

Discretionary Programs Competitive Status List (October, 2020)

Under OMB guidance effective November 12, 2020 at 2 CFR § 200.1, a discretionary award means “an award in which the Federal awarding agency, in keeping with specific statutory authority that enables the agency to exercise judgement (“discretion”), selects the recipient and/or the amount of Federal funding awarded through a competitive process or based on merit of proposals. A discretionary award may be selected on a non-competitive basis, as appropriate.” Conversely, a non-discretionary award is defined as an award “...to specific recipients in accordance with statutory, eligibility, and compliance requirements, such that in keeping with specific statutory authority the agency has no ability to exercise judgement (“discretion”). A non-discretionary award amount may be based on formula.

Characteristics of discretionary awards are those where EPA retains considerable discretion in selecting the recipient, determining the amount of the award, and/or negotiating and approving the assistance agreement work plan. Based on the definitions, the programs on this list are discretionary.

CFDA Number	Program Title	Program Office/Region	Competitive Status¹
66.033	Ozone Transport Commission	OAR	Non-Competitive
66.034	Surveys, Studies, Research, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Special Purpose Activities Relating to the Clean Air Act	OAR	Competitive
66.037	Internships, Training and Workshops for the Office of Air and Radiation	OAR	Competitive
66.038	Training, Investigations, and Special Purpose Activities of Federally-Recognized Indian Tribes Consistent With the Clean Air Act (CAA), Tribal Sovereignty and the Protection and Management of Air Quality	OAR	Non-competitive
66.039	National Clean Diesel Emissions Reduction Program	OAR	Competitive
66.042	Temporally Integrated Monitoring of Ecosystems (TIME) and Long-Term Monitoring (LTM) Program	OAR	Non-Competitive
66.110	Healthy Communities Grant Program	Region 1	Competitive
66.121	Puget Sound Action Agenda: Technical Investigations and Implementation Assistance Program	Region 10	Competitive
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¹ If “competitive” is indicated that means that programs under the CFDA assistance listing are generally competed although non-competitive awards under Section 12 of the Assistance Agreement Competition Policy (e.g., 25k or less, public interest exception) may be made under the program. “Non-competitive” means that programs under the CFDA are generally not competed. A small portion of the Tribal 319 program under CFDA 66.460 is competed.

66.124	Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act	Region 6	Non-Competitive
66.125	Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program (PRP)	Region 6	Non-Competitive
66.126	The San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund	Region 9	Competitive
66.129	Southeast New England Coastal Watershed Restoration Program	Region 1	Competitive
66.130	Gulf Coast Ecosystem Council Comprehensive Plan (RESTORE)	Region 4	Competitive
66.203	Environmental Finance Center Grants	OW	Competitive
66.305	Compliance Assistance Support for Services to the Regulated Community and Other Assistance Providers	OECA	Competitive
66.306	Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program	OA	Competitive
66.309	Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Training and Special Purpose Activities Relating to Environmental Justice	OA	Competitive
66.310	Capacity Building Grants and Cooperative Agreements for Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Activities in Indian Country and Other Tribal Areas	OECA	Competitive
66.312	State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program	OA	Competitive
66.313	International Compliance and Enforcement Projects	OECA	Competitive
66.424	Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Training Grants - Section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act	OW	Competitive
66.436	Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Training Grants and Cooperative Agreements - Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act	OW	Competitive
66.437	Long Island Sound Program	Region 2	Non-Competitive
66.440	Urban Waters Small Grants	OW	Competitive
66.441	Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program	OW	Competitive
66.443	Reducing Lead in Drinking Water (SDWA 1459B)	OW	Competitive
66.445	Innovative Water Infrastructure Workforce Development Program (SDWA 1459E)	OW	Competitive
66.446	Technical Assistance for Treatment Works (CWA 104(b)(8))	OW	Competitive
66.456	National Estuary Program	OW	Non-Competitive ²
66.461	Regional Wetland Program Development Grants	OW	Competitive

² By statute not less than 15% of the funds appropriated for this program must be awarded competitively.

66.462	National Wetland Program Development Grants and Five-Star Restoration Training Grant	OW	Competitive
66.466	Chesapeake Bay Program	Region 3	Competitive
66.469	Great Lakes Program	Region 5	Competitive
66.473	Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreements	OITA	Non-Competitive
66.475	Gulf of Mexico Program	Region 4	Competitive
66.481	Lake Champlain Basin Program	Region 1	Non-Competitive
66.484	South Florida Geographic Initiatives Program	Region 4	Competitive
66.508	Senior Environmental Employment Program	OMS	Non-Competitive
66.509	Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Research Program	ORD	Competitive
66.510	Surveys, Studies, Investigations, and Special Purpose Grants within the Office of Research and Development	ORD	Competitive
66.511	Office of Research and Development Consolidated Research/Training/Fellowships	ORD	Competitive
66.514	Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowship Program	ORD	Competitive
66.516	P3 Award: National Student Design Competition for Sustainability	ORD	Competitive
66.517	Regional Applied Research Efforts (RARE)	ORD	Non-Competitive
66.518	State Senior Environmental Employment Program	OMS	Non-Competitive
66.604	Environmental Justice Small Grant Program	OA	Competitive
66.608	Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program and Related Assistance	OMS	Competitive
66.609	Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks	OA	Competitive
66.610	Surveys, Studies, Investigations, and Special Purpose Grants within the Office of the Administrator	OA	Competitive
66.611	Environmental Policy and Innovation Grants	OA	Competitive
66.708	Pollution Prevention Grant Program	OCSPP	Competitive
66.716	Research, Development, Monitoring, Public Education, Training, Demonstrations, and Studies	OCSPP	Competitive
66.717	Source Reduction Assistance	OCSPP	Competitive
66.802	Superfund State, Political Subdivision, and Indian Tribe Site- Specific Cooperative Agreements	OLEM	Non-Competitive
66.806	Superfund Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) for Community Groups at National Priority List (NPL) Sites	OLEM	Non-Competitive
66.808	Solid Waste Management Assistance Grants	OLEM	Competitive
66.809	Superfund State and Indian Tribe Core Program Cooperative Agreements	OLEM	Non-Competitive

66.812	Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes	OLEM	Competitive
66.813	Alternative or Innovative Treatment Technology Research, Demonstration, Training, and Hazardous Substance Research Grants	OLEM	Competitive
66.814	Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants and Cooperative Agreements	OLEM	Competitive
66.815	Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Cooperative Agreements	OLEM	Competitive
66.816	Headquarters and Regional Underground Storage Tanks Program	OLEM	Competitive
66.818	Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	OLEM	Competitive
66.926	Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP)	OITA	Non-Competitive
66.931	International Financial Assistance Projects Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs	OITA	Competitive
66.950	National Environmental Education Training Program	OA	Competitive
66.951	Environmental Education Grants	OA	Competitive
66.956	Targeted Airsheds Grant Program	OAR	Competitive
66.961	Superfund State and Indian Tribe Combined Cooperative Agreements (Site Specific and Core)	OLEM	Non-Competitive
66.962	Columbia River Basin Restoration (CRBR) Program	Region 10	Competitive