



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

November 18, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$2,500,000 to fund tribal Clean Air Act (CAA) grants for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023. These grants are to support the development of tribal air pollution control capacity and programs. Activities conducted under these grants may include:

- Identifying and investigating air pollution sources
- Developing air pollution control regulations and ordinances
- Providing community education and outreach on air quality issues
- Conducting needs assessments and outreach on indoor air and asthma issues
- Participating in local, regional, and national air quality initiatives
- Monitoring ambient air quality

Federally recognized tribes in Region 9 are eligible to apply for funding, and all activities must be related to air pollution, air pollution control, and/or indoor air. This year's Funding Announcement (FA) is posted on our website; the web address is: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/pacific-southwest-region-9-tribal-clean-air-act-funding-announcement-and-guidance>. You may also contact one of the tribal air grant project officers listed below to request a hard copy of the FA. The deadline to submit a proposal is **February 18, 2022 by 6:00 p.m. PST**. An electronic copy of your proposal as a PDF document must be submitted to this email address: R9tribalairfunding@epa.gov. Proposals submitted after 6:00 p.m. PST on February 18, 2022 will not be reviewed or considered for funding. If you have any questions about submitting electronically, please contact Kate Harper at (415) 947-4150, or harper.kathryn@epa.gov.

Specific instructions on what to include in your proposal are included in the FA under "Proposal Submission Information." **Proposals which do not address the Funding Factors (pages 4 to 6 of the FA guidance) will not be reviewed.**

As in past years, we anticipate that we will not have enough funding to meet demand. Consequently, it is possible that some tribes with existing air grants may not receive funding for FY23, and tribes selected may be offered less than they request.

As detailed in the FA, Region 9 will generally prioritize funding based on the severity of air pollution on the reservation, the size and population of the reservation, and the demonstrated history of the tribe's ability to contribute to addressing any air pollution concerns. Please note that many initial air quality assessment activities are eligible for funding under the EPA Tribal General Assistance Program (GAP); for more information, please contact your EPA GAP project officer.

Your proposal must be submitted as a PDF document to R9tribalairfunding@epa.gov on or before 6:00 p.m. PST on February 18, 2022, to be considered for funding.

Funding decisions will not be announced until May or June, 2022. Tribes selected for an award will receive a letter with instructions requesting them to submit an official grant application via grants.gov. Grant awards will be made by September 30, 2022.

For more information or to request a hard copy of the FA, please contact one of the following Region 9 tribal air grant project officers:

- Arizona: Edward Holman, (415) 947-4288, or holman.edward@epa.gov
- Southern California: Kate Harper (415) 947-4150, or harper.kathryn@epa.gov
- Northern California: Vernese Gholson, (415) 947-4200, or gholson.vernese@epa.gov
- Nevada and Central California: Roberto Gutierrez, (415) 947-4276 or gutierrez.roberto@epa.gov

We thank you for your interest and look forward to receiving your proposal.

Sincerely,

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Air and Radiation Division

cc: Tribal Environmental Director