

ATTACHMENT 1
Region 10 CWA Section 106 FY10 Tribal Funding Announcement

CFDA Number: 66.419 (Water Pollution Control Grants, Clean Water Act Section 106)

DESCRIPTION

Overview: Section 106 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) provides funding to support water pollution control programs. Section 518 of the 1987 amendments to the CWA provides a mechanism for Tribal governments to access the CWA funds by the “treatment in a manner similar to a state” (TAS) eligibility process. Presently, 38 Tribal governments within EPA Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington) are eligible to receive CWA Section 106 funds. This information applies to the Tribal governments listed in **Attachment 2**.

(For other Tribal governments interested in becoming eligible for the CWA Section 106 funding through the TAS application process, please see the contact information section at the end of this document.)

Regulations: Further information on the CWA Section 106 grants program can be found in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Program Number 66.419. Regulations governing the award and administration of these grants are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR Part 35, Subpart B (Environmental Program Grants for Tribes); and 40 CFR Part 31 (General Grant Regulations).

Uses and Restrictions: The purpose of the CWA Section 106 grants program is to provide financial assistance for maintaining adequate measures for prevention and control of surface and ground water pollution from point and nonpoint sources. The program funds water quality management program activities including watershed assessments, water quality planning, standards development, monitoring and assessments, inspections and enforcement, permitting, training, advice and assistance to local agencies, and public information. It also funds participation in program activities related to the restoration of impaired watersheds such as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), implementation of integrated wet weather strategies in coordination with nonpoint source programs, and development of source water protection programs.

Funds cannot be used for the construction, operation, or maintenance of wastewater treatment plants or drinking water systems, including the required water quality monitoring or sampling activities for facility permit compliance purposes. Also, funds cannot be used for costs financed by other federal grants.

The CWA Section 106 program cannot fund activities outside of the Reservation unless the activity pertains to Reservation waters. If you are proposing to use CWA Section 106 funds outside of the Reservation, you must fully explain in the scope of work the relationship of these activities to waters on the Reservation. If these funds are being used for such purposes beyond the Reservation boundaries, the Tribe should obtain the necessary access agreement or permission to conduct the activity from the appropriate jurisdiction.

IMPORTANT DATES

Work Plan: Draft work plan proposals are due to your Project Officer (PO) no later than **January 29, 2010**. An electronic submittal (email with attachment) is preferred. EPA will review the draft proposals and work with grantees to prepare the final application.

Final Application: CWA Section 106 grant application packages (final work plan, original signature application for federal assistance, and other forms) are desired by **March 26, 2010**. If you are including CWA Section 106 funds in a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG), the application package is also desired by March 26, 2010, but you will need to work with the EPA PO as this date also depends on the work plan deadline(s) for the other eligible grant programs that you choose to include in the PPG.

Award: EPA Region 10 will work to ensure that these grants are awarded by **September 30, 2010**.

AWARD AMOUNTS

Region 10 anticipates awarding approximately \$3.4 million to up to 38 Tribal governments that are eligible for this program. The annual grant awards in Region 10 in recent years have ranged from \$60,000 to \$170,000. **Attachment 2** lists Region 10's annual funding "targets" for eligible Tribal governments.

Tribal Match: EPA provides up to 95% of the approved work plan costs for eligible Tribal governments, and there is a 5% Tribal match. The EPA Regional Administrator may increase the maximum federal share (i.e. decrease the Tribal match) if the Tribal government can demonstrate in writing to the satisfaction of the Regional Administrator that fulfilling the 5% match requirement would impose undue financial hardship.

AWARD ADMINISTRATION

Performance Partnership Grants: CWA Section 106 grants are eligible for inclusion in PPGs, which combine funds from two or more environmental program grants listed in 40 CFR Part 35 into a single grant with a single budget. Currently, 34 (of 38) eligible Tribal grantees have PPGs, combining CWA Section 106 with the Indian General Assistance Program (GAP). Other program grants may be part of a PPG, such as CWA 319, wetlands, pesticides, and brownfields. The intent of PPGs is to provide for greater flexibility in program areas while achieving administrative savings. PPG information can be found at 40 CFR Part 35 (January 16, 2001 Federal Register Notice), or at: <http://www.epa.gov/water/ppg/ppgguide.html>. Contact your PO if you are interested in including grants in a PPG.

Performance Reports: Narrative program progress reporting frequency will be specified in the grant agreement. Annual and final submittals of SF-425, Federal Financial Report, also will be required. Additional required reporting and documentation will be listed in the grant agreement

as described in the Guidance Requirements section below.

EPA's Role in Performance Evaluation: EPA's role and responsibilities in carrying out work plan commitments may include work plan negotiations and site visits to the grantees. These actions contribute to EPA's evaluation of grantee performance towards meeting work plan commitments.

