

# Water Pollution Control Program Grants

## Purpose:

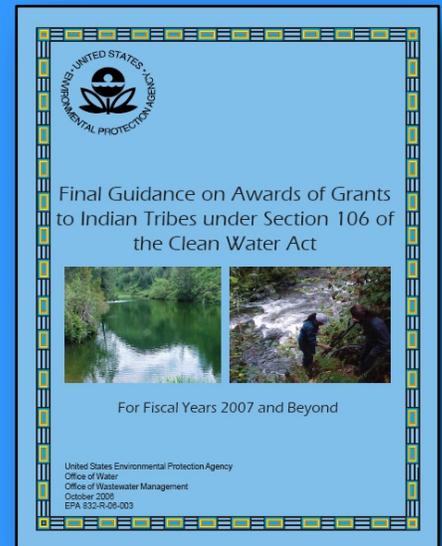
The **Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 106 - Water Pollution Control Program** assists Federally-recognized Indian Tribes with achieving environmental results by developing institutional capacity for administering water quality programs to protect, improve, and enhance natural resources.

## Guidance:

The *Final Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes under Section 106 of the CWA* (Guidance) provides Tribes with information on how to design and implement effective, adaptive, and successful water quality programs. The Guidance also provides EPA with a framework of procedures and guidelines for awarding and administering these grants. To meet the needs of Tribes at all levels of development, the Guidance presents steps a tribe can take to collect the information it will need to make effective decisions about its water quality program.

The Guidance may be downloaded from the U.S. EPA website:

<http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-09/documents/final-tribal-guidance.pdf>



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## Eligible Activities (but not limited to):

- Hiring qualified staff to identify and prioritize water quality issues;
- Leasing/renting office space and purchasing water quality equipment and supplies;
- Developing a monitoring strategy and a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the water quality monitoring program;
- Performing water quality monitoring and assessments and associated data management;
- Conducting studies related to water pollution control;
- Implementing and enforcing pollution control measures;
- Developing and implementing groundwater programs;
- Developing a Water Quality Assessment Report (WQAR);
- Travel and training;
- Developing a Financial Assistance Eligibility (FAE) application for CWA Section 319; and
- Developing a Nonpoint Assessment Report and Management Program plan.

## Funding Availability:

Approximately **\$8.5 Million** is anticipated to be allocated for CWA Section 106 Tribal programs in Region 9, the same allocation as last fiscal year. This will allow EPA Region 9 to award grants between **\$40,000 - \$200,000**; first-time eligible applicants may receive grants for **\$40,000**.

## Eligibility:

Federally Recognized Indian Tribes with EPA-approved Financial Assistance Eligibility (FAE).

New applicants seeking FAE must meet these requirements:

1. Federal recognition;
2. Substantial governmental duties and powers;
3. Legal authority and jurisdiction over Tribal lands or reservation;
4. Capability to carry out functions to be exercised in the manner consistent with the terms and purposes of the Clean Water Act and all applicable regulations.

For more information, please refer to EPA Region 9's FAE Eligibility Handbook for Indian Tribes at:  
<http://www2.epa.gov/tribal/clean-water-act-water-quality-planning-and-protection-programs-financial-assistance>

Due Date for new FAE applications is **November 3, 2015**.



## FY 2016 Due Date for *Draft* Funding Requests: February 3, 2016

All applicants should submit their CWA 106 funding request including a draft workplan and budget breakdown for their FY 2017 CWA 106 program to their assigned CWA Grants Project Officer via e-mail or regular mail.

More information coming soon in the ***EPA Region 9 FY 2016 Funding Opportunity for Tribal Water Pollution Control Program Grants*** solicitation notice. (Anticipated to be posted December 2015).

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