EPA Tribal Clean Water Act §319 Program

Grants Reporting and Tracking System (GRTS) User Guide for Tribal Projects

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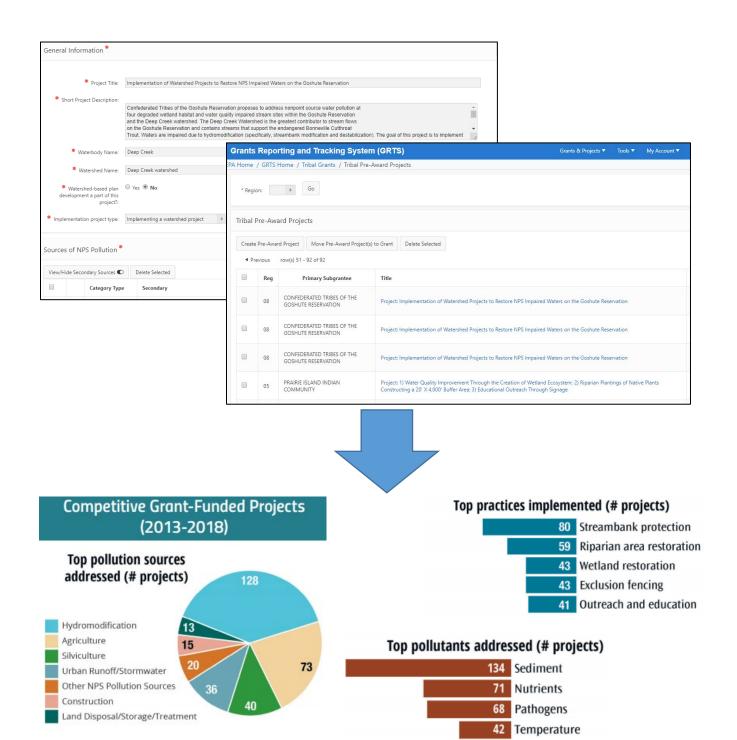


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Background

The EPA's Grants Reporting and Tracking System (GRTS) is the primary tool for the Agency's management and oversight of Clean Water Act Section §319 grants. The EPA and state NPS programs use GRTS, a web-based database, to track §319 grant and other NPS project information. In recent years, the EPA has expanded the functionality of GRTS. For example, states now submit proposed *NPS Success Stories* through GRTS, then work with EPA staff in the system to revise and finalize the write-ups. Additionally, states in some EPA regions use the GRTS *Watershed Plan Tracker* to track implementation of watershed-based plans.

Each year the EPA awards over 200 base §319 grants to eligible Tribes. These grants support a wide range of NPS program activities. In addition, each year the EPA awards approximately 30 competitive §319 grants to eligible Tribes for on-the-ground implementation projects that will directly protect or restore water quality. Historically, Tribal §319 grant information was not submitted to GRTS.

In federal fiscal year (FY) 2018, EPA developed a Tribal §319 section within the GRTS database to summarize Tribal competitive §319 grant project information for the <u>Tribal NPS Highlights Report</u>. By entering Tribal project information in GRTS, EPA staff were able to use the database's analysis tools to summarize project data for the highlights report. In addition to its use in the recent highlights report, maintaining Tribal §319 competitive grant data in GRTS helps EPA staff efficiently compile summaries of awarded Tribal competitive §319 projects and conduct searches for projects addressing a certain pollutant, pollution source, BMP types, etc.

Beginning in FY2022, as a condition of receiving a Tribal §319 competitive grant, Tribal grantees will be responsible for providing EPA with information about their project for entry into GRTS. This information is due 90 days from the grant award date. Required project information includes a project description, NPS categories of pollution and pollutants to be addressed, proposed BMPs, anticipated environmental outputs and outcomes, project location, project budget information, and project partners contributing to project implementation.

This guide provides an overview of the process for including Tribal §319 competitive grant information in GRTS. Tribal §319 competitive grantees have two options for providing project information to EPA:

Option 1: Fill out an Excel-based form with your competitive grant project information, then email this form to your EPA Regional Tribal GRTS lead.

Option 2: Create a GRTS user account, then create a new project page for your competitive grant project in the database.

Tribal GRTS Data Submittal Process

Step 1: Tribal §319 competitive grantees submit competitive §319 grant information to EPA within 90 days of their grant award date. Tribes have two options for meeting this requirement:

- Option 1: Fill out an Excel-based form with your competitive grant project information, then email this form to your EPA Regional Tribal GRTS lead.
- Option 2: Create a GRTS user account, then create a new project page for your competitive grant project in the online application. Notify your EPA Regional Tribal GRTS lead when the project page has been created.

Step 2: EPA Regions review the submitted project information and follow up with the Tribe if any corrections or clarifications are needed. Once complete, **EPA Regions** upload Excel-based XML files submitted by Tribes in their Region into the GRTS database.

Step 3: EPA Regions review and confirm that all Tribal §319 competitive grant project pages for their Region are present and complete within the GRTS database.

Step 4: EPA headquarters reviews all Tribal §319 competitive grant project pages to confirm they are complete and works with **EPA Regions** to resolve any remaining issues.

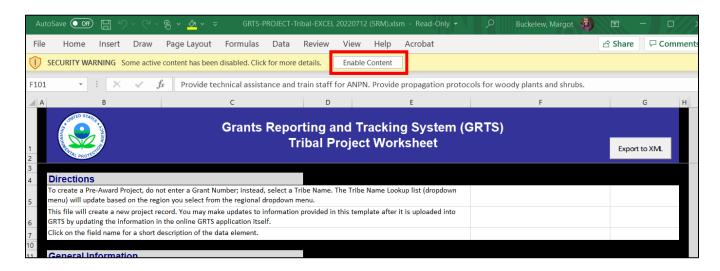
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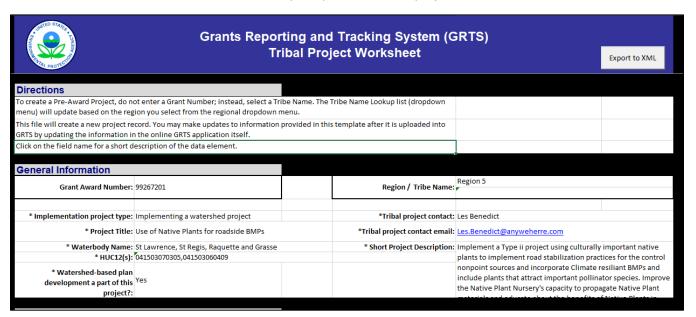
Option 1: Data entry via Excel

The other option for data entry is via an XML enabled Excel spreadsheet. After completing this spreadsheet, it can be uploaded into GRTS.

i. Download the spreadsheet from the EPA Tribal NPS web page, Upon opening, be sure to click "Enable Content" when prompted. This allows the formatting of the spreadsheet to upload to the website when you are finished:



ii. General Information: Enter the information as prompted about the project and Tribal contact.



Field	Field Type	Relevant notes
Grant Award Number	Enter text	If creating a pre-award entry, do not enter a grant number.
Project Title	Enter text	
Waterbody Name	Enter text	

HUC12(s)	Enter ID	Specify the HUC12(s) where the project is taking place. Note: that this list has auto-populated based on HUC12s within HUC8s that intersect with the boundaries of the Tribe identified for this project. Note: If entered, GRTS will create a drainage basin based on the identified HUC12s.
		Use the HUC12 look-up table included in the third tab of the spreadsheet to find ID numbers associated with watershed names.
Watershed-based plan development a part of this project?	Yes / No	This is "Yes" if the Tribe is using part of the competitive grant to develop a watershed plan.
Region/Tribe	Dropdown list	Select the Region from the first line, and the second line will populate with corresponding Tribal entities.
Tribe Project Contact	Enter text	Project point of contact
Contact Email:	Enter text	
Short Project description	Enter Text	Enter a description of the project. This should be 4-6 sentences describing the project.

iii. NPS Categories of Pollution:

"Category Type" and "Pollution Secondary Category" are both dropdown menus (carrot at the right of the line will open the menu) for selecting pollution categories. Select the "Category Type" first, and secondary categories will auto-populate based on selection. *Note: There are 4 identical entry boxes in this section that can be used to enter multiple pollution categories.*

NPS Categories of Pollution	
*Category Type: Construction	Category Type: Hydromodification
*Pollution Secondary Category: Highways/Roads/Bridges	Pollution Secondary Category: Dredging
Pollution Secondary Category:	Pollution Secondary Category:
Pollution Secondary Category:	Pollution Secondary Category:
Category Type: Land Disposal/Storage/Treatment	Category Type:
Pollution Secondary Category: Landfills	Pollution Secondary Category:
Pollution Secondary Category:	Pollution Secondary Category:
Pollution Secondary Category:	Pollution Secondary Category:

iv. Pollutants to be Addressed:

Use the dropdown menu to select the "Pollutant Type" (carrot at the right of the line will open the menu).

