

Starting in FY21 all Wetland Program Development Grant Request for Applications (RFA) will be held on a biennial basis. All Regional RFAs will be held on odd years and Tribal and National RFPs will be held on even years.

Questions Regarding the Biennial Grant Cycle

Question 1:

Why did the Region decide to implement a 2-yr funding process?

Answer:

It gives us the opportunity to provide two fiscal years of funding under one RFP. The RFP is not expected to change in concept from previous RFPs and the focus is still Wetland Program Plans and the Core Elements Framework. In addition, going to a two fiscal year grants provides applicants with a greater ability to plan financially for more than one year at a time.

Question 2:

If an application doesn't get selected, can they reapply next year?

Answer:

No. They will have to wait until the next grant cycle (in two years) to reapply.

Question 3:

If our application does not get selected under this competition, will the Region hold applications for the next solicitation?

Answer:

No. All applicants will need to re-apply under the next Request for Applications in two years.

Question 4:

How will you handle second year funding?

Answer:

All applications will be incrementally funded. Incremental funding will be determined based on an assessment of the workplan. The increments will be determined based on the budgets submitted with the work plan and how best to support the work under the project period.

Question 5:

Will you accept applications for 1-year funding only?

Answer:

Yes. We will accept applications for 1-year funding. However, the next Request for Applications will not be announced for another 2-years. Applicants need to be aware there will be no announcement next year, which means no funds available.

Question 6:

If we get awarded can we put our funds in a PPG? Can we have a multi-year PPG?

Answer:

Yes. If awarded, applicants can put funds into their PPG. The PPG will be amended to accommodate the two-year funding. Each applicant will be assessed as to the validity of using their PPG as the funding vehicle. If the applicant is experiencing an administrative burden using the PPG vehicle, the Wetland grant will be a standalone grant. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Question 7:

What if the 2nd year(increment) of WPDG funding is less than the estimate 2nd year of funding amount allocated to EPA? How will that affect the incremental funds available for that 2nd year of funds?

Answer:

If a Region receives less than the estimate, the grant may need to be amended to show that the budget will be cut by the percentage of the difference. The Project Officers assigned to each grant will work with the grantees to determine how, what and where to adjust the funding and work plan, if necessary.