

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Multipurpose Grant (MPG) Guidance for Tribes
FY2020 Funding Awards
(July 1, 2020)

SUMMARY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing multipurpose (MPG) state and tribal assistance grants (STAG) to federally recognized Indian tribes (tribes) who are co-regulator partners. MPG funds are intended to be used for high priority activities to complement co-regulator implementation activities funded under federal environmental statutes. Co-regulator partners are tribes delegated certain federal regulatory authorities through the treatment in a similar manner to a state (TAS) process, and tribes approved to operate certain environmental regulatory programs through non-TAS approval provisions found in federal environmental statutes and regulations. EPA is awarding \$1,950,000 to eligible tribes to be added to an existing or new Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) or as a standalone grant. A full listing of tribes and their eligible programs is found in Attachment 1. This Guidance provides information on eligibility, use of funding, grant mechanisms, processes for awarding funding, the allocation methodology used for distribution of funding, timelines, and terms for reporting under these grants.

This Guidance is for federally recognized tribes. Guidance for state and territorial agencies is issued separately.

AUTHORITY and FUNDING BACKGROUND

This grant funding is authorized under the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-94). EPA plans to award \$13 million in FY2020 Multipurpose Grant (MPG) program funds.

EPA created a 15% set-aside of the total MPG funding amount for tribes. The tribal set-aside MPG funds available for awards is \$1,950,000.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

The tribal set-aside funding is available to tribes that are delegated certain federal regulatory authorities through the treatment in a similar manner to a state (TAS) process, and tribes approved to operate certain environmental regulatory programs through non-TAS approval provisions found in federal environmental statutes and regulations. Table 1 below lists the environmental statute programs eligible for funding and the number of tribes eligible for funding under each program. As of the date of this Guidance, there are 108 eligible programs operated by 82 tribes. A full listing of tribes and their eligible programs is found in Attachment 1. Several tribes have more than one eligible program.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

To ensure program effectiveness and the funding of tribes' highest priorities, the following funding criteria may be used in making awards:

- Previous MPG award and workplan status and success may be reviewed and used in determining FY2020 awards.
- Funding to each eligible tribe may be prioritized over funding a tribe for multiple programs (several tribes are eligible for funding under more than one program).
- Combining a FY2020 award with unused FY2018-19 MPG award funds is allowable, as is combining

FY2020 funding with anticipated FY2021 funding.

- For FY2020 awards, Congress has included per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) implementation activities performed under eligible programs.

Table 1: EPA Tribal TAS and other Tribal Approvals to Implement Regulatory Programs

Program	Number of Authorized Tribal Programs
CAA § 110 - Tribal Implementation Plan (TIP)	7
CAA § 111 - New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)	2
CAA § 112 – National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)	2
CAA Title V - Operating Permit Program	4
CAA – Federal Air Rules for Reservations (FARR)	6
CAA – Class I Designations	6
CWA §§ 303(c) / 401 - Water Quality Standards Program (WQS)	69
FIFRA – Restricted Use Pesticide Program (RUP)	4
SDWA § 1413 - Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program	1
SDWA § 1425 - Underground Injection Control (UIC), Class II Wells	2
TSCA §§ 402, 404 - Lead Abatement	4
TSCA § 406 - Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP)	1
Total	108

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

MPG funds are intended to be used for high priority activities to complement co-regulator

implementation activities funded under established federal environmental statutes. Examples of eligible implementation activities under these programs include planning, development, operation, research, investigations, experiments, monitoring, assessment, training, surveys, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement, process improvement, education and outreach, technical support, and maintenance found within the environmental programs listed. Activities may also include joint efforts between the recipient and EPA, such as streamlining and other E-Enterprise projects.

All activities for which MPG funds are used must be implementation activities eligible to be funded under the respective federal environmental statutes. Conversely, activities that are ineligible for grant funding under the respective federal environmental statutes may not be conducted using MPG funds.

MPG awards cannot be used to fund compliance activities of any regulated source or facility to meet federal or tribal requirements, including compliance monitoring or stack testing. This prohibition extends to tribally owned or operated facilities, whether or not the activities are performed directly by the tribe receiving the award.

