range of programs—such as education, health care, research, infrastructure, economic development and other programs—through grants, loans, scholarships, insurance, and other types of financial assistance.

SAM provides detailed, public descriptions of federal assistance listings available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public,

Legacy website



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ASSISTANCE LISTINGS

Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Training Grants - Section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act



Note: This Assistance Listing was not updated by the issuing agency in 2018. Please contact the issuing agency listed under "Contact Information" for more information.

Assistance Listing

Overview

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Assistance Listing

Department/Ind. Agency
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CFDA Number
66.424

Related Federal Assistance
[66.510](#) , [66.610](#) , [66.034](#) , [66.436](#) , [66.716](#)

[View available opportunities on Grants.gov related to this Assistance Listing](#)

What you think matters!

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Overview

Objectives

1) To support surveys, studies, investigations, demonstrations, and training associated with source water and drinking water; (2) To develop and expand capabilities of programs to carry out the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Funding Priority FY 2016 Funding Priority - Fiscal Year 2016: Funding priorities include providing assistance for the following: (1) research on the occurrence of contaminants in drinking water; (2) source water protection and treatment methods and measures to protect water quality in the distribution system and at the tap; (3) tribal source water protection program support and tribal operator certification program support; (4) tribal capacity development



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Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants to identify health effects associated with drinking water contaminants. Funding priorities also include providing assistance for the following training and technical assistance activities: (1) training personnel who manage or operate public water systems; (2) training personnel for occupations involving the public health aspects of providing safe drinking water; (3) training to develop and expand the capabilities of states and municipalities to carry out the SDWA; and (4) technical assistance to enable small public water systems to meet the requirements of SDWA.

Examples of Funded Projects

Fiscal Year 2017: Assisting states in effective implementation of SDWA requirements; assistance to states in ground water protection and conservation; developing utility planning tools; capacity development support; and source water protection through prevention.

Fiscal Year 2018: NA

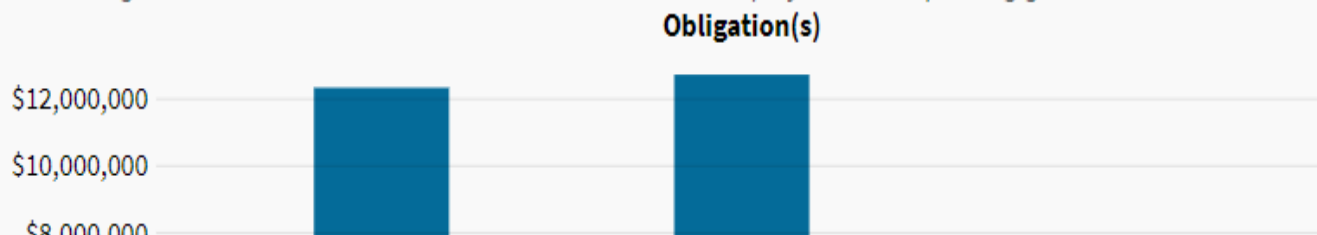
Authorizations

National Environmental Policy Act , Section 102(2)(F)

Safe Drinking Water Act , Section 1442, Public Law 104-182

Financial Information

These funding amounts do not reflect the award amounts that are displayed on USASpending.gov



Other Resources

- ◆ EPA Grants 101 Tutorial
 - ◆ <http://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-101-tutorial>
- ◆ Competition Information
 - ◆ <https://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-competition-resources>
- ◆ Grants.gov Resources
 - ◆ Applicant Resources <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants.html>
 - ◆ Organization Registration <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html>
 - ◆ Grants.gov User Guide <https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm?callingApp=custom#t=GetStarted%2FGetStarted.htm>
 - ◆ Workspace Information <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview.html>

Preparing Proposals

- ◆ Each funding opportunity announcement has unique instructions and requirements
- ◆ Read the announcement for:
 - ◆ Eligibility information, deadlines, proposal content, review criteria, and more
- ◆ EPA's Competition Policy
 - <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-order-57005a1-epas-policy-competition-assistance-agreements>
 - ◆ Familiarize yourself with EPA's policy on competition

Types of Announcements

◆ Request for Application (RFA)

◆ Submission includes all forms and certifications necessary for award

◆ The standard type of solicitation as of October 2018

◆ See [RAIN 2018-G07 Full Application Submission with Initial Proposal Submission Requirement](#) for list of forms

