Overview of the Bureau of Reclamation and Funding Opportunities for Tribes
Mission Statement

To manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.
History of Reclamation

Created in 1902 to help address the development of the semi-arid/arid American West through the development of water projects for irrigation.
Challenges to meet competing needs
Reclamation in Indian Country

- ~$200 million/year
- Water Rights Settlements Negotiation-23
  Active Teams, Recent Settlements PL 111-291, “Claims Resolution Act of 2010” (four settlements)
- Water Rights Settlement Implementation Teams (ALP, Navajo-San Juan, Arizona, Crow, etc.)
- Ecosystem and River Restoration: Trinity, Klamath, Columbia/Snake, etc.
Reclamation in Indian Country

- Tribal Irrigation Projects
- Policy Guidance
- PL 93-638 Title I and Title IV
- Technical Assistance Grants
Reclamation in Indian Country

Tribal Funding Opportunities

- **Native American Technical Assistance Program**
- ~$3 million/year available funding
- Cost Share: Negotiated.
- Maximum funding: $250k/agreement/2 year
- Funding coordinated through Regional Offices—see handouts.
- Technical/financial assistance to tribes to develop, manage, and protect water and related resources.
Reclamation in Indian Country
Tribal Funding Opportunities

• **WaterSMART-Water and Energy Efficiency Grants**

• Cost Share: 50% Min.

• Maximum funding:
  – Group I: $300k/agreement, 2 yr. max.
  – Group II: $1.5 M/agreement, 3 yr. max.

• FOA on grants.gov in early November

• Improve water conservation/efficiency, renewable energy, ESA, marketing, etc.
Reclamation in Indian Country Tribal Funding Opportunities

- **WaterSMART-System Optimization Reviews**
- Cost Share: 50% Min.
- Maximum funding: $300k/agreement
- FOA on grants.gov in late November
- Identify/assess potential for water management improvements, identify ways to implement those improvements
Reclamation in Indian Country

Tribal Funding Opportunities

- **WaterSMART-Advanced Water Treatment Pilot & Demonstration Projects**
  - Cost Share: 50% Min.
  - Maximum funding: $600k/agreement
  - FOA on grants.gov in December
  - Promote adoption/use of AWT to increase water supplies.
Reclamation in Indian Country
Tribal Funding Opportunities

- WaterSMART-Grants to Develop Climate Analysis Tools
- Cost Share: 50% Min.
- Maximum funding: $200k/agreement
- FOA on grants.gov in February
- Enhance water resource management; develop tools to assess impacts of climate change.
Reclamation in Indian Country
Tribal Funding Opportunities

- **WaterSMART-Applied Science Grants for Desert and Southern Rockies LCC’s.**
- Cost Share: 50% Min.
- Maximum funding: $200k/agreement
- FOA on grants.gov in February
- Enhance management of natural/cultural resources w/ nexus to water resource management in a changing climate.
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Tribal Funding Opportunities

- **Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program.**
- **Cost Share:** 75% Min.
- **Maximum funding:** $200k/agreement
- **FOA on grants.gov:** TBD
- **P/D/C of Congressionally authorized water recycling/reuse projects.**
Reclamation in Indian Country
Tribal Funding Opportunities

- **Rural Water Supply Program.**
- **Purpose:** Develop appraisal and feasibility studies supporting rural domestic water supply projects
- **Cost Share:**
  - Appraisal: 100% BOR max. $200k, then 50/50
  - Feasibility: 50/50
  - Construction: As authorized by Congress
- **Maximum funding:** TBD
- **FOA on grants.gov:** TBD
Questions?
Final Note

- Additional information describing these funding programs in more detail and providing contact information are available on the conference website.