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Water Pollution Control Program Grants

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Purpose

The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 106 – Water Pollution Control Program assists federally-recognized Indian tribes with achieving environmental results by developing institutional capacity for administering water quality programs to protect, improve and enhance natural resources.

Funding Availability

Approximately \$8.5 million is anticipated to be allocated for CWA Section 106 tribal programs in EPA's Pacific Southwest Region (Region 9). This will allow EPA to award grants between \$40,000 and \$200,000. First-time eligible applicants may receive grants for \$40,000.



Mesa Grande Reservation

Examples of Eligible Activities

- Hiring qualified staff to identify and prioritize water quality issues
- Leasing/renting office space and purchasing water quality equipment and supplies
- Developing a monitoring strategy and a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the water quality monitoring program
- Performing water quality monitoring and assessments and associated data management
- Conducting studies related to water pollution control
- Implementing and enforcing pollution control measures
- Developing and implementing groundwater programs
- Developing a Water Quality Assessment Report (WQAR)
- Travel and training
- Developing a Financial Assistance Eligibility (FAE) application for CWA Section 319
- Developing a Nonpoint Assessment Report and Management Program Plan

Eligibility Requirements

Federally-recognized Indian tribes with EPA-approved Financial Assistance Eligibility (FAE).

New applicants seeking FAE must meet these requirements:

1. Federal recognition
2. Substantial governmental duties and powers
3. Legal authority and jurisdiction over tribal lands or reservation
4. Capability to carry out functions to be exercised in the manner consistent with the terms and purposes of the Clean Water Act and all applicable regulations

For more information, please refer to EPA Region 9's FAE Eligibility Handbook for Indian Tribes. It's available under the Water Pollution Control tab on Region 9's Tribal Clean Water Act Programs website:

www.epa.gov/tribal/r9tribalcwa

Due date for new FAE applications is **October 31, 2020**.

FY 2021 Due Date for Draft Funding Requests (Anticipated): February 1, 2021

All applicants should submit their CWA 106 funding request including a draft workplan and budget breakdown for their FY 2021 CWA 106 program to their assigned CWA Grants Project Officer via e-mail or regular mail. If your CWA funding is included in a multi-media Performance Partnership Grant, please contact your CWA project officer for additional proposal deadline guidance.

More information coming soon in the *EPA Region 9 FY 2021 Funding Opportunity for Tribal Water Pollution Control Program Grants* solicitation notice (anticipated to be posted December 2020).

Guidance

The Final Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes under Section 106 of the CWA provides tribes with information on how to design and implement effective, adaptive and successful water quality programs. The Guidance also provides EPA with a framework of procedures and guidelines for awarding and administering these grants. To meet the needs of tribes at all levels of development, the Guidance presents steps a tribe can take to collect the information it will need to make effective decisions about its water quality program.



The Guidance may be downloaded from the EPA website: www.epa.gov/water-pollution-control-section-106-grants/final-guidance-awards-grants-indian-tribes-under-section



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