



Regional Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDG)

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AGENDA

Overview of US EPA Wetland Program Development Grants

WPDG Presentations

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Questions

EPA's Wetland Program

The goal of the EPA's wetland program is to increase the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by:

- 1) Conserving and restoring wetlands
- 2) Developing the capacity of all levels of government** to develop effective programs for wetland protection and management.

WPDG Background Basics

- Biennial competition
- Next competition: Summer 2025!
- Eligible: state, territories, Tribes, local governments, intertribal consortia, interstate agencies, state universities
- Total funding: \$3.0m to \$4.0m
- Project funding: \$70k - \$500k
- 25% nonfed match requirement (unless PPG)



Non-governmental organizations, non-profits, private consulting firms, private universities, are not eligible to apply for funding

What can be eligible?

- Developing or refining wetland program plans – 3-5 year tribal strategic wetland plans
- Mapping and Monitoring
- Identification and prioritization of management areas
- Development of training/outreach materials

What is not eligible?

- Wetland creation/construction that are not demonstration projects
- Tasks required by a pending permit (CWA 404, 402, 401)
- Purchasing vehicles, land or conservation easements

Core Elements

- Monitoring and assessment.
- Voluntary restoration and protection.
- Regulatory approaches including CWA 401 certification.
- Wetland-specific water quality standards.

Grant Applications

- Tell your story, how does this project build your program and improve aquatic resources?
- RFA details scored evaluation criteria for the application.
- Focus on national priorities and at least one of the four core elements.

What's Next?

WPDG Webinar – June 17 & 18, 2025

LOVE TO HAVE YOU THERE!!

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