

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP SYSTEM



No Other EPA Grant Program Provides Flexibilities like NEPPS

For 30 years, EPA has instilled a cooperative federalism by partnering with states and Tribes to protect public health and the environment for the American people through **NEPPS**.

NEPPS is an innovative, partnership-based grants program that provides states and Tribes flexibility to use grant resources more efficiently, make strategic choices, and implement localized solutions based on their greatest needs.

“We must direct scarce public resources toward **improving environmental results**, allow [...] greater flexibility to achieve those results, and **enhance our accountability to the public and taxpayers.**”

NEPPS Charter (1995)

NEPPS uses two tools for partnering with states and Tribes to achieve environmental results: **Performance Partnership Agreements (PPAs)** and **Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs)**.

Performance Partnership Agreement

A signed agreement between an EPA Regional Administrator and state or Tribal official that identifies strategic joint commitments.

- Fosters cooperation
- Identifies shared goals
- Shared accountability
- Grants management planning tool

Performance Partnership Grant

A single grant that combines funds from two or more eligible environmental program grants into one budget and one workplan.

- Greater funding flexibility
- Shift funds across programs
- Simplifies grant administration
- Reduced administrative burden

Choose from 18 Eligible Categorical State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG), Combine to Create a Performance Partnership Grant

Example Grant Combination:

Air Program (\$100k)

Water Program A (\$350k)

Water Program B (\$50k)

Performance Partnership Grant (\$500k)

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