"Load Reduction Goal" will be a number entered manually into the box; then select the correct units from the dropdown menu. Note: There are 4 identical entry boxes in this section that can be used to enter multiple pollutants to be addressed.

Pollutants to be Addressed				
*Pollutant Type: Ac	cid Mine Drainage		Pollutant Type:	Oil and Grease
Load Reduction Goal:			Load Reduction Goal:	
Units:			Units:	
Pollutant Type:			Pollutant Type:	
Load Reduction Goal:			Load Reduction Goal:	
Units:			Units:	
Pollutant Type:			Pollutant Type:	
Load Reduction Goal:			Load Reduction Goal:	
l ⊕ s: r		(-	Units:	

- v. **Management Measures:** Enter the project information.
 - a. Enter "Outputs Achieved" and "Outcomes Achieved" at the top of this section.

Field	Field Type	Relevant notes
Anticipated Outputs	Enter text	Output definition: An environmental activity, effort, and/or associated work product related to an environmental goal or objective that will be produced or provided over a period of time or by a specified date. Outputs may be quantitative or qualitative but must be measurable during an assistance agreement funding period. Examples include: acres of riparian area restored; miles of fenceline installed; feet of streambank protected; # springs protected.
Anticipated Outcomes	Enter text	Outcome definition: The result, effect, or consequence that will occur from carrying out an environmental program or activity that is related to an environmental or programmatic goal or objective. Outcomes may be environmental, behavioral, health-related or programmatic in nature, must be quantitative, and may not necessarily be achieved within an assistance agreement funding period. Outcomes may be short-term (changes in learning, knowledge, attitude, skills), intermediate (changes in behavior, practice, or decisions), or long-term (changes in condition of the natural resource). Examples include: increased # waterbodies that have been protected from NPS pollution; increased NPS knowledge of community members; increased abundance and diversity of fish or macroinvertebrate species.

Management Measures					
*Anticipated Outputs:	The Tribe will gauge project performance with the following output metrics: • Miles of roadside stabilized		_	*Anticipated Outcomes:	Outcomes anticipated as a result of activities include: Improved water quality
*BMP Type:	Vegetative Barrier		~	BMP Type:	Filter Strip
Longitude	-74.651230	ex: -79.87654		Longitude	-7-
Latitude	44.994660	ex: 40.67895		Latitude	
Number Installed:	50.00			Number Installed:	3.00
Units:	FT			Units:	MI
Cost:				Cost:	
Implementation Date:		(MM/DD/YYYY)		Implementation Date:	
Comments:			H	Comments:	
BMP Type:				BMP Type:	
Longitude		ex: -79.87654		Longitude	
Latitude		ex: 40.67895		Latitude	
Number Installed:		EX. 40.07833		Number Installed:	
Units:				Units:	
Cost:				Cost:	
Implementation Date:		(MM/DD/YYYY)		Implementation Date:	
Comments:		,		Comments:	
ВМР Туре:				BMP Type:	
Longitude		ex: -79.87654		Longitude	
Latitude		ex: 40.67895		Latitude	
Number Installed:				Number Installed:	
Units:				Units:	
Cost:				Cost:	
Implementation Date:		(MM/DD/YYYY)		Implementation Date:	
Comments:				Comments:	

b. BMP Types: Note that there are 6 identical sections that allow for entering multiple BMPs under one project.

Field	Field Type	Relevant Notes
ВМР Туре	Drop-down menu (see carrot	Select the BMP from the
	on the right side of the cell)	alphabetical menu
Longitude	Enter Text	Geolocation of BMP, if known;
*this field is optional; when		Note: When adding geographic
adding geolocation information		coordinates, GRTS will generate
of a segment, use the midpoint.		drainage areas that correspond
		to the location identified.
Latitude	Enter Text	Geolocation of BMP, if known;
*this field is optional; when		Note: When adding geographic
adding geolocation information		coordinates, GRTS will generate
of a segment, use the midpoint.		drainage areas that correspond
		to the location identified.
Number Installed	Enter Text	
Units	Drop-down menu (see carrot	
	on the right side of the cell)	
Cost	Enter Text	
Implementation Date	Enter Text	(mm/dd/yyyy)
This is optional and can be		
anticipated future installation		
date.		

Comments	Enter Text	Any additional, relevant
		information may be added here

vi. **Budget:** Enter all budget information.

Budget	
*Appropriation Year:	
* 319(h) Competitive Grant Funds:	Budget Comments:
Other EPA Grant Funds:	_
Other Federal Funds:	
Tribal 319(h) Match Funds:	
Tribal In-Kind:	
Other Tribal Funds:	
Local Funds:	

Field	Field Type	Relevant Notes
Appropriation Year	Enter Text	This is the fiscal year when the
		award was made.
§319(h) Competitive Grant	Enter Text	Amount of Competitive 319
Funds		funds for the given project
Other EPA Grant Funds	Enter Text	Funds from other EPA grant
		programs such as 106 or GAP
Other Federal Funds	Enter Text	Funds from any other federal
		agency
Tribal 319(h) Match Funds	Enter Text	Funds used by Tribe as required
		match.
		If Tribe contributes funds but it is
		NOT considered match in the
		grant program, please enter it in
		one of the two fields below.
Tribal In-Kind	Enter Text	Quantification of in-kind services
		provided by the Tribe or Tribal
		members.
Other Tribal Funds	Enter Text	Direct funding contributed by
		the Tribe but not considered
		Match or In-Kind.
Local Funds	Enter Text	Funds from other organizations
		or partners.

vii. **Project Partners**: Enter all relevant information about project partners in this section.

Note: there are 10 identical sections to enter multiple partners.

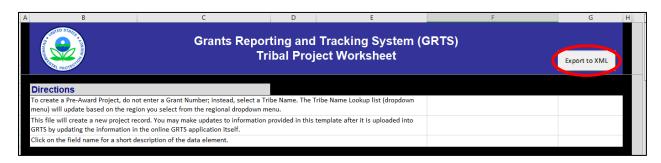
Project Partners	
Organization Type:	
Organization Name:	
Description of Role:	
Organization Type:	
Organization Name:	Federal Agency
Description of Role:	State Agency Tribe / Nation
Organization Type:	Other Tribal Program
Organization Name:	NGO Other
Description of Role:	
Organization Type:	
Organization Name:	
Description of Role:	
Organization Type:	
Organization Name:	
Description of Role:	

Field	Field Type	Relevant Notes
Organization Type	Drop-down Menu (see carrot to at the right side of the cell)	
Organization Name	Enter Text	Name of organization
Description of Role	Enter Text	Enter brief description of how this partner was involved in the project.

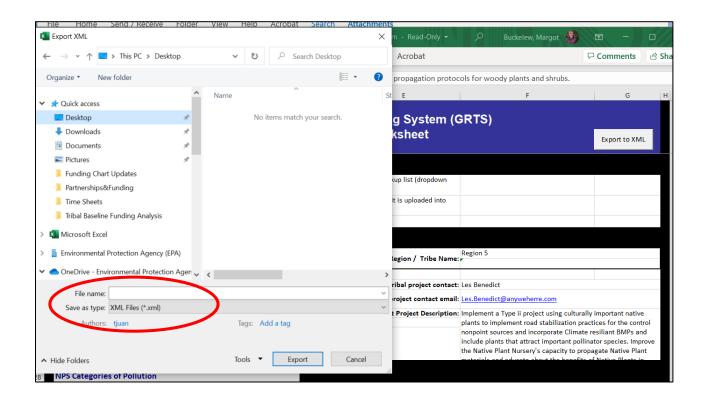
Uploading Excel project file to GRTS database (for EPA Regional staff)

After entering all information into the excel spreadsheet, it will be uploaded to the GRTS website via the .xml file type. Your regional contact is the responsible party for this step – be sure to submit a complete excel file to ensure complete data entry.

