



# TIPS AND TRIPS FOR DEVELOPING SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- COMPETITIVE GRANTS: UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS
- WETLAND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (WPDG) SPECIFICS
- TIPS AND TRIPS ON DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION
- LOOKING BEYOND WETLAND GRANTS FOR FUNDING
- DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS/ANSWERS



# COMPETITIVE GRANTS: TIPS AND TRIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION



## FIRST, A BASIC TRUTH:

- UNDERSTAND THAT FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING CAN BE **VERY** COMPETITIVE. THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR FUNDING IS ALWAYS GREATER THAN THE FUNDS AVAILABLE.
- DON'T BE DISCOURAGED IF YOU ARE NOT APPROVED FOR FUNDING. ASK QUESTIONS IF YOUR PROPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTED. LEARN WITH THE EXPERIENCE AND REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY ON THE NEXT ROUND AND HOPEFULLY, EVENTUALLY, BE ABLE TO SECURE FUNDING FOR YOUR PROJECT!



# COMPETITIVE GRANTS IN GENERAL: HELPFUL HINTS

- THE NUMBER ONE REASON WHY GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DENIED IS FAILURE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.



# COMPETITIVE GRANTS IN GENERAL: HELPFUL HINTS

- THERE ARE DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING QUESTIONS VIA E-MAIL OR BY PHONE THAT ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE RFA;
  - READ THE GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN STILL MAKE THE CALL OR E-MAIL THE CONTACT WITHIN THAT DEADLINE.
- CALL THE FUNDING SOURCE CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY PORTION OF THE APPLICATION.
  - ASKING A FUNDER FOR HELP WON'T HURT YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING A GRANT. IN FACT, DOING SO MAY EVEN HELP BECAUSE YOU'RE FILLING OUT FORMS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.
- IF THE TIME WINDOW HAS PASSED TO ASK QUESTIONS, LOOK AT THE AGENCY'S WEBSITE FOR A LINK TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS). OTHERS HAVE PROBABLY ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS YOU HAVE, AND THE AGENCY MAY HAVE POSTED THE ANSWER FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.



# COMPETITIVE GRANTS:

- READ REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA) CAREFULLY –
  - THEY DO CHANGE SO BE SURE YOU READ THE CURRENT ONE (E.G., EPA REGIONAL PRIORITIES MAY IDENTIFY SPECIFIC ITEMS TO ADDRESS & MAY CHANGE IN CONSECUTIVE GRANT CYCLES)
- PAST RFAS CAN ASSIST YOU IN PREPARING AND GATHERING INFORMATION, BUT REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONDING TO THE CURRENT RFA AND YOUR APPLICATION MUST MATCH THE CRITERIA OF THE CURRENT RFA









# THE WETLAND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (WPDG) RFA: WHAT DOES EPA WANT IN THE APPLICATION?

- SECTION I: FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA) DESCRIPTION/REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA)
  - INCLUDES A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM OR PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND AREA OF INTEREST; DESCRIBES THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY; AND PROVIDES THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND GOVERNING PROGRAM REGULATIONS, IF ANY.
- SECTION II: AWARD INFORMATION
  - INCLUDES THE ANTICIPATED FUNDING AMOUNT AND NUMBER OF AWARDS; LENGTH OF THE PROJECT PERIODS; AND, FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, A DESCRIPTION OF THE AGENCY'S ANTICIPATED SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE FUNDED PROJECT.
- SECTION III: ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION
  - DESCRIBES WHAT TYPES OF ENTITIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, ANY COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS, AND RESPONSIVENESS OR SCREENING CRITERIA.



# THE WPDG RFA: WHAT DOES EPA WANT IN THE APPLICATION?

- SECTION IV: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION
  - OUTLINES ALL APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS. THIS INCLUDES REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BUDGET; GUIDANCE ON FORMATTING/#OF PAGES; APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS; REQUIRED FORMS; ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS; FUNDING RESTRICTIONS; AND OTHER SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS LETTERS OF INTENT, IF APPLICABLE.

