



Multimedia State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) FY2009 Fact Sheet

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OECA Multi-media State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program

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Background

EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) receives extramural monies appropriated annually for state and tribal assistance. The funds are used to build and enhance the capacity of states and tribes to carry out compliance assurance activities within their respective jurisdictions. These projects cover a wide range of activities that will enable states and tribes to demonstrate compliance assurance and enforcement outcomes from their activities while serving as models for other states/tribes. These projects are not for implementation of the compliance and enforcement program.

Eligible Grant Recipients

State agencies, U.S. territories, federally recognized Indian Tribes, the District of Columbia, Intertribal Consortia, state universities and multi-jurisdictional State organizations with enforcement and compliance assurance responsibilities or responsibilities that support enforcement and compliance assurance including but not limited to data management or research are eligible to apply for and receive funds. In addition, state universities with expertise in compliance assurance and enforcement issues are also eligible grant applicants.

Award Process

The Office of Compliance (OC) within OECA announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals and partial applications from applicants through www.grants.gov and the STAG grant web page, www.epa.com/compliance/state/grants/stag.index. The solicitation notice describes in detail the funding areas, the format for the proposals, the procedures for submitting a proposal, and the evaluation criteria that will be used. Only proposals and partial applications by eligible grant recipients that address the specific funding areas, using the specified format and procedures will be accepted. Initial decisions are made based on regional and headquarters review of these proposals using the evaluation criteria. Selected applicants are invited to submit final proposals and grant applications.

Past Grant Projects

Since FY1999 EPA has selected 124 proposals for funding making over \$19,000,000 available to 53 different states, tribes, universities, or organizations. These projects have addressed data quality, public access, Tribal and state inspector training, program planning and performance measurement, data management, outcomes measurement, and environmental enforcement training. The STAG grant web site provides abstracts, proposals and results summaries (for grants that have been completed). OECA also published the [Grant Innovations at Work: STAG Accomplishments Report](#) that is available at the STAG grant web site.

FY 09 Grant Process

The OC published a grant solicitation notice in May, 2009 announcing the availability of \$1.8 M for proposals covering 5 focus areas. This year, EPA is soliciting pre-proposals for the following focus areas: (1) Permit Compliance System (PCS) Modernization and ICIS-NPDES, (2) Funding Indian Country Compliance Assurance Circuit Riders, (3) Improving Flow of State Data to the Air Facility System (AFS), (4) State Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Training and (5) Demonstration of Better Use of Technology in Compliance Monitoring Activities. Currently, applicants may submit proposals and partial applications.

For more information:

More information on this Grant Program is available at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/state/grants/stag/index.html>

Authority

Delegation 1-47: To approve assistance agreements for activities including, but not limited to, economic, social science, statistical, and other research, development, studies, surveys, demonstration, investigations, public education programs, training, and fellowships to the extent authorized under the following Acts: CWA, Section 104; FIFRA, Section 20; CAA, Section 103, SWDA, Section 8001; SDWA, Section 1442; TSCA, Section 10; MPRSA, Section 203; NEPA, Section 102(2)(F) for international awards; and Indian Environmental GAP Act.

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