

# National GAP Allocation: An Overview

Review of the Indian Environmental General  
Assistance Program



# Agenda

- Welcome and Logistics
- Purpose of Today's Presentation
- Context: AIEO and GAP
- Federal Budget Process
- GAP National Allocation
- Questions

# Introduction

- My name is Lisa Berrios
- Acting Director, American Indian Environmental Office, Office of International and Tribal Affairs
- I am accompanied by members of my Tribal Capacity Development Team, which is responsible for managing GAP and providing training and technical assistance to Tribes.

# AIEO's Role

- The [American Indian Environmental Office](#) (AIEO) is located within EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA).
- AIEO leads the U.S. EPA's efforts to protect human health and the environment of federally recognized Indian tribes, with a special emphasis on helping tribes administer their own environmental programs.
- AIEO is the national program manager for the EPA's [Indian Environmental General Assistance Program](#), or GAP – the largest of EPA's tribal grant programs.
- AIEO coordinates the National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC) and the National Tribal Caucus (NTC) to improve communication and build stronger partnerships with tribes.

# Managing Three Budgets Concurrently



Source: Peterson Foundation and U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Budget, OMB Circular A-11

# Funding Process

Each year, the President submits a budget request to Congress, known as the President's Budget or Pres Bud, PB, or the President's Request.

The Pres Bud is a request of Congress to fund programs at particular levels.

Congress votes on a budget which includes specific allocations for specific programs

Once the budget is voted on and passed by Congress, it is either signed into law or vetoed by the President.

If signed, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) informs respective federal agencies of their final allocations

Each federal agency informs its component programs of the authorized funding [areas] and levels.

# GAP Funding History



FY 23 PRES BUD  
\$85,009,000

Enacted: \$74,750,000



FY 24 PRES BUD  
\$85,009,000

Enacted: \$72,200,000



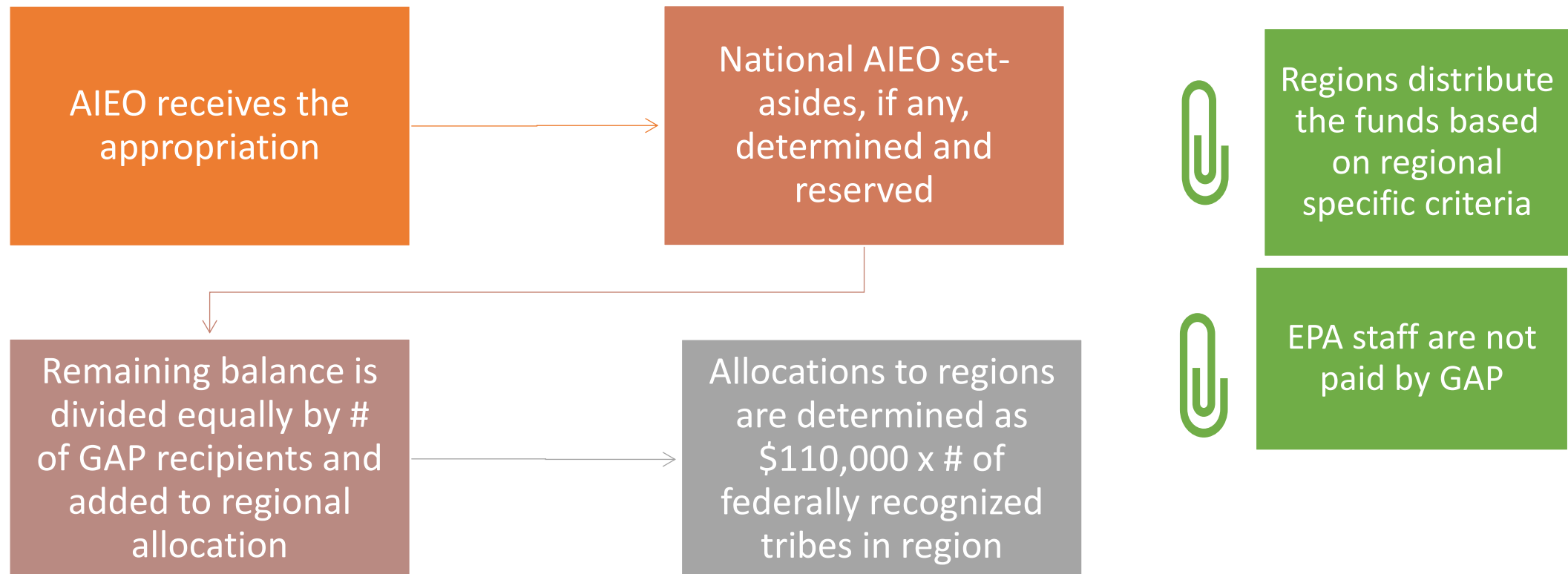
FY 25 PRES BUD  
\$85,009,000

Enacted: \$72,102,000

**Is EPA currently using FY26  
budget information to  
negotiate GAP workplans?**



# Review of Current National GAP Allocation



# Example of How AIEO Distributes Funds to Regions

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	<b>583</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>544</b>	\$66,250,000

# Related Actions

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- GAP Set Asides
  - AIEO sometimes supports special projects with national applicability
    - Priorities included in National Program Guidance (includes consultation)
      - Current use: ETEPS
  - Regions: Can have set-asides for project that are regionally significant and support common needs
- Unobligated funds
  - Allocation memo requests that regions inform AIEO if they are unable to award all GAP funding by a certain date
  - If unobligated funds, AIEO will coordinate with the region on planned uses and timelines
  - If a region is unable to use its allocation, remaining funds are returned to AIEO and redistributed to support other GAP needs in the regions

# Conclusion

- Questions are welcome
- Thank you!

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