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EPA Tribal Fall Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting and Annual Conference

Fall 2017 RTOC Meeting and Annual Conference: October 30 – November 2, 2017 at Viejas Resort and Casino in Alpine, Calif. Webinar of the full RTOC caucus will be offered. Registration and conference information can be found at www.tribalepa.com/. RTOC starts on 10/30/2017 at 8:30AM PDT in Alpine, CA. Information regarding the full week can be found at www.epa.gov/tribal/region-9-regional-tribal-operations-committee.

Upcoming Opportunities

Potential Funding Opportunity:

Technical Assistance to Create Healthy, Economically Vibrant Communities

EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities and federal agency partners invite communities to apply for technical assistance to help communities revitalize their economy, improve health, and protect the environment.

- Local Foods, Local Places helps communities reinvest in existing neighborhoods and revitalize downtowns through the development of local food systems. To date, nearly 80 communities have benefitted from assistance with support from EPA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Delta Regional Authority.

Learn how to apply for the Local Foods, Local Places Program: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places-2017-2018-application.

- Healthy Places for Healthy People helps community leaders and health care partners focus on health as an economic driver and catalyst for downtown and neighborhood revitalization. Health care partners include community health centers (including Federally Qualified Health Centers), nonprofit hospitals, and other health care facilities. To date, 10 communities have benefitted from assistance with support from EPA and the Appalachian Regional Commission. Healthy Places for Healthy People provides assistance for communities that are economically challenged, including those in rural Appalachia.

Learn how to apply for the Healthy Places for Healthy People Program: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/healthy-places-healthy-people-2017-2018-application.

Eligibility: See each program's application for specific eligibility requirements.

Deadline: 8:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

How to apply: Submit a completed application and optional letters of support (see each program's application for specific instructions).

Please note: All references to non-Government organizations and their activities is for informational purposes only. This information is in no way intended to imply an EPA or U.S. Government endorsement or sanction of those organizations or their activities.

Supplemental Environmental Projects:

Funding in California; details available here: www.arb.ca.gov/enf/seppolicy.htm

Submitting Project Proposals

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Policy allows community-based projects to be funded from a portion of the penalties received during settlement of enforcement actions. SEPs can improve public health, reduce pollution, increase environmental compliance, and bring public awareness to neighborhoods most burdened by environmental harm. We are currently seeking project proposals that could be funded under proposed policy changes to ARB's SEP Policy.

To qualify, project proposals must meet all the following criteria:

- Reduce direct/indirect air emissions or exposure to air pollution (Diesel Particulate Matter, NO_x, Greenhouse gases, Volatile Organic Compounds, etc.)
- Relate to the violation
- Not benefit the violator
- Go above and beyond regulatory requirements

Previous Announcements

Two New Online Courses Available from NAU and ITEP

Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) offer tribally focused professional development training to new and seasoned professionals through interactive online courses. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate equivalent to the continuing education units (CEUs) identified for each course. Visit itep.scholarlms.com/catalog/ to view available courses. Newly available online courses include:

- **Tribal Strategic Planning: Developing of Your EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan**
- **Partnerships and Community Outreach**

This course provides tribal environmental professionals with tribal-specific tools and resources to engage their community and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of their tribal work plans.

Registration for this online course is \$150. This course carries 0.5 continuing education units (CEUs) and requires approximately five hours of total learning time.

Why is ITEP charging for these online courses and others are free?

ITEP offers both free and for-fee courses, which are determined by current funding sources. The online courses described above are for-fee and have paid instructors to ensure your individual questions are answered in a timely manner. Free courses, listed below, have been developed with federal grant funding and are facilitated by ITEP staff that work with volunteer subject matter experts to field questions.

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FYI: Databases of Tribal Codes and Ordinances

EPA has received inquiries asking if EPA maintains a database of tribal codes and ordinances for use when developing your tribal environmental department's legal capacity. EPA does not maintain such a database at this time. However, EPA Region 9's Tribal Section is aware of several educational institutions that do maintain these resources (links below).

National Indian Law Library (NILL): www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.html

Tribal Institute: www.tribal-institute.org/lists/codes.htm

Universities: lib.law.washington.edu/content/guides/indian

- lawlibguides.lclark.edu/c.php?g=139883&p=916746#s-lg-box-2739354
- thorpe.ou.edu/
- guides.ou.edu/c.php?g=113878&p=739846

Smithsonian Tribal Scholar Fellowships

Next Deadline is February 1: The Native American Awards Community Scholar falls within the Native American Awards Program which supports applicants, who are formally or informally affiliated with a Native American community or tribe, to visit the Institution to undertake projects on a Native American subject and utilize the Native American resources of the Institution. One of the goals of the program is for the Community Scholars to take the knowledge they gain through their research and share it with their community. View opportunity at: www.smithsonianofi.com/fellowship-opportunities/native-american-community-scholars-awards/.