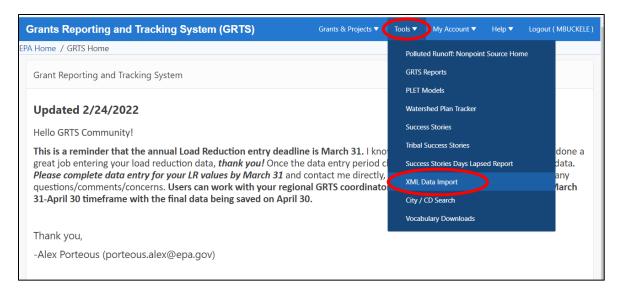
i. Save as .xml file: When data entry is complete, click the "Export to XML" button at the top of the sheet.



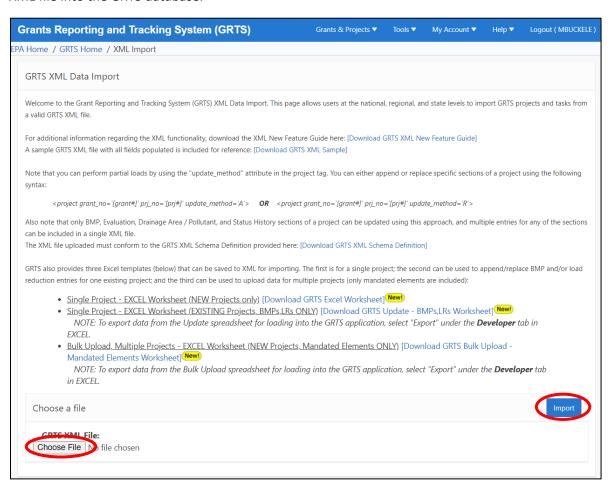
ii. **Save:** When the dialogue box prompts you to save it locally, select the appropriate drive on your computer, name the file, and click save. *Note that the file type is .xml by default.*



iii. **Navigate to XML Upload page:** On the GRTS website, navigate to the "Tools" menu, and then select "XML Data Import":



iv. **Data Upload:** Once on the "XML Data Import" landing page, use the "Choose File" button at the bottom of the screen to select a file from your computer (via dialogue box); then select "Import" to bring the XML file into the GRTS database.

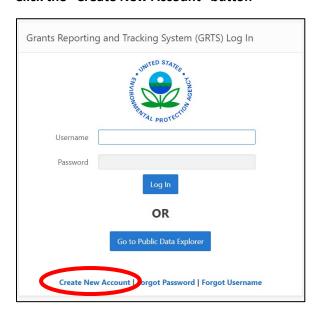


Option 2: Data entry via the GRTS database

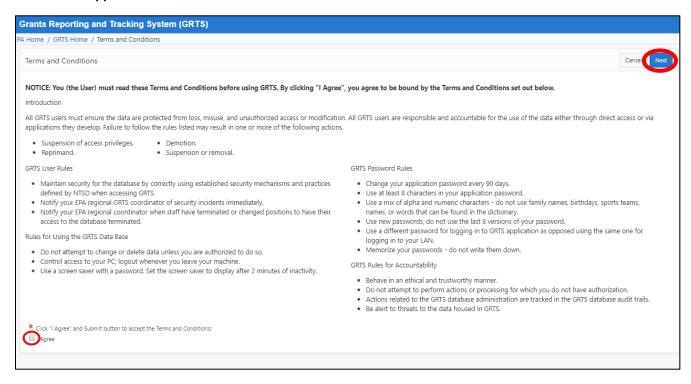
Step 1: Create a GRTS account

i. Visit the GRTS homepage: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/grts/f?p=109:5000::::::

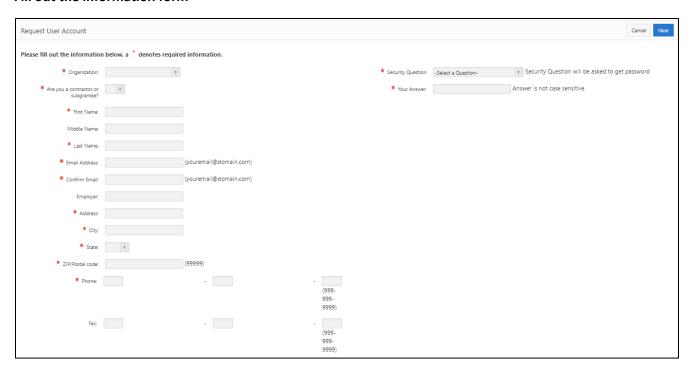
ii. Click the "Create New Account" button



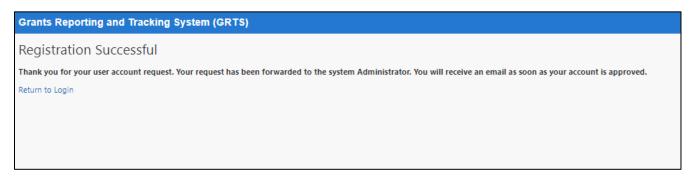
iii. Review and approve the Terms and Conditions



iv. Fill out the information form



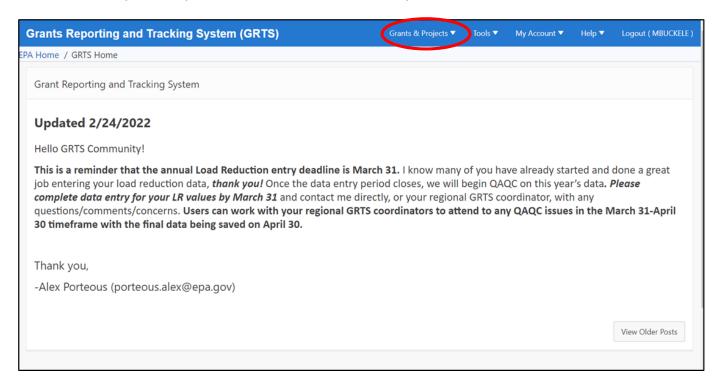
v. **Await account approval by the GRTS System Administrator.** You will receive an email with follow-up instructions when your account has been approved.



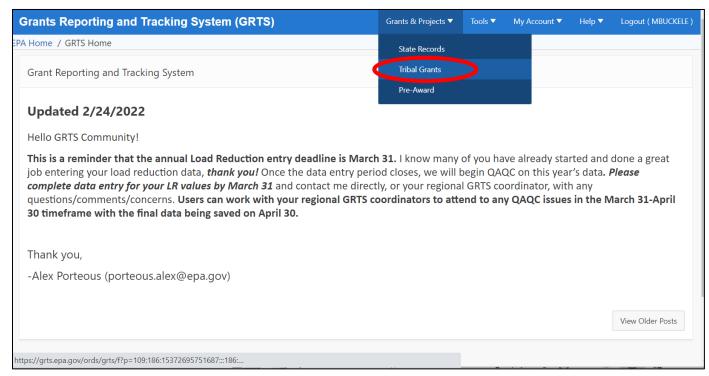
Step 2: Create a new project page in GRTS

General Note: the project page will auto-save as you fill it out. There is no "Save" button.

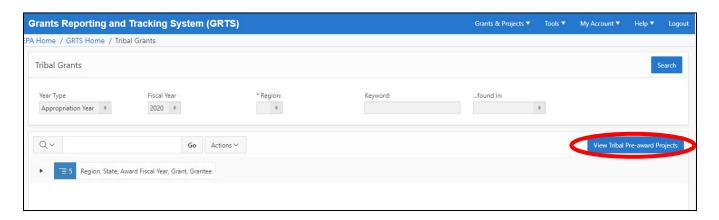
i. On GRTS home page, click "Grants & Projects" dropdown on top right. Note, the GRTS Homescreen shown below will have updates important to the GRTS User Community.