Tribes using MPG funds for any of the eligible programs must follow the applicable statutes, regulations, policies, and guidance associated with each program.

MATCH, COST-SHARE, AND MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS

Tribes will not be required to provide a match, cost-share, or maintenance of effort requirement for MPG funds. Therefore, adding MPG funds to a PPG will not impact the PPG's existing cost-share requirement under 40 CFR 35.536.

GRANT MECHANISMS

The requirements of 2 CFR part 200 (OMB Uniform Grant Guidance) and 2 CFR part 1500 (EPA Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards) apply to this grant funding.

The following funding vehicles are available for MPG funds:

- Tribes with an existing PPG may add MPG funding to the PPG through a grant amendment.
- Tribes may combine MPG funds with one or more eligible grant(s) into a new PPG.
- Tribes may accept MPG funding as a standalone grant awarded under CFDA 66.204.

EPA encourages tribes to take full advantage of the reduced administrative burden and maximum flexibility offered by accepting MPG funds into a PPG.

Further, as required by EPA's Environmental Results Order (EPA Order 5700.7A1), workplans must link the MPG activities to EPA's strategic goals and objectives and include outcomes and outputs. The Regional points-of-contact (listed below) may also assist with linking workplan activities to the "EPA FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan".

PROCESS FOR AWARD

EPA will notify each eligible tribe of the potential for MPG funding with a request to accept or decline funding. EPA Regions will work with each eligible recipient who chooses to accept funding to negotiate a final award amount and assist in work plan development. See projected "TIMELINE" below.

FUNDING ALLOCATION

From the tribal set-aside EPA will calculate regional allocations by the number of eligible regulatory programs in each region. The total regional allocations will be used to generate individual tribal awards based upon workplan negotiations

TIMELINE

Projected Timeline for MPG awards:

- July 15, 2020: EPA Regions will contact tribes, informing eligible recipients of available funding, and requesting a response.
- July 31, 2020: Tribes notify EPA of their intent to accept or decline MPG funds.
- August 14, 2020: Regions notify tribes of final award amounts.
- August 31, 2020: Grant applications due (through grants.gov)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

There are no new terms and conditions for MPG grant funding. The typical grant terms and conditions associated with federal awards apply.

PERFORMANCE TRACKING

MPG funds must be managed in accordance with existing Federal and EPA-specific grant regulations and policies, including but not limited to: 40 CFR Part 35 Subparts A and B, 2 CFR Part 200, 2 CFR Part 1500, the Environmental Results Order, and GPI 12-06 Timely Award, Obligation, and Expenditure of EPA Grant Funds.

PROJECT PERIOD

Existing EPA grant policies limit project periods to no more than five years. EPA asks that tribes demonstrate the projects they've identified in their work plans are "of most value," as Congress directs, by drawing down the funds within two years. Use of the recipients' EPA-Tribal Environmental Agreement (ETEP) may be helpful in determining implementation activity priorities for MPG funds.

REGIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT

Tribes should direct questions about the MPG program to their regional official:

EPA Region	Regional Official	Phone Number	Email
R1	Mike Stover	(617) 918-1123	stover.michael@epa.gov
R2	Grant Jonathan	(212) 637-3843	jonathan.grant@epa.gov
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R5	Alan Walts	(312) 353-8894	walts.alan@epa.gov
R6	Randy Gee	(214) 665-8355	gee.randy@epa.gov
R7	Kimberly Hill	(913) 551-7841	hill.kimberly@epa.gov

EPA Region	Regional Official	Phone Number	Email
R8	Jennifer Wintersteen	(406) 457-5006	wintersteen.jennifer@epa.gov
R9	Licia Maclear	(415) 972-3161	maclear.licia@epa.gov
R10	Stacy Murphy	(206) 553-2106	murphy.stacy@epa.gov

ATTACHMENT 1 – List of Federally Recognized Tribes with Programs Eligible for EPA Multipurpose Grants