Other less common types:

◆ Request for Proposals (RFP)

◆ Abbreviated application: workplan and a few forms

◆ Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP)

◆ 2 Phases: (1) EPA receives initial proposals

(2) EPA requests full proposals from highest ranking applicants

Announcement Contents/Highlights

- ◆ OMB Format in Title 2 of the CFR

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=a3cd76e8a52637c11fd0e310a50b7f4d&node=2:1.1.2.2.1.6.51.23.5&rgn=div9>

- ◆ Section I
 - ◆ Describes types of projects
 - ◆ What proposal has to address

Announcement Content/Highlights

◆ Section II

- ◆ expected number of awards
- ◆ expected funding amount

◆ Section III

- ◆ list of eligible entities
- ◆ Cost share/matching requirements if any
- ◆ Threshold eligibility criteria:

may include legal, policy, relevance, programmatic, administrative, and/or financial criteria that have the effect of making an applicant, proposal/application, or project eligible or ineligible for award

Announcement Highlights

- ◆ Section IV
 - ◆ Content and form of application
 - ◆ Address Section I (program info), Section III (threshold criteria) and Section V (evaluation criteria)
 - ◆ Submission method (electronically thru grants.gov is required for initial applications)
 - ◆ Submission dates and times
 - ◆ Pay attention to deadlines and page limits
 - ◆ Administrative and national policy requirements
 - ◆ <http://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-solicitation-clauses>

Announcement Highlights

- ◆ Section V
 - ◆ Ranking criteria
 - ◆ Criteria used to evaluate proposals
 - ◆ Must address ranking criteria in proposals such as
 - ◆ Programmatic Capability
 - ◆ Past Performance under grants
 - ◆ Environmental Results-plan for measuring progress towards achieving outputs/outcomes
 - ◆ Timely Expenditure of Grant Funds
 - ◆ Budget and Leveraging
 - ◆ Technical approach
 - ◆ Other factors (in some announcements)
 - ◆ Review and selection process

Announcement Highlights

- ◆ Section VI

- ◆ Award notices

- ◆ Administrative and national policy requirements

- <http://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-solicitation-clauses>

- ◆ Reporting

- ◆ Dispute resolution process and debriefings

- <http://www.epa.gov/grants/dispute-resolution-procedures>

- ◆ Debriefings for constructive feedback

Announcement Highlights

- ◆ Section VII
 - ◆ Agency Contacts
- ◆ Section VIII
 - ◆ Other information

Modifications

- ◆ EPA occasionally modifies announcements
 - ◆ Due dates, clarification of requirements, etc
- ◆ Automatic Notification
 - ◆ Sign up on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for automatic notification of modifications to specific announcements
 - ◆ Modifications posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

Communications with Applicants

- ◆ See Section 11 of the Competition Policy

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-order-57005a1-epas-policy-competition-assistance-agreements>

- ◆ Limitations on what can be discussed and when

- ◆ Pre-proposal Assistance

- ◆ Many programs will post Q&As on a website
- ◆ Some programs offer conference calls/webinars where applicants can ask questions
- ◆ This type of information is usually in Section IV or VII of announcements, if applicable

Communications with Applicants

◆ EPA can:

- ◆ Answer applicant eligibility questions-if uncertain if you are eligible or your project is eligible ask before proposal submission
- ◆ Clarify info on administrative aspects of proposal submission
- ◆ Respond to requests for clarification of the announcement
- ◆ NOTE: Clarifications that result in changes to the announcement must be communicated (via modification to the announcement) to all potential applicants

Communications with Applicants

- ◆ EPA cannot:
 - ◆ Offer to write proposals for applicants
 - ◆ Review or comment on draft proposals
 - ◆ Provide information on the Agency's approach to evaluating proposals beyond what is described in Section V of the announcement
 - ◆ Provide a competitive advantage to any applicant

Competitive Process

1. EPA prepares announcement
 2. EPA posts announcement on program office website and grants.gov
 3. EPA receives applications/proposals from applicants
 4. EPA evaluates proposals and makes selections
 5. Issues awards
- ◆ Note: Award Official will check the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) prior to award to ensure applicant is qualified (see 2 CFR 200.205)

Questions?

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