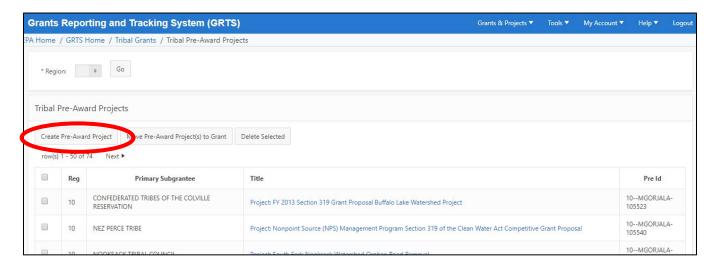
ii. Click "Tribal Grants"



iii. Click "View Tribal Pre-award Projects" blue button on right. Tribal §319 competitive project pages can be created in GRTS before the project has been awarded to a grant; these are called "pre-award projects" in GRTS. See Section 4 below for instructions on converting a "pre-award" project after funds have been awarded.



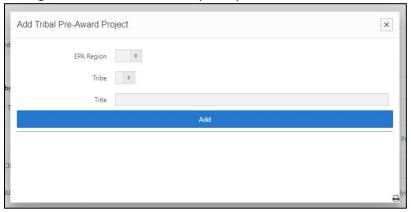
iv. Click "Create Pre-Award Project" button



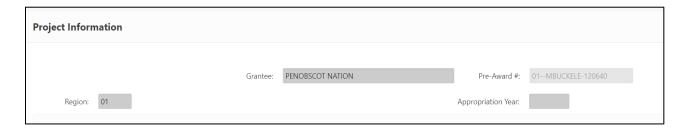
v. Select appropriate EPA Region and Tribe. Enter Project Title in the following format:

Fiscal Year: Tribe Name: Project Title

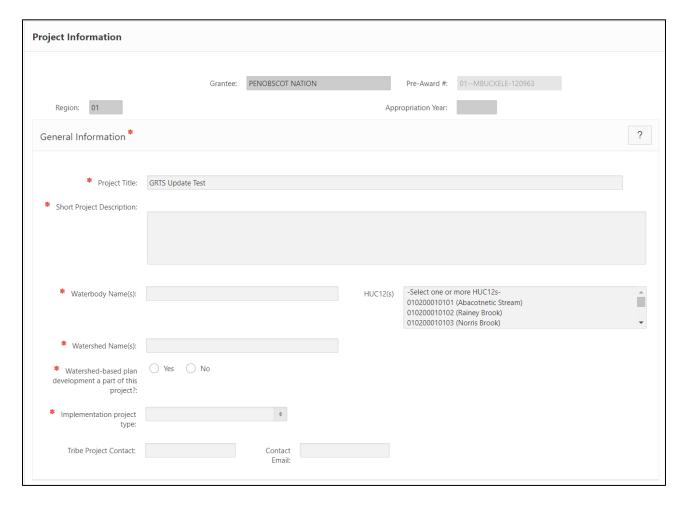
e.g., FY2019: Pueblo of Tesuque: Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization



Note that this will pre-populate the "Project Information" section at the top of the GRTS Project Page.



vi. General Information: Note, throughout the Tribal GRTS data entry pages, a red asterisk (*) denotes a mandated element to be entered by the user.



Field	Field Type	Relevant notes
Short Project Description	Enter text	
Waterbody Name	Enter text	
Watershed Name	Enter text	
Watershed-based plan development a part of this project?	Yes / No	This is "Yes" if the Tribe is using part of the competitive grant to develop a watershed plan.
Implementation project type	Dropdown list	

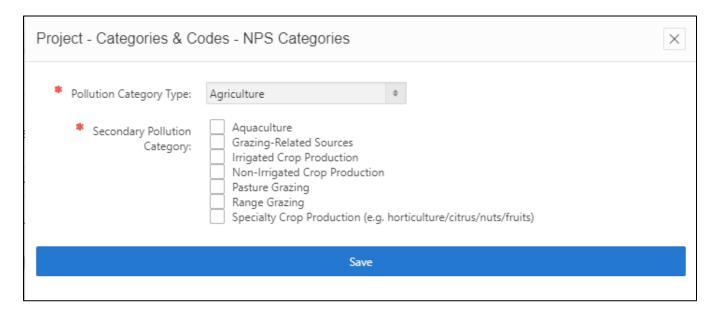
Tribe Project Contact	Enter text	Project point of contact
Contact Email:	Enter text	
HUC12(s)	Select HUCs	The list in this box is auto-populated based on HUC12s inside of HUC8s that intersect with the boundary of the Tribe identified for this project. If known, select the HUCs where this project is taking place.

vii. Sources of NPS Pollution

a. Click "Add Source" blue button:

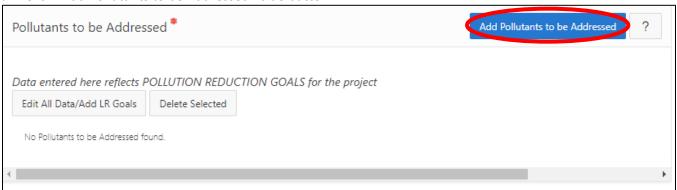


b. Select all relevant Secondary Pollution Category types from dropdown lists (can select >1):

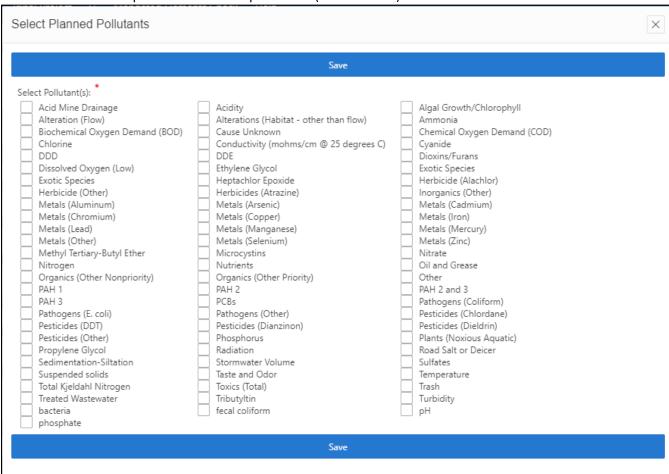


viii. Pollutants to be Addressed

a. Click "Add Pollutants to be Addressed" blue button:

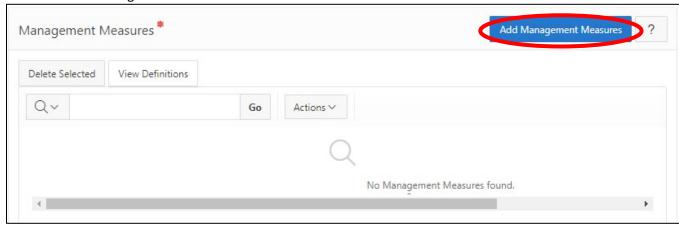


b. Select all relevant pollutants from dropdown list (can select >1):

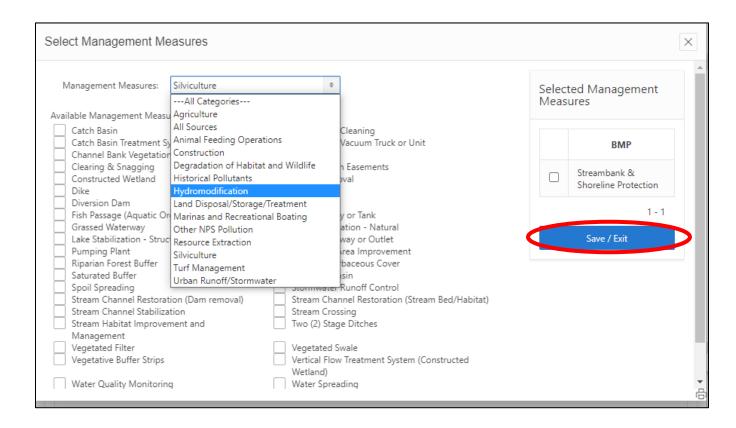


ix. Management Measures

a. Click "Add Management Measures" blue button:



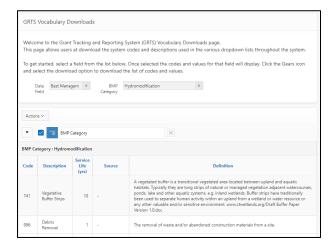
b. Select all relevant management measures (can select >1), then click "Save/Exit":



c. If application provides explicit information about # installed or size of BMP, enter this information. For each BMP, select "Edit" button:

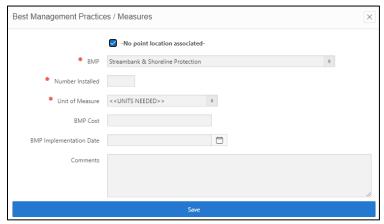


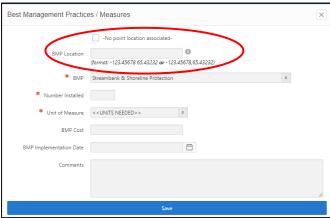
Note: Use the "View Definitions" button to open the Vocabulary Downloads library which includes definitions for most BMPs.