**THIS SECTION IS VERY IMPORTANT!!**



# THE WPDG RFA: CONTINUED

- SECTION V: APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION
  - **LISTS CRITERIA THAT REVIEWERS WILL USE TO EVALUATE AND SCORE APPLICATIONS**, INFORMATION ON THE **REVIEW AND AWARD SELECTION PROCESS**, AND ANTICIPATED ANNOUNCEMENT AND **AWARD DATES**.
- SECTION VI: AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION
  - PROVIDES INFORMATION ON AWARD NOTICES, ADMINISTRATIVE AND NATIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS, AND **POST-AWARD REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**.
- SECTION VII: AGENCY CONTACTS
  - PROVIDES A **PROGRAM OFFICE CONTACT** AND A GRANTS MANAGEMENT CONTACT.
- SECTION VIII: OTHER INFORMATION
  - INCLUDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS HELPFUL WEBSITES AND AN **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**.
- ATTACHMENTS- LOOK AT WHAT IS ALLOWED AND WHAT ISN'T AS AN ATTACHMENT TO AN APPLICATION.
  - **BE SURE THAT THE APPLICATION NARRATIVE DOES NOT EXCEED THE PAGE #'S ALLOWED AND THAT ATTACHMENTS MAY BE IN ADDITION TO THAT PAGE #**



# REVIEW THE RFA: KEY THINGS TO NOTE

- IDENTIFY ANY **DEADLINES** FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND THE PROCESS FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS.
- NOTE ANY **PAGE RESTRICTIONS** FOR APPLICATIONS.
- IDENTIFY **ALLOWABLE AND NON-ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES** THAT CAN BE COVERED BY FEDERAL FUNDS (E.G., WPDGS CAN FUND DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING ACTIVITIES, DEMONSTRATIONS, PILOT STUDIES, BUT NOT ONGOING IMPLEMENTATION OF WETLAND PROGRAMS).
- LOOK AT THE **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS** (BUILD IN TIME FOR THE SUBMISSION TO **GRANTS.GOV** & YOUR MANAGEMENT APPROVALS, NOT JUST DEVELOPING THE APPLICATION).
- MAKE SURE THAT YOUR DESIGNATED PERSON W/ A GRANTS.GOV ACCOUNT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION ON TIME.
- LOOK AT THE **SCORING CRITERIA**. NOTE THE CRITERIA THAT AFFECT SCORING THE MOST, TO HELP GUIDE YOUR PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT.<sup>12</sup>



# DECIDING TO APPLY?

WRITING A GRANT APPLICATION IS A FORMIDABLE TASK THAT CAN TAKE MANY HOURS. BEFORE YOU BEGIN, BE SURE YOU CAN ANSWER "YES" TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- HAVE I READ THE RFA COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY? DO I UNDERSTAND IT?
- IS MY ORGANIZATION ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, BASED ON THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN THE RFA?
- DOES MY ORGANIZATION HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, PERSONNEL, AND FINANCIAL CAPACITY TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS? DOES MY ORGANIZATION'S MISSION ALIGN WITH THE GOALS PRESENTED IN THE RFA?
- DO STAKEHOLDERS AND LEADERS IN MY ORGANIZATION SUPPORT APPLYING FOR THIS GRANT?
- IS MY ORGANIZATION PREPARED TO DO WHAT IT TAKES TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT WITHIN THE BUDGET AND TIMELINE WE PROPOSE?
  - CONSIDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS THAT COME WITH FEDERAL FUNDING, SUCH AS ANY MATCH REQUIREMENTS, QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLANS, REQUIRED REPORTING, AUDITING AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, SHARING GRANT PRODUCTS AND PROVIDING OUTREACH AND TECH TRANSFER, ETC.





# DEVELOPING AN APPLICATION



WPDG APPLICATIONS  
ARE SCORED BY  
ASSIGNING A  
MAXIMUM OF 100  
POINTS ACROSS  
SPECIFIC CRITERIA  
THIS IS SIMILAR TO  
MANY COMPETITIVE  
GRANT RFAS

- §PROJECT NEED (15 POINTS)
- §PROJECT TASKS -INCLUDING METHODS AND APPROACHES (20 POINTS)
- §MILESTONE SCHEDULE (10 POINTS)
- §BUDGET NARRATIVE AND SF424A (5 POINTS)
- §TRANSFER OF RESULTS (10 POINTS)
- §ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS (15 POINTS) (OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES/TRACKING)
- §PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY/TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS (7 POINTS)
- §PARTNERSHIPS (10 POINTS)
- §PAST PERFORMANCE (8 POINTS)