GUIDANCE REQUIREMENTS

EPA issued guidance for the CWA Section 106 Tribal program, *Final Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act for Fiscal Years 2007 and Beyond*, which became effective October 2006. As a condition for continuing to receive CWA Section 106 grant funds, each grantee is required to submit an annual Tribal Assessment Report (TAR) that includes three parts: Water Quality Monitoring Strategy, Water Quality Assessment, and Electronic Water Quality Data. Note that this annual TAR is different from the grant administrative performance and financial reports described above.

For a copy of the guidance and additional documents to assist you in developing your TAR, visit <http://www.epa.gov/OWM/cwfinance/106tgg07.htm>. Also, contact your PO for electronic templates that can be used to prepare a Water Quality Monitoring Strategy and Water Quality Assessment.

To receive FY10 funding, you must include the TAR reporting requirement in your work plan. Note that the following Term & Condition will be included in your grant award:

Recipient agrees to follow the EPA-issued guidance for the CWA Section 106 Tribal program, *Final Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act for Fiscal Years 2007 and Beyond*. Per the Guidance:

- a) Based on the Tribe's self assessment of fundamental, intermediate, or mature, Grantee is required to monitor certain parameters, unless a waiver has been approved.
- b) Grantee is required to submit an annual Tribal Assessment Report (TAR) that includes three parts: Water Quality Monitoring Strategy, Water Quality Assessment, and Electronic Water Quality Data. (In Region 10, Grantee is required to submit the TAR, including electronic monitoring data, annually by the end of the 4th quarter of the grant period.)
- c) Electronic Water Quality Data -- Grantee is required to report monitoring data generated using 106 funding, either directly to the Agency's Storage and Retrieval data system (STORET), or to EPA in a STORET-compatible format, which is EPA's STORET template (an Excel spreadsheet file). Grantees can use the STORET template to organize data into STORET-compatible format, then submit the data to STORET via WQX Web. For instructions, tutorials, and further information on STORET/WQX Web, visit <http://www.epa.gov/storet>. Information regarding training sessions presented by EPA will be provided by the EPA PO.

WORK PLAN and BUDGET INFORMATION

To expedite the review process, Region 10 encourages applicants to use the standardized work plan template provided in **Attachment 3**. It is adapted from the template required for GAP and covers information required per 40 CFR Part 35.

Your work plan, whether or not you choose to use the template, must comply with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 35 by including the following information:

- 1) work plan **component(s)** to be funded by the grant
- 2) estimated **work years** (FTEs) and **funding cost** for each work plan component(s)
- 3) work plan commitments for each work plan component and a **time frame** for their accomplishment (i.e. a **task/activity (Input)** and **deliverable/product (Output)**)
- 4) **performance evaluation process** and **reporting schedule** that provides a discussion of:
 - a. accomplishments as measured against work plan commitments
 - b. cumulative effectiveness of the work performed under all work plan components
 - c. existing and potential problem areas
 - d. suggestions for improvement, including where feasible, schedules for making improvements
- 5) the **roles and responsibilities** of the recipient and EPA in carrying out the work plan commitments

Also include a narrative work plan explaining the scope of work and including the following:

- 1) **discussion** of the planned tasks and activities (i.e. **Inputs**)
NOTE: Include a brief description or list of parameters you will be measuring using CWA Section 106 funds, and include an assurance that these are aligned with your Monitoring Strategy.
- 2) **discussion** of the deliverables or products to be accomplished from the work plan tasks (i.e. **Outputs**)
NOTE: Outputs/Deliverables must include the annual TAR.
- 3) **discussion** of the Environmental Results (i.e. the **Outcomes**) that may be generated by the completed work
(For example, Outcomes may be changes in human behavior or in the quality of the environment or public health directly or indirectly as a result of the expenditure of CWA Section 106 funds. Outcomes may not necessarily occur during the project period of the award.)
- 4) **time line** for measuring accomplishments and completion of the tasks to be undertaken
- 5) description of the **geographic location** of the proposed work activities

Detailed Budget: In one half to a few pages present a detailed breakdown of proposed costs into specific object classification categories of personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts, other, and indirect costs, all of which must match those on the SF-424A form. In addition to listing the costs, please provide an explanation for how the cost estimates were derived. Please also show the Tribal match in the object class budget categories.

AGENCY CONTACTS

For general information and eligibility requirements regarding the CWA Section 106 Tribal Program, contact either Janette Rau or Alan Moomaw, Tribal 106 Program Coordinators:

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Draft work plans should be emailed by **January 29, 2010** to your EPA PO (see Attachment 2 for the PO assigned to your Tribe):

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For technical assistance and information about the Tribal 106 Monitoring Program, contact:

Gretchen Hayslip, Monitoring Coordinator

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For assistance with STORET/WQX, contact:

STORET Website	http://www.epa.gov/storet/index.html
Tribal STORET/WQX Support Line	1-800-844-0638 or owsupport@rti.org
STORET Helpdesk	1-800-424-9067 or storet@epa.gov

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