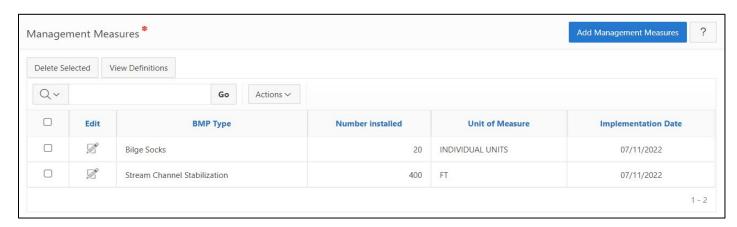
d. Enter "Number Installed" and "Unit of Measure" for each BMP, when this information is available. When location data is available, uncheck the "No point location associated" box to open a text box to enter details on the BMP location (latitude-longitude coordinates). Note: you will receive an error if the coordinates entered are not within the continuous US.

Then click "Save":





e. Management measures table will automatically update with quantity information:



x. Outputs and Outcomes:



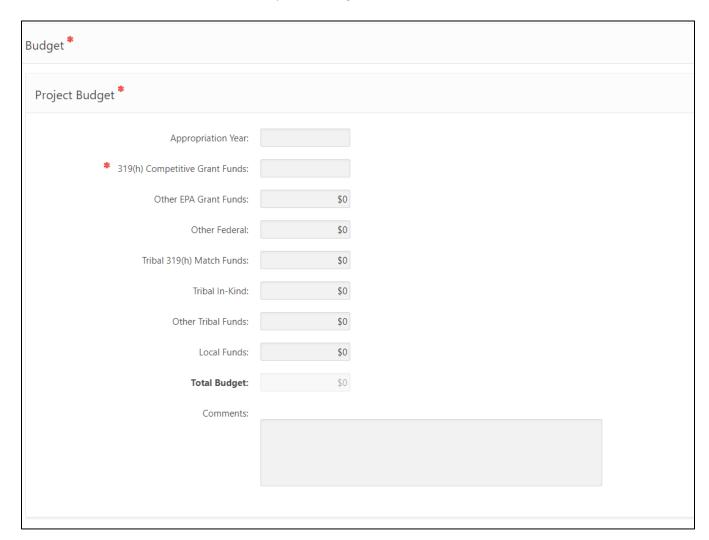
Field	Field Type	Relevant notes
Anticipated Outputs	Enter text	Output definition: An environmental activity, effort, and/or associated work product related to an environmental goal or objective that will be produced or provided over a period of time or by a specified date. Outputs may be quantitative or qualitative but must be measurable during an assistance agreement funding period. Examples include: acres of riparian area restored; miles of fenceline installed; feet of streambank protected; # springs protected.
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Examples include: increased # waterbodies that have been protected from NPS pollution; increased NPS knowledge of
community members; increased abundance and diversity of fish or macroinvertebrate species.

xi. **Budget**

Enter budget information, including:

- Appropriation Year (i.e., year that competitive grant was awarded)
 - Note: if the appropriation year is before 2014, you will see lines for "§319(h) Base Funds" and "§319(h) Incremental Funds". If the appropriation year is after 2014, the form will update as seen below to only show "§319(h) Competitive Grant Funds"
- o §319(h) Competitive Grant Funds: The amount awarded for this project
- Other Federal Funds: Any funding that originated with another federal agency
- o Tribal §319(h) Match Funds: this will be ONLY applicable if the Tribe is NOT using a PPG and has not included a hardship waiver.
- o Tribal In-Kind Funds
- Other Tribal Funds: Any other funding contributed directly by the Tribe to this project.
- Local Funds: Funds from other partners/organizations of the Tribe

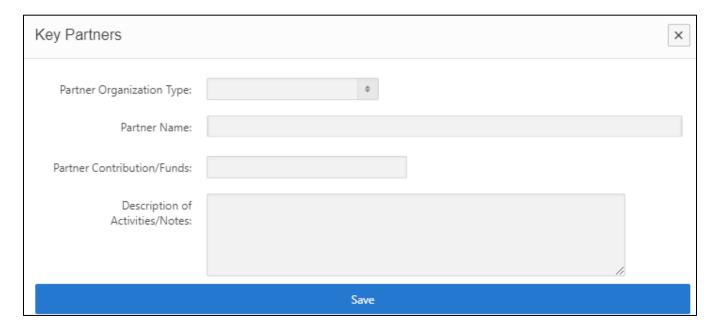


xii. **Project Partners**

a. Click "Add Project Partner" blue button:

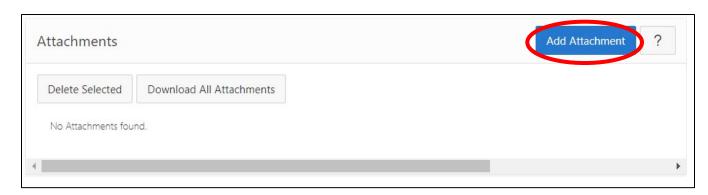


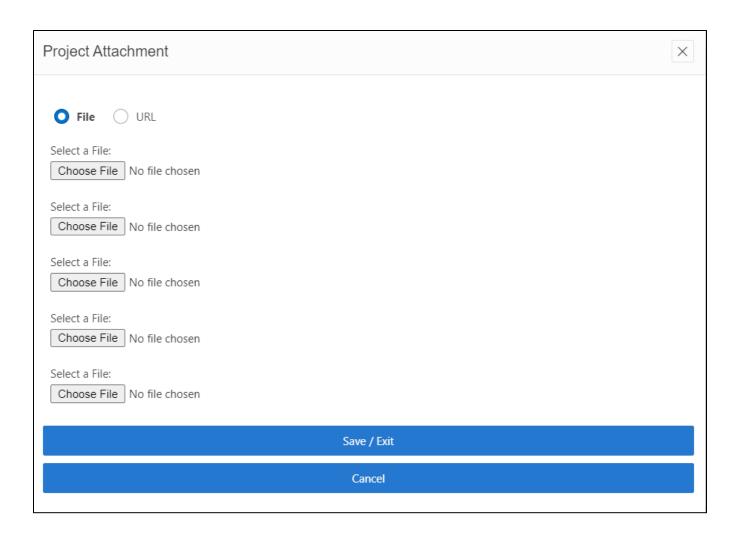
b. Enter information for each Project Partner described in application. This may include other departments in the Tribe (e.g., Fisheries Dept), or outside partners (e.g., Watershed Group, UDSA-NRCS). Click "Save":



xiii. Add Attachments:

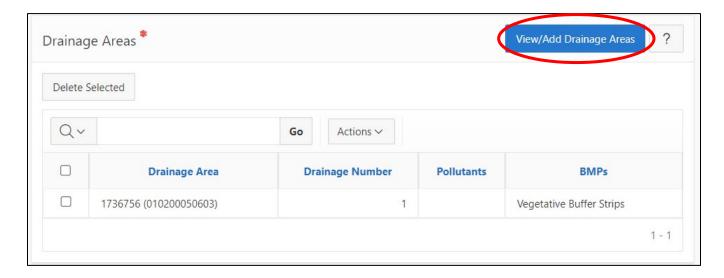
Click "Add Attachment" to upload any relevant documents. Click "Save." You can use this Attachments section to include maps, photos, project workplan, or other documents related to the project being implemented with Tribal §319 competitive grant funds.



