



FUNDING

FOR

WETLAND PROTECTION PROGRAMS

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Developing Southwest Wetland Programs for Tribes





Overview

- **General Tips for Grants**
- EPA Wetland Program Development Grants
- Other Sources of Funds
- Questions



General Tips for Grants

- Before you apply for a grant:
 - Figure out what project(s) you want to do.
 - Identify partners and talk with them.
 - Look for a grant program that fits your project.

General Tips for Grants

- Once you find a grant source:
 - Read the RFP thoroughly and confirm that it is a good fit.
 - Talk to partners about the specific RFP and ask for letters of support.
 - Talk with your leadership about the RFP and get their support.

General Tips for Grants

- Read the RFP:
 - Who is eligible?
 - When is it due?
 - And in what form? (electronic, hard copy)
 - What is the requested outline?
 - What are criteria and how are they ranked?



General Tips for Grants

- Draft the proposal:
 - Follow the suggested outline.
 - Add maps and pictures, if allowed.
 - Add letters of support, if allowed.
- Get comments on your draft proposal from:
 - Colleagues and Leadership
 - Partners

General Tips for Grants

- Finalize the proposal:
 - Turn it in before deadline.
 - Confirm receipt, if possible.
- If you don't get funded:
 - Ask for feedback.
 - Don't give up. Try again next year or elsewhere.



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Development Grants**
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EPA'S WETLAND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Also known as:

- "WPDGs", or
- "Wetland Grants"

What are the Wetland Grants for?

- To “build or refine”
(*start up, develop, improve, design, revise*)
a wetland protection program.
- Not for day-to-day wetland program
“implementation”.

What are the Wetland Grants for?


- A few examples of project types:
 - Writing a Wetland Program Plan (WPP).
 - Creating and testing a wetland monitoring and assessment program.
 - Using existing wetlands data to figure out priorities for wetlands restoration and protection.

What are the Wetland Grants for?

- A few more examples of project types:
 - Completing a wetland restoration demonstration project using “new or experimental technologies, methods, or approaches”, then incorporating lessons learned into new wetland program plans.
 - Training staff how to monitor wetland condition and water quality associated with wetlands.



Wetland Program Development Grant Competition

- Competitive project grant program.
 - Annual competition (timing varies).
 - Tribes, States and local governments are eligible.
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Wetland Program Development Grant Competition

- 25% or 5% match requirement
(if part of a PPG & show need, it is 5% match).
- Typical award amount
 - in Region 9 is \$50,000 to \$350,000.
 - In Region 8 is \$25,000 to \$250,000.
- Typical project length is 2 to 4 years.

Wetland Grants – Before the RFP

- Tips:
 - Figure out one or more projects you would like to do for your wetland program.
 - Talk with past, current or potential partners about your ideas.
 - Talk with leadership about your ideas.

Wetland Grants – How to Apply

- Tips:
 - Look at the new RFP and criteria (when they come out). They change.
 - Look at first two pages to see key information.

Wetland Grants – How to Apply

- More Tips:
 - Who is eligible?
 - How much can you ask for?
 - How long can it be?
 - When is it due?
 - And in what form? (electronic, hard copy)

Wetland Grants – How to Apply

- Still More Tips:
 - Does your project fit?
 - Note
 - Threshold criteria.
 - Ineligible activities sections.
 - Ranking criteria.

Wetland Grants – How to Apply

- Even More Tips:
 - Follow the suggested outline.
 - Make the answers easy to find for reviewers.
 - Be as specific as you can within the page limit. Give examples.
 - Show your understanding of your project.

Wetland Program Development Grant Competition

Show:

- a strong need for your project. Do others think it is needed, too?


- how you will use results to improve your wetland program. Show environmental results and outputs.

- who you have worked with on this issue
 - in your Tribe,
 - in your region, and
 - beyond.



Wetland Program Development Grant Competition

Show (give examples):

- How you have been a mentor already.
 - How you will actively be a mentor and share your project information:
 - within your Tribal government,
 - with Tribe's citizens,
 - with other Tribes,
 - with others in your watershed, and beyond.
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Wetland Program Development

Key Links:

Wetland Program Core Elements:

http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/wetlands/cefintro.cfm

Examples of Wetland Program Plans:

<http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/wpp.cfm>

Wetland Grant Database for Past and Current Grants:

<http://iaspub.epa.gov/wgd-public>

Other EPA Wetland Funding

EPA Five Star Wetland Grants

Bring together students, conservations corps, citizen groups, corporations, landowners and government agencies to provide training and environmental education through projects that restore wetlands and streams.

http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/wetlands/restore/index.cfm

Other EPA Wetland Funding

EPA CWA Section 106 Tribal Grants

Wetlands are a vital water and can be addressed by the 106 grant.

EPA CWA Section 319 Grants

Nonpoint source pollution control projects can also protect wetlands.

Funding Restoration Projects

EPA 106, 319 & WPDGs

- **106** – cannot pay for restoration related activities, except restoration planning.
- **319** – can use funds to address polluted runoff and restore areas back to the way they were prior to NPS the issue.
- **WPDG** – can fund on the ground restoration only if it meets Threshold Criteria (“new or experimental technologies”) and is not an Ineligible Activity (“Restoration of wetlands through conventional methods is ineligible”).

Categories of Land and Treatment Similar to a State for EPA 106, 319 & WPDGs

- WPDGs – TAS not considered. Can fund projects for any of the Tribe land holding types. (Trust, Fee, Title ...)
- 106 & 319 – If Tribe does not have “Treatment Similar to a State” designation, and land is not in Trust then may not be able to use funds..... But check with your EPA 106 & 319 contacts.

Funding Implementation Projects

EPA 106, 319 & WPDGs

- Difference in definition.
- WPDG – cannot fund “implementation”
 - Cannot fund day to day, ongoing operations.
 - Can fund program development and improvement.
- 106 & 319 – can fund “implementation”
 - “on-the-ground” work such as fencing, vegetation removal, etc. This is base funding for “continuing” program work, to allow for Tribes to build capacity and collect data, etc.



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Other Sources of Funds

Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control

<http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/tribal/>

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives

<http://www.fws.gov/landscape-conservation/lcc.html>

<http://www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART/lcc/>

support on-the-ground conservation efforts through applied science for resource management decision makers

Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes

<http://www.nps.gov/history/hpg/index.html>

for culturally significant sites

Other Websites to Check Out for Funds

Grants. Gov

www.grants.gov

Centralizing more than 1,000 different grant programs across all 26 federal grant-making agencies awarding more than \$500 billion annually.

BIA Division of Natural Resources

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OTS/NaturalResources/index.htm>

Water Resources

Fish and Wildlife

USFWS Native American Liaison

<http://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/>

Tribal Wildlife Grants

EPA Tribal Training webpage

<http://water.epa.gov/learn/training/tribaltraining/>



Other Sources of Funds

- Any suggestions on other funding sources?
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Any Questions?