Tribe	Program		Program with Enforcement			
Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, MT	CWA- WQS	CAA-Class 1 Designation	SWDA-UIC Program			
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	CWA- WQS					
Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley	CWA- WQS					
Bishop Paiute Tribe	CWA- WQS					
Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of MT	CWA- WQS					
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, California	CWA-WQS					
Cherokee Nation			TSCA-Lead Abatement			
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation	FIFRA-RUP					
Coeur D'Alene Tribe	CWA- WQS	CAA-FARR				
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation	CWA- WQS	CAA-Class 1 Designation				
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	CWA- WQS					
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	CWA- WQS	CAA-FARR				
Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation	CWA- WQS					
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	CWA- WQS	CAA-FARR				
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon	CWA- WQS					
Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, California	CWA- WQS					
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	CWA- WQS					
Forest County Potawatomi Community, Wisconsin	CAA-Class 1 Designation					
Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona	CWA- WQS		CAA-TIP	CAA-Title V	CAA-NESHAP	CAA-NSPS

Tribe	Program		Program with Enforcement			
Havasupai Tribe of the Havasupai Reservation, Arizona	CWA- WQS					
Hoop Valley Tribe, California	CWA- WQS					
Hopi Tribe of Arizona	CWA-WQS					
Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation, Arizona	CWA-WQS					
Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation	CWA-WQS	CAA-Class 1 Designation				
Karuk Tribe	CWA-WQS					
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan	CWA-WQS					
Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians	CWA-WQS					
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of the Lac du Flambeau Reservation of Wisconsin	CWA-WQS					
Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota			TSCA-Lead Abatement			
Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation	CWA-WQS					
Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation	CWA-WQS					
Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe			CAA-TIP	CAA-Title V		
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians	CWA-WQS					
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake)			TSCA-Lead Abatement	TSCA-RRP		
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Fond du Lac Band	CWA-WQS					
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Grand Portage Band	CWA-WQS					
Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut			CAA-TIP			
Morongo Band of Mission Indians, California	CWA-WQS					
Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah	CWA-WQS	CAA-Title V	SDWA-PWSS Program	SDWA-UIC Program		
Nez Perce Tribe		CAA-FARR				

Tribe	Program		Program with Enforcement			
Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Montana	CWA-WQS	CAA-Class 1 Designation	CAA-TIP			
Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pala Band of Mission Indians	CWA_WQS					
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma	CWA-WQS					
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation, California	CAA-TIP					
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Isleta, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Nambe, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Picuris, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Sandia, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Santa Ana, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Taos, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Pueblo of Tesuque, New Mexico	CWA-WQS					
Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation	CWA-WQS					
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation, Nevada	CWA-WQS					
Quartz Valley Indian Community of the Quartz Valley Reservation of California	CWA-WQS					
Quinault Indian Nation	CWA-WQS	CAA-FARR				
Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation, California	CWA-WQS					

Tribe	Program		Program with Enforcement			
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation	FIFRA-RUP					
Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa – Meskwaki Nation	CWA-WQS					
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	CWA-WQS		CAA-TIP			
San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona	CWA-WQS					
Seminole Tribe of Florida	CWA-WQS					
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation	CWA-WQS	FIFRA-RUP				
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation	CWA-WQS					
Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Wisconsin	CWA-WQS					
Southern Ute Indian Tribe	CWA-WQS		CAA-Title V	CAA-NESHAP	CAA-NSPS	
Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation	CWA-WQS	CAA-Class 1 Designation				
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community	CWA-WQS	CAA-FARR	CAA-TIP			
Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation		FIFRA-RUP				
Tulalip Tribes of Washington	CWA-WQS					
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California	CWA-WQS					
Upper Sioux Community, Minnesota			TSCA-Lead Abatement			
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	CWA-WQS					
Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation, Nevada	CWA-WQS					
White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona	CWA-WQS					
Yerington Paiute Tribe of the Yerington Colony & Campbell Ranch, Nevada	CWA-WQS					

Eligibility list current as of July 1, 2020