

OFFICE OF GROUND WATER AND DRINKING WATER

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025 Allotments of the Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants Tribal Set-Aside, including the following: Base Funding, General Supplemental, and Emerging Contaminants Supplemental; Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Tribal Grant; and the Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Tribal Grant Program

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This memorandum provides Regional allotment information for a total of \$112.709M in FY 2025 funding to improve Tribal drinking water infrastructure, which includes \$87.36M in funding appropriated through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) as well as Base program funds appropriated under the Full Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (P.L. 119-4). This funding will help water systems serving Tribes to significantly advance public health protections by improving reliable access to safe drinking water, promoting compliance with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs), and addressing PFAS and emerging contaminants in drinking water.

EPA Regional Offices (Regions) administer this grant funding under the following programs: Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants – Tribal Set-Aside (DWIG-TSA) Program, including DWIG-TSA Base Funds, General Supplemental Funds and DWIG-TSA Emerging Contaminants Funds; the Small Underserved and Disadvantaged Communities (SUDC) Tribal Grant Program; and the Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) Tribal Grant Program. The EPA allocates available funding under these programs using program-specific allocation formulas, which use several types of data to estimate relative funding needs among the Tribes within each Region. Each Region administers its allotments of funding according to Regionspecific funding program processes, procedures, and timelines designed to meet the unique needs of the Tribes within their Region. Tribes are encouraged to <u>contact their EPA Regional</u> Office for information on how to apply for Tribal drinking water infrastructure funding. General information about projects and activities eligible for funding, entities eligible to receive funds, and other eligibility specifications for each funding program can be found on <u>EPA's Tribal</u> <u>drinking water website</u>. Total Tribal funding amounts for the programs included in this funding memorandum are summarized in Table 1 and the allocations provided to each Region are summarized in Table 2.

Please note, this memorandum does not include allotments of FY25 DWIG-TSA Lead Service Line Replacement funding; a separate funding memorandum will be provided for these funds in the future.

Program	Total FY25 Funding	Program Purpose
Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants Tribal Set-Aside (DWIG-TSA)	\$22,517,000	Authorized under SDWA § 1452(i), the DWIG-TSA is a set-aside from Drinking Water State Revolving Fund appropriations. This program funds improvements to public water systems (PWS) serving Tribes, focusing on facilitating compliance with NPDWRs and improving access to drinking water.
DWIG-TSA General Supplemental (GS)	\$52,060,000	General supplemental DWIG-TSA funding appropriated under the IIJA.
DWIG-TSA Emerging Contaminants (EC)	\$16,000,000	Supplemental DWIG-TSA funding appropriated under IIJA specifically for activities to address PFAS and emerging contaminants in PWS serving Tribes.
EC-SDC Tribal Grant Program	\$19,300,000	Authorized under SDWA § 1459A, the EC-SDC Tribal Grant Program funds projects and activities that address emerging contaminants and PFAS in PWS serving Tribes.
SUDC Tribal Grant Program	\$2,832,000	Authorized under SDWA § 1459A, the SUDC Tribal Grant Program assists PWS serving Tribes to make improvements necessary to ensure compliance with SDWA requirements.
Total Funding	\$112,709,000	

Table 1: Summary of FY 2025 Tribal Funding Allocations

Regional Allocations

A summary of the allotments to EPA Regional Offices to administer all funding programs included in this memorandum can be found in Table 2 below. Allotment formulas for each grant program are based on several factors aimed at distributing funding where needed across the ten EPA Regions. These factors include needs identified through the Indian Health Service and EPA's Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment for funding through the DWIG-TSA Base, DWIG-TSA General Supplemental, and the SUDC Tribal Grant Program; and the number of Tribal systems and size distribution for the DWIG-TSA Emerging Contaminants and EC-SDC Tribal Grant Program.

Region	DWIG-TSA Base	DWIG-TSA GS	DWIG-TSA EC	EC-SDC	SUDC	Total
Region 1	\$82,000	\$189,000	\$121,000	\$146,000	\$10,000	\$548,000
Region 2	\$356,000	\$822,000	\$168,000	\$203,000	\$45,000	\$1,594,000
Region 3 ¹	\$59,000	\$136,000	NA	NA	NA	\$195,000
Region 4	\$295,000	\$682,000	\$387,000	\$467,000	\$37,000	\$1,868,000
Region 5	\$997,000	\$2,306,000	\$1,678,000	\$2,024,000	\$126,000	\$7,131,000
Region 6	\$3,091,000	\$7,145,000	\$1,471,000	\$1,774,000	\$390,000	\$13,871,000
Region 7	\$352,000	\$815,000	\$185,000	\$223,000	\$44,000	\$1,619,000
Region 8	\$3,290,000	\$7,606,000	\$1,965,000	\$2,370,000	\$415,000	\$15,646,000
Region 9	\$6,851,000	\$15,839,000	\$6,291,000	\$7,588,000	\$864,000	\$37,433,000
Region 10	\$7,144,000	\$16,520,000	\$3,734,000	\$4,505,000	\$901,000	\$32,804,000
Totals	\$22,517,000	\$52,060,000	\$16,000,000	\$19,300,000	\$2,832,000	\$112,709,000

Table 2: FY 2025 DWIG-TSA Base, DWIG-TSA IIJA, EC SDC, and SUDC Allotments

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¹ Regions 3 has already received sufficient funding to administer the DWIG-TSA EC, DWIG-TSA LSLR, EC SDC, and SUDC programs to meet the needs of Public Water Systems servicing Tribes in Region 3 and are declining additional funding from these programs for FY 2025.