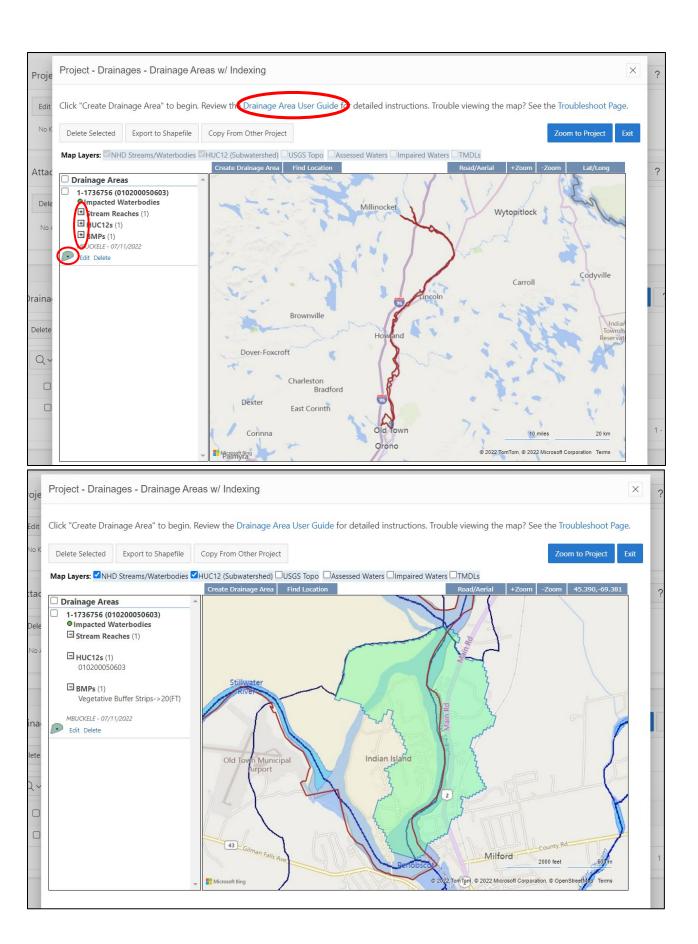


Step 3: Use the *Drainage Areas Mapper* tool to specify project location

- i. This area will auto populate if you have selected a HUC12 in the Project Information section, or if you added location information for individual BMPs. Note: In this situation, there will be at least 2 auto-populated entries one for HUC12 (which will include the text name of the watershed) and the catchment area (which is smaller and is named with a number only).
- ii. Click "View/Add Drainage Areas" to open the Drainage Area Viewer and review the auto-populated HUC12s and catchments.



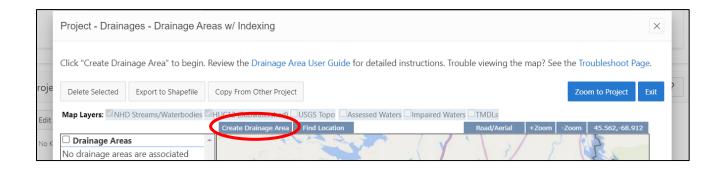
iii. The Drainage Area Viewer will automatically zoom to the HUC12 or the latitude/longitude entered for the BMPs. Expand the menus on the left to verify the mapped HUCs and BMPs. Click on the green polygon to zoom to the project area. Second image illustrates both actions. Refer to the "Drainage Area User Guide" linked at the top of this dialogue box for more information.



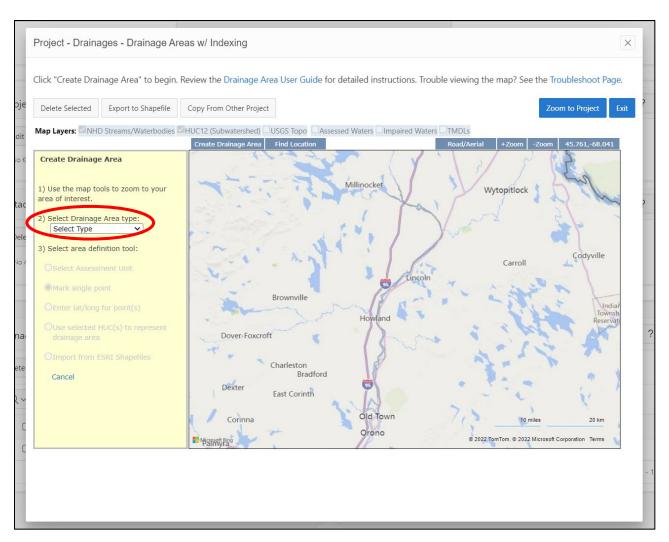
Alternative Step 3: Manually Entering Drainage Areas

<u>Only continue this section if no HUC12 or BMP coordinates were previously entered.</u> This section will autopopulate with HUC12s and catchments if coordinates were previously entered. There are other reference geospatial layers available at the top of the map viewer if useful, including the EPA supported Geospatial Rest Service for Tribal Boundaries.

i. This Drainage Area viewer will zoom to the area where your Tribe is located. To begin manually entering the drainage area of interest, by click "Create Drainage Area":



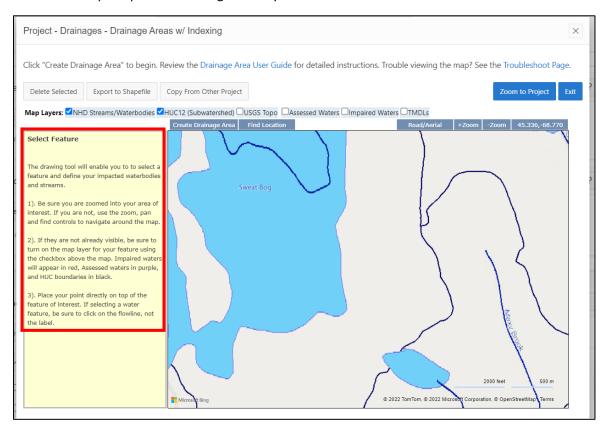
ii. Create Drainage Area Menu will appear on the left side of the panel. Select the "Drainage Area Type" that corresponds with this project:



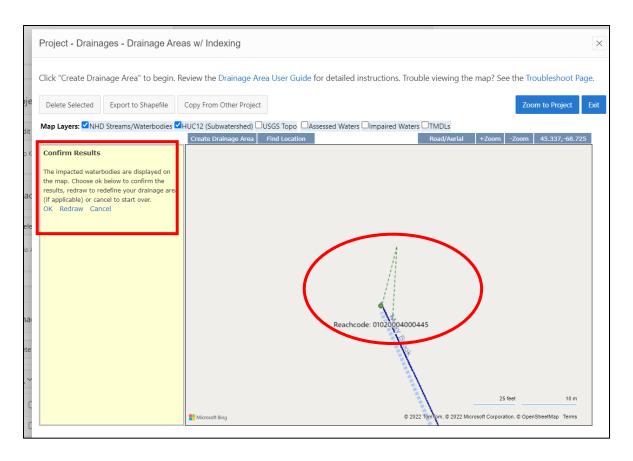
Drainage Area Type	Area Definition tool:	Notes:
Point-based Site / BMP	a) Mark a single point manually	Use the most accurate representation of the
	b) Enter latitude / longitude for location of BMP	project/data available.
Assessment Unit	a) Select the assessment Unit	
Watershed (HUC)	a) Use selected HUC to represent drainage area b) Import from ESRI	
	shapefile	

If selecting Point Based, "mark single point manually":

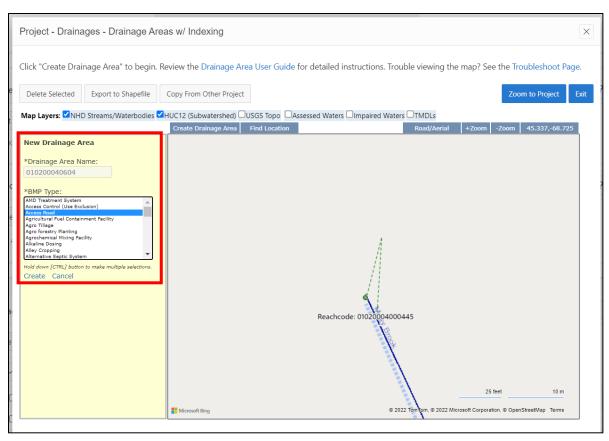
a. "Select Feature" drawing tool will open. This will allow manual placement of a point on the map. Follow the on-screen prompts for ensuring accuracy.

