



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
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AIR AND RADIATION
DIVISION

Dear Federally Recognized Tribe or Tribal Consortium:

Re: Tribal Air Quality Grant Announcement for Federal Fiscal Year 2020

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency anticipates the availability of Clean Air Act grant funding in Fiscal Year 2020 for federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia within the EPA, Region 10. In previous years, approximately \$2.25 million has been available for individual awards, typically ranging from \$20,000 to \$250,000.

Funding priority will be based upon sufficient evidence of an ongoing air pollution concern and tribal capacity to address it. We anticipate that nearly all of Region 10's grant funding will be awarded to assure base funding for federally recognized Region 10 tribes and consortia who have established eligibility under CAA §105 and have existing air grants, are currently performing CAA §103 projects, or with whom DITCAs have been negotiated and are being implemented. For that reason, we expect to have very limited funding for new projects and initial air quality assessment needs.

Summary of Significant Features of the Tribal Air Grant Application Process

- Tribes currently receiving funding through CAA §105 will be given priority for ongoing funding based upon sufficient evidence of an ongoing air pollution concern and tribal capacity to address it.
- Tribes and tribal consortia currently receiving funding through CAA §103 or DITCAs will be given second priority for ongoing funding based upon sufficient evidence of an ongoing air pollution concern and tribal capacity to address it.
- Tribes and tribal consortia not currently receiving CAA funding will be given third priority for funding. The EPA, Region 10 will accept proposals which will be evaluated if funding is available.
- All tribal air grant funding is dependent on the national allocation of tribal CAA grant funds to the EPA, Region 10 and the number of applications received within the Region.
- Two-year work plans will be accepted from current recipients with a strong record of achieving outputs and outcomes and otherwise demonstrating sound grants management. These 2-year work plans should include work and budget detail separately for each year.
- Tribes and tribal consortia seeking funding to assist the EPA with implementation of the CAA rules and regulations, particularly the Federal Air Rules for Reservation in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, should clearly outline this work within their applications.

- All applicants must submit their completed applications in Grants.gov. Details are provided in an attachment to the RFP.

Due Dates

Proposals for New Tribal Air ProgramsFebruary 17, 2020
Applications from Current Grantees March 2, 2020

Due to limited resources, the EPA, Region 10 is unlikely to fund all grant requests. Region 10 will, however, try to provide technical and programmatic assistance to all tribes with air quality concerns in their communities. The EPA Indian General Assistance Program also provides support for all federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia, including those without reservations, to carry out basic air quality assessments, set priorities, and address indoor and ambient air pollution through outreach and education.

Enclosed is an announcement titled, "Clean Air Act Tribal Program: *Funding Opportunity for FY20*" with details on due dates, requirements for proposals and applications, and the criteria by which they will be evaluated. This funding opportunity will be available online at:

<https://www.epa.gov/tribal/region-10-clean-air-act-tribal-program-funding>. Tribes or tribal consortia selected for funding may be offered less than the amount requested in their applications depending on the number of applications received and Region 10's final budget allocation for FY20.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact my staff, whose names and phone numbers are listed in the enclosed announcement.

Sincerely,



Krishna Viswanathan
Acting Director

Enclosure