

National GAP Allocation

Indian Environmental General Assistance Program
August 3, 2021 Informational Webinar



Agenda

- Welcome and Logistics
- Purpose of Today's Informational Call
- Overview of Consultation Process
- Review of the Current Allocation Process
- What happens after the consultation?
- Questions

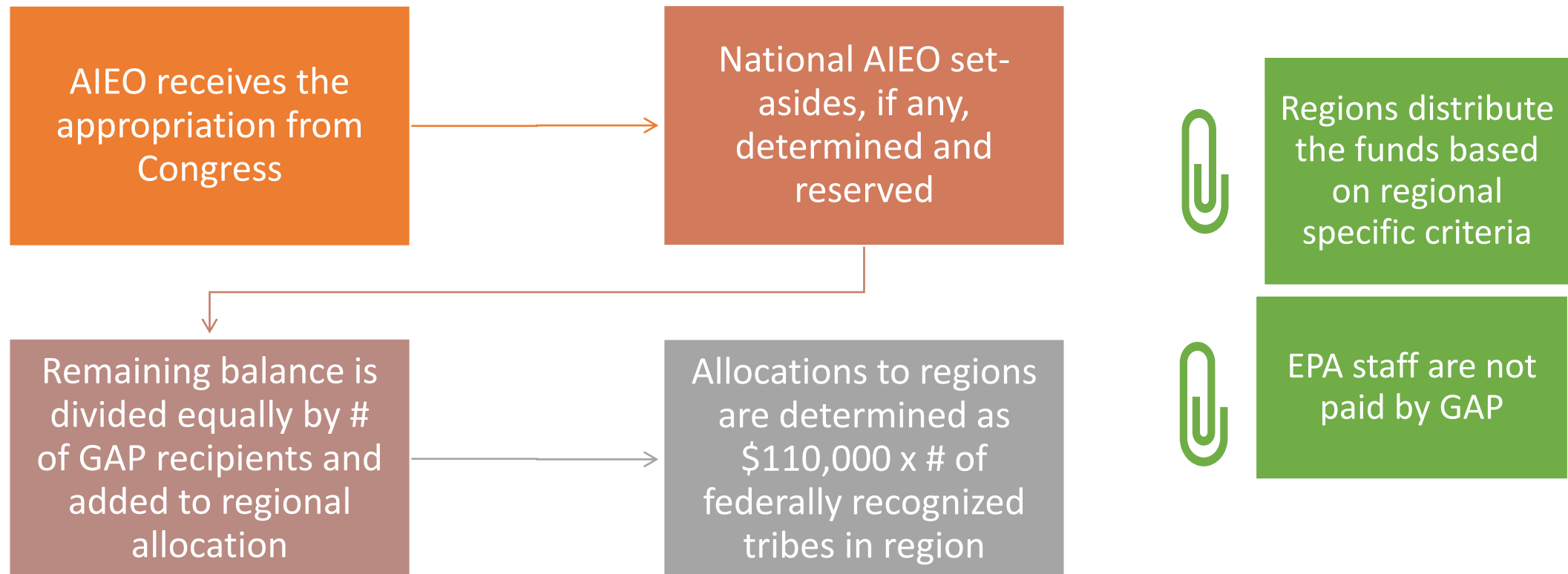
Purpose

- Office of Inspector General (OIG) [recommendations](#) from 2008
 - prior progress,
 - environmental capacity needs, and
 - long-term goals
- New solid waste disposal, collection, transfer, and backhaul authority
- Are we addressing and supporting the environmental needs in Indian country?

Overview of Tribal Consultation Process

- July 19 - November 16, 2021 (120-day Consultation)
- Tribal governments may request one-on-one Consultation meetings
- Today's informational call
- Regional Consultation webinars
 - Regions 1-5, August 10, 2021
 - Alaska, August 17, 2021
 - Regions 6-8, August 19, 2021
 - Region 9, August 26, 2021
 - Region 10 (lower 48), August 31, 2021
- Consortia informational call, September 2, 2021
- Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) and Tribal Partnership Group (TPG) discussions

Review of Current National GAP Allocation



Region	Federally Recognized Tribes	Tribal Recipients	Total Recipients (Tribes + Consortia)	FY21 Total Funding
ONE	10	8	8	\$1,129,000
TWO	8	8	8	\$909,000
THREE	6	5	5	\$678,000
FOUR	6	6	7	\$682,000
FIVE	35	35	37	\$3,978,000
SIX	66	66	67	\$7,501,000
SEVEN	9	8	8	\$1,019,000
EIGHT	28	26	26	\$3,175,000
NINE	144	125	129	\$16,296,000
TEN	271	226	249	\$30,633,000
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Total	583	513	544	\$66,250,000

Questions from EPA

1. Should EPA's revised allocation continue to be based primarily on the number of federally recognized tribes in a region regardless of whether the tribe applies for funding?
2. How might EPA's revised allocation consider the environmental capacity needs of individual tribes?
 - Other examples of EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) allocation formulas consider numerous factors, such as geographic size, demographics, and the presence of pollution sources.
 - What factors should be considered when quantifying tribal environmental capacity needs in a revised GAP allocation?

Questions from EPA

3. Should EPA consider different funding amounts for tribes that have different environmental capacity goals?
 - Many tribes have different environmental capacity goals (e.g., environmental presence, Treatment in a manner similar to a State (TAS), meaningful participation and/or solid waste implementation) included in EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs).
4. Should EPA establish a set aside for tribal service delivery activities (transportation, collection, disposal, and backhaul)?
 - If so, what criteria should EPA use to determine this set aside?

Questions from EPA

5. What criteria should EPA consider when including consortia in the allocation given their unique role?
 - Intertribal consortia are eligible to receive GAP funding. However, the current GAP Guidance does not require that they develop ETEPs. Instead, intertribal consortia GAP work plans are required to respond to member tribes' program development needs.
6. Are there other examples of allocation criteria from other federal agencies that EPA should consider?

- Deliberation of tribal input and internal drafting of revised Guidance allocation
- Tribal Consultation on revised allocation
 - December 2021 through February 2022
 - Aligns with consultation on revised GAP Guidance
- Final Guidance and allocation issued – March 2022
- Final Guidance and Allocation effective October 1, 2022

What
Happens After
Consultation?

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