

### **Region 10 Tribal Environmental GAP Funding**

This page contains information about how to apply for Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) funding in EPA Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington).

On October 29, 2024, EPA's American Environmental Indian Office issued the National Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for GAP grants. **Please read both the national NOFA and the Region 10 supplement below before applying for a GAP grant.** Contact your <u>EPA Tribal Coordinator</u> if you have questions.

- Read the National Notice of Funding Availability.
- See below for EPA Region 10 requirements.

Budget worksheets and work plans are due by **Tuesday**, **January 21**, **2025**, for work beginning on or after October 1, 2025.

## **Funding Levels**

Applicants may request funding up to \$134,000 for this funding announcement, depending on program need and existing balances.

Tribes with large reservations may request a higher level of funding. For Umatilla, Spokane, and Quinault, funding may be up to \$160,000. For Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, Shoshone Bannock, and Warm Springs, funding may be up to \$170,000. For Colville and Yakama, funding may be up to \$180,000.

EPA is not inviting new Supplemental Project requests for FY26. If your Tribe submitted a request for a Supplemental Project in FY25 that was not funded, please discuss that request with your EPA Tribal Coordinator.

#### **Templates and Forms**

Visit the <u>Region 10 GAP web page</u> for the latest work plan template, the latest budget templates, and required forms.

#### **Webinars**

EPA Region 10 will host two webinars on the Notice of Funding Availability.

The first webinar, which will provide an overview, will be held on Zoom on November 12. This webinar will include a discussion of <u>changes to the Uniform Grants Guidance</u> and multi-year applications. The second webinar, which will focus on applications tips and forms, will be held in early 2025. Visit the <u>Region 10 Tribal Environmental Webinars web page</u> for details.

# **How to Apply**

Steps	Details
1.Review the Notice of	EPA issues the Notice of Funding Availability in October
Funding Availability.	2024.
2. Submit budget(s) and work plan(s) to your Tribal Coordinator.	<ul> <li>Email budget worksheets and work plans to your EPA         <u>Tribal Coordinator</u> no later than Tuesday, January 21,         2025.</li> <li>EPA strongly encourages applicants with well- functioning GAP programs to apply for two, three, or four years of funding at one time. Multi-year grants reduce administrative burden and provide more certainty in long-term planning for both EPA and the Tribes. If interested, learn more and discuss this option with your Tribal Coordinator.</li> <li>If requesting indirect costs in your budget, submit a copy of your approved indirect cost rate, proposal for a new rate, or an exception request by January 21, 2025.</li> <li>EPA's de minimus rate has increased from 10% to 15%. Tribes may request this indirect cost rate if they wish.</li> </ul>
3. Register with the System for Award Management (SAM).	It is vital to keep your organization's SAM registration active. EPA recommends renewing the registration at least one month before the expiration date.  Register or renew your organization's SAM registration.  APEX Accelerators (formerly the Procurement Technical Assistance Center) is available to assist with SAM registration.
4. Register in Grants.gov.	Register at Grants.gov. Applicants should check that their registration in Grants.gov, including the designated eBusiness Point of Contact, is current and that the person who will be submitting the funding request has an Authorized Organization Representative account. This will be essential to submitting an application in Grants.gov.

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	<ul> <li>Learn how to apply for a grant through www.grants.gov with this <u>video tutorial series</u>.</li> <li>Additional assistance is available through the <u>Environmental Protection Network</u>, the <u>University of Washington's Center for Environmental Health Equity</u>, and the <u>Willamette Partnership</u>.</li> </ul>
5. Obtain a user name and password for Login.gov.	<ul> <li>Applicants must have an account at <u>Login.gov</u> to submit their applications into Grants.gov.</li> </ul>
6. Submit consortia eligibility documentation once every four years.	<ul> <li>Intertribal consortia resolutions (or other supporting documentation) from all GAP-eligible member Tribes authorizing the consortium to apply for and receive funding on their behalf are due to EPA by March 14,</li> <li>2025. This requirement applies only to consortia applying for a new grant – that is, the first year of the grant funding cycle.</li> </ul>
7. Enter the application package into Grants.gov (new grants) or email it to your Tribal Coordinator (supplemental grants).	<ul> <li>After negotiating the work plan and budget, GAP applicants will submit their completed forms by the date they negotiate with their Tribal Coordinators, but no later than May 16, 2025.</li> <li>New applicants (those in the first year of a new grant period) will submit their completed budget, work plan, and forms into Grants.gov.         <ul> <li>To apply for a GAP grant, choose CFDA Number 66.926 and select the package.</li> <li>To apply for a PPG, choose CFDA Number 66.605 and select the package.</li> </ul> </li> <li>All other applicants will submit their applications by email to their EPA Tribal Coordinator.</li> </ul>
8. EPA issues FY25 GAP awards to Tribes and intertribal consortia.	EPA expects FY25 GAP awards will be made by September 30, 2025.