

U.S. EPA Region 9 General Assistance Program  
Funding Opportunities

**Co-sponsor the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal – EPA Conference in Fall 2010**

**Letter of Intent Due Date: December 19, 2008**

**Conference Purpose:** The purpose of the Annual Tribal-EPA Conference is to provide tribes in Region 9 with a broad array of environmental information, a forum for discussing critical environmental issues, and the opportunity to network with other environmental professionals. The conference is expected to last three days, may draw approximately 500 registrants, and is usually held in the Fall. In 2010, the conference will be held in San Francisco, CA. This solicitation is for co-sponsoring the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Fall 2010) and for the Fall 2010 RTOC. It is highly recommended that the tribal co-sponsor consult EPA's green meetings Web site when planning the conference <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/greenmeetings/pubs/who.htm> .

The selected Tribal Co-sponsor will have the option to shadow and be mentored by the Tohono O'odham Nation during the planning for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Region 9 Tribal - EPA Conference to be held on October 21-23 2009, and the RTOC on October 19-20, 2009 on the Tohono O'odham Nation in Tucson, AZ. *Estimated funding amount is \$100,000 - \$120,000*

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**Administer Region-wide Tribal Travel Program Fund**

***If you're interested in jointly overseeing the Tribal Travel Program with the Region 9 Tribal Program Office, please include your Letter of Intent with your GAP proposal due on December 19th, 2008.***

The intent of the Tribal Travel Program is to provide reimbursements to those tribal representatives attending EPA-approved meetings, training courses, and educational outreach to tribes throughout Region 9 and other sites in the nation. The Program allows the participation of tribal representatives at environmental workshops, training, caucuses, and other environmental capacity building functions they would otherwise be unable to attend due to lack of travel resources.

**Role of Recipient:** Recipient will fund travel requests and process reimbursements that will allow eligible individuals to attend and participate in meetings, training, and other events that will develop tribal capacity.

*Some administrative duties include:*

Disseminate information to tribes and the agency as appropriate; provide guidance to tribes at RTOC meetings regarding procedures; coordinate with the agency to obtain approval for requests from tribes; process travel reimbursement requests; and, provide the agency with quarterly summaries of reimbursements. Estimated funding amount is based on availability of funds. Previous award amounts have ranged from \$70,000 to \$150,000.

For additional information please contact your GAP grant project officer.