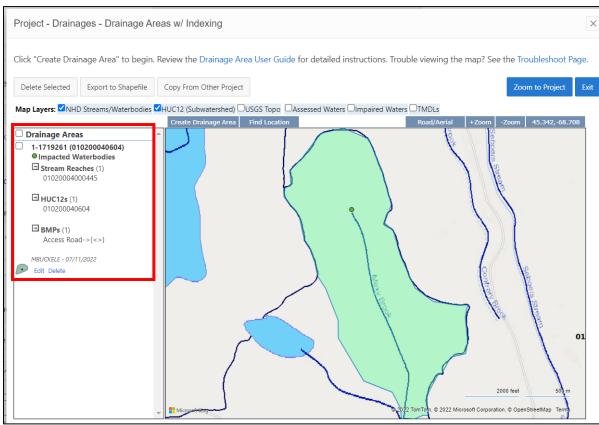


b. After selecting the point of interest, the tool will query impacted waterbodies near this location and return a detailed reach/watershed/HUC code. Confirm the results or redraw.



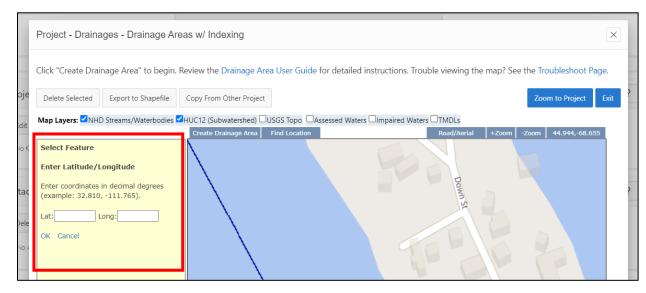
c. After confirming the location information, select the BMP type and click "create". This will now show the drainage area for the point of interest and reflect it in the menu on the left:

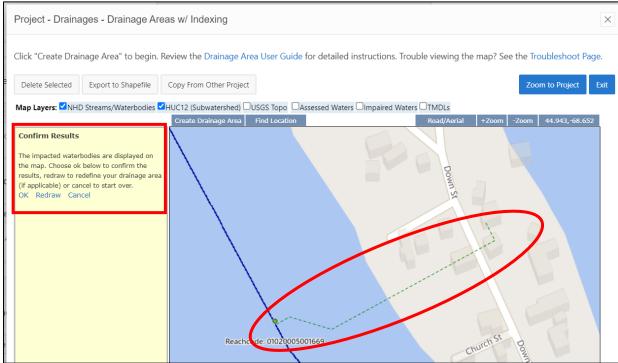




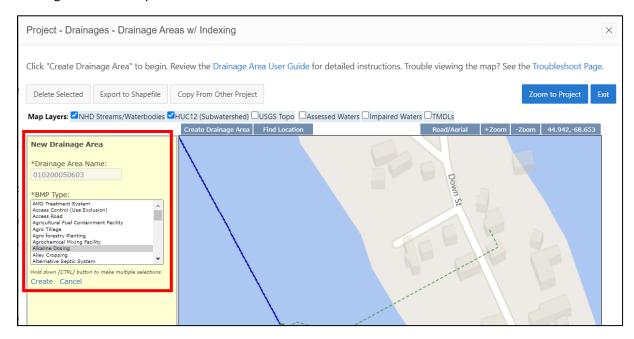
If selecting "Point Based" and "Enter Latitude / Longitude":

a. The following dialogue box will appear to manually enter point location. After entering the coordinates, the system will generate impacted waterbodies near the specified point. Confirm the results.

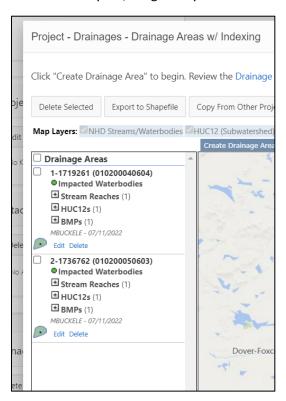




b. After confirming the location information, select the BMP type and click "create". This will now show the drainage area for the point of interest and reflect it in the menu on the left:

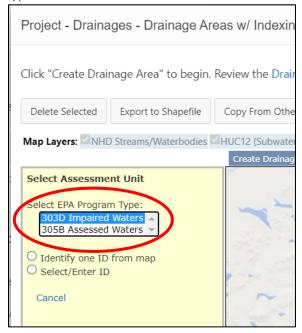


Note: the Drainage Areas menu will reflect all created points of interest. For example, this menu included the "add by point" location and the "add by Lat/Long" entry:

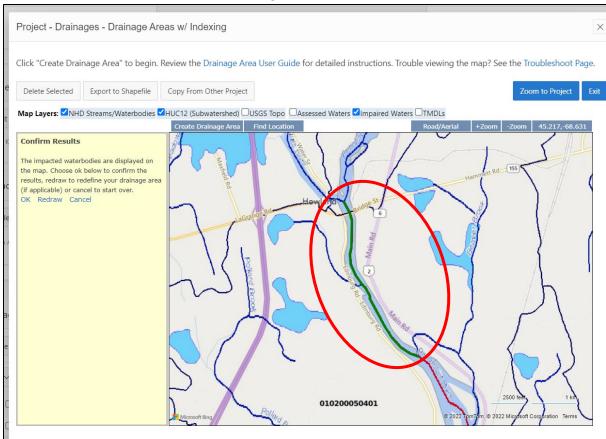


If selecting via "Assessment Unit":

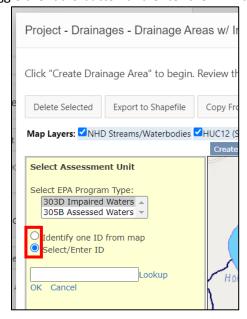
a. Select the EPA program type that reflects the Assessment Unit of interest.



- b. To "Identify one ID from map":
 - a. 303(d) OR 305(b): Assessment units will be color coded to reflect their status. Zoom in on the map until to view the stream segments. Select the corresponding assessment, confirm the results, and then "Create" the drainage area.

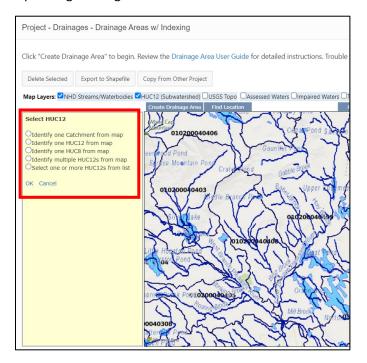


c. To Select/ Enter ID: toggle the radio button and enter the ID in the box.

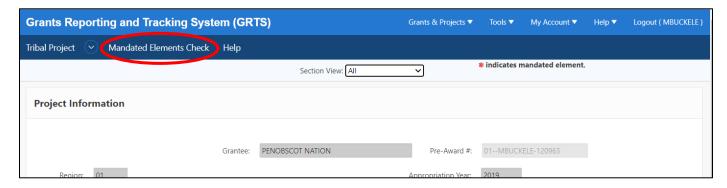


If selecting, "Watershed (HUC)" and "Use Selected HUC(s) to represent drainage area":

a. Select the most relevant radio button, and then select a location on the map. The program will then choose the corresponding drainage area:



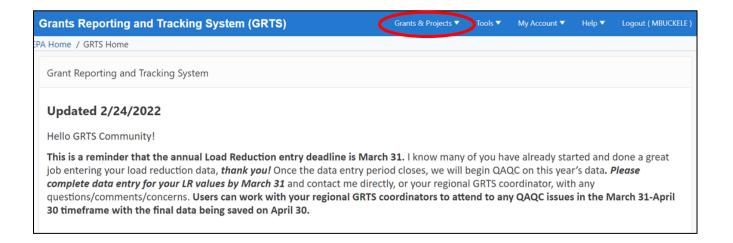
After finishing Drainage Area entry, the information entered will be automatically saved. Double check that all the necessary information has been entered by using the "Mandated Elements Check" at the top of the page:



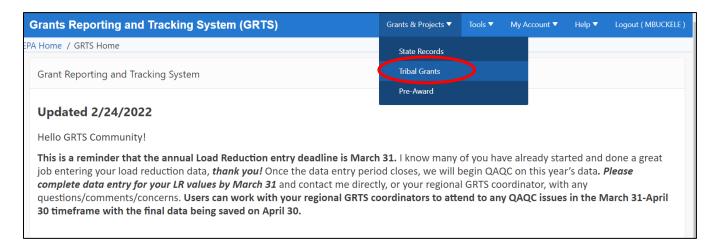
Step 4: Link the new project page in GRTS with the corresponding EPA grant number

As described above, Tribal §319 competitive project pages can be created in GRTS before the project has been awarded to a grant; these are called "pre-award projects" in GRTS. Once the grant number is known, these competitive §319 projects can be linked to the correct grant number in GRTS. The instructions below outline the process for linking competitive §319 project pages with the correct grant number.

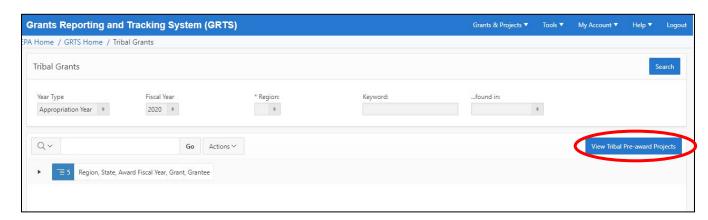
i. On the GRTS home page, click "Grants & Projects" dropdown on top right.



ii. Click "Tribal Grants"



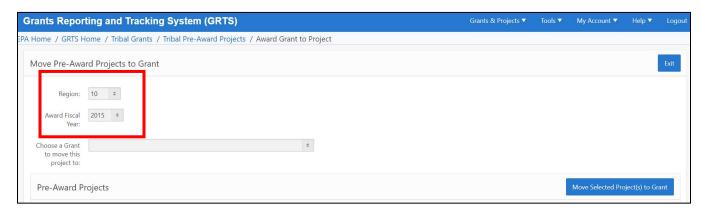
iii. Click "View Tribal Pre-Award Projects" blue button on right



iv. Click "Move Pre-Award Project(s) to Grant" button.

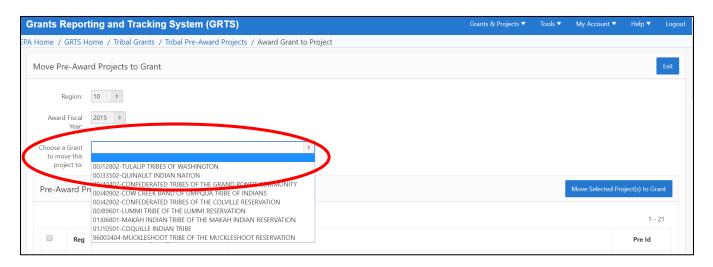


- v. To find the grant number you will be linking a competitive §319 project to, search by EPA Region and Award Fiscal Year. "Award Fiscal Year" represents the original award year of the grant.
 - e.g., "Region 10 and 2015" will bring up all grants originally awarded in 2015 in Region 10.



vi. Select the grant number from the "Choose a Grant to move this project to" dropdown list.

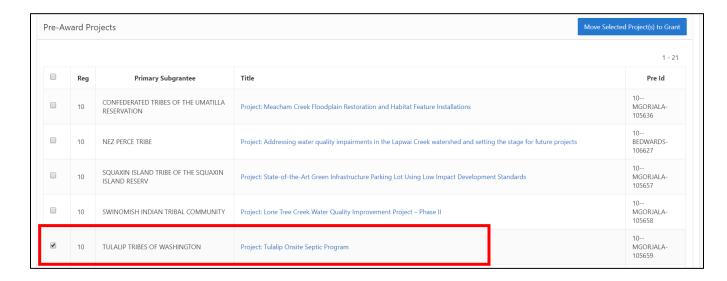
Note: this list of grant numbers is automatically populated in GRTS from NGGS.



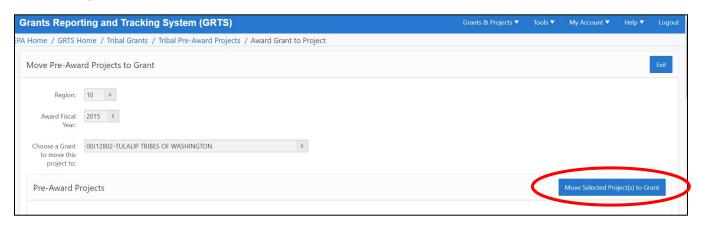
vii. Click the check box next to the Tribal §319 competitive project from the "Pre-Award Projects" list below that you will be moving to the grant.

e.g., FY 2016: Tulalip Tribes of Washington: Tulalip Onsite Septic Program.

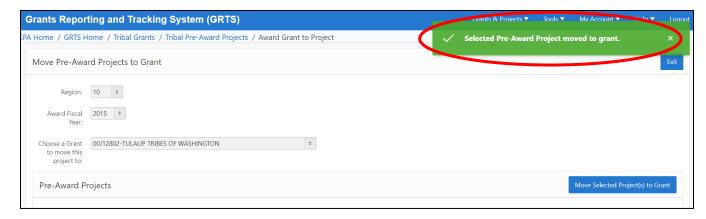
Due to the multi-year nature of PPG grants, there are often multiple competitive grants awarded under one PPG. In the Tulalip Onsite Septic Program example, this project was awarded with 2015 money as a 2016 competitive grant. If a 2017 competitive grant was also awarded with 2015 money, then the 2017 project would also be associated with Award Fiscal Year 2015 (and would have the same grant number). Note: All new pre-award projects moving forward will have the Competitive Award FY entered in the Title of the project. Older grants like the one shown below do not have the Competitive Award FY in the title. This information is found by clicking on each individual grant.



viii. With both the appropriate "Pre-Award Project" and "Grant to move the project to" selected, click "Move Selected Project(s) to Grant" button.



ix. A green "Selected Pre-Award Project moved to grant" message will pop up in the upper right-hand corner when the project has successfully been moved to a grant. The project will then disappear from the list of Pre-Award Projects.



Frequently Asked Questions

- Once entered, is the competitive Tribal §319 grant information in GRTS publicly available?
 Not currently. The GRTS Tribal data is currently available only to individuals with GRTS accounts who have been granted access to the Tribal section of GRTS by the EPA's GRTS Administrator (Alex Porteous, HQ). As with the state §319 grant data, Tribal §319 grant data is able to be FOIA'd like any unclassified/unrestricted federal information.
- 2. How do I view the competitive Tribal §319 grant project pages in GRTS?

 As noted above, you will need a GRTS user account to view the Tribal project pages. You can create a new account by visiting https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/grts/f?p=grts.
- 3. There was a change to a Tribal competitive grant project not reflected in the original application, so information in GRTS is not accurate. How should we go about making this change to the GRTS project page? We want the competitive Tribal §319 grant project pages to accurately reflect the projects implemented by Tribes, so inaccuracies in any of the fields (e.g., NPS pollution subcategories; BMP types) should be corrected. EPA Regional or HQ staff whose GRTS accounts have been authorized to edit the Tribal section of GRTS may make changes to existing Tribal §319 competitive grant project pages, as well as create new project pages. The GRTS system does identify the GRTS username of the individual who makes changes to a project page. This tracking information can be used to perform data audits or quality assurance/quality control.
- 4. Are the competitive Tribal §319 grant project pages associated with a Grant # from NGGS?

 Yes this is a second, follow-up step after competitive §319 grant project pages have been created.

 Competitive Tribal §319 grant project pages are first entered into the GRTS "pre-award system", which allows them to be entered without being associated with a grant number. However, project pages can be associated with grants as soon as the grant details have been entered in NGGS. Projects entered in Pre-Award can then be assigned to their respective grants, based on the Tribe's name, award fiscal year, and grant number.
- 5. What do I do if a BMP I am looking for is not on the list that GRTS provides?

 We encourage you to select something from the list that is provided. However, if you believe that a BMP should be added, you can contact Margot Buckelew (<u>Buckelew.margot@epa.gov</u>) and it may be possible work with the GRTS administrator (Alex Porteous) to add it, if needed.
- 6. What do I do if I accidentally associate a project with the wrong grant number in GRTS?

 Unfortunately, there is no 'undo' button in GRTS. If you accidentally associate a project with the wrong grant number from NGGS, get in contact with Margot Buckelew (Buckelew.margot@epa.gov). Provide her with the name of the project, the grant you accidentally assigned the project to, and the correct grant number you want the project to be associated with, and she can correct it.