**NOTE:** FOR REGIONAL WPDG RFAS THERE MAY BE REGIONAL PRIORITY POINTS IDENTIFIED (ENV. JUSTICE, CLIMATE CHANGE, SALMON HABITAT RECOVERY)



# WRITING A STRONG PROPOSAL

- **THE PROJECT NARRATIVE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF YOUR GRANT APPLICATION. IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE GRANTOR AND REVIEWERS YOUR STORY.**
- BE SURE YOUR SPECIFIC PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE CLEARLY DEFINED:
  - PROVIDE STRONG AND CLEAR PROJECT **NEED DESCRIPTION**
    - USE YOUR DATA AND WORDS TO PAINT A PICTURE OF HOW YOUR PROGRAM AND YOUR COMMUNITY COULD BENEFIT FROM THE OUTCOMES OF THIS PROJECT
  - PROVIDE EXPLICIT DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROPOSED METHODS AND/OR APPROACHES TO ACHIEVE YOUR **PROJECT TASKS**, OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS
    - HOW WILL YOU PRODUCE YOUR OUTCOMES/DELIVERABLES?
    - HOW DOES YOUR PROJECT FIT IN WITH YOUR EXISTING PROGRAM, TIE IN TO YOUR WPP IF YOU HAVE ONE, ETC.? IS THIS GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A WPP?
  - DESCRIBE THE **ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS (OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES)**
    - BE SURE TO DESCRIBE HOW THE PROJECT BUILDS YOUR PROGRAM TO IMPROVE OR PROTECT WETLANDS AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ON YOUR LANDSCAPE IN ACREAGE AND FUNCTIONS
  - INCLUDE A PROJECT TIMELINE SHOWN IN A **MILESTONE SCHEDULE** WITH SPECIFIC TASKS AND SUB-TASKS AND WHAT THE START AND END DATES OF THOSE TASKS/SUB-TASKS ARE (TABLE FORMAT IS GREAT!)



# WRITING A STRONG PROPOSAL

- ADDRESS HOW YOUR PROJECT MILESTONES WILL BE **TRACKED (E.G., INTERNAL REPORTING AND REPORTING TO EPA)**
- PROVIDE A **DETAILED BUDGET** THAT EXPLAINS ALL PROJECT COSTS THAT ALIGNS TO THE PROPOSED TASKS
  - A DETAILED BUDGET NARRATIVE MUST JUSTIFY THE COSTS AND PROVIDE CLEAR BREAKDOWNS BY COST CATEGORY.
  - THIS DETAILED NARRATIVE BUDGET MUST ALSO MATCH YOUR **424A FORM**
  - BE SURE TO ADDRESS BREAKDOWN FOR MATCH COSTS IF MATCH FUNDS ARE REQUIRED
- DESCRIBE THE **KNOWLEDGE, STAFFING, AND FISCAL CAPACITY** THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND MEET THE GOALS OF THE GRANT. BIOS AND CVS SHOULD BE ATTACHMENTS
- **IDENTIFY PARTNERSHIPS:** INCLUDING INTERNAL OR CROSS TRIBAL PROGRAM DEPARTMENTS AND ANY EXTERNAL AGENCIES OR OTHER PARTNERS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE EXTERNAL PARTNERS BE CLEAR ABOUT THE CROSS-PROGRAMMATIC AND/OR TRIBAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS; AND
- BE SURE TO PROVIDE DESCRIPTION OF **PAST PERFORMANCE** (ESP. FOR PAST WPDGS AND ANY OTHER EPA GRANTS; IF DON'T HAVE PAST WPDG, DESCRIBE OTHER PAST GRANTS – 106, 319, GAP, OR OTHER AGENCY GRANTS)



## CRITERIA TIP

- REVIEW THE CONTENT AND BE SURE YOU HAVE ADDRESSED ALL THE CRITERIA THAT WILL BE USED TO SCORE YOUR APPLICATION
  - IT IS IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS EVERY CRITERIA IN THE RFA TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.
- 5 OR 10 POINTS MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A LOT BUT IT CAN COST YOU, ESPECIALLY IF YOU LOOSE POINTS ON SEVERAL CRITERIA
- IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR EVERY CRITERIA YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THOSE POINTS, PERIOD
- THESE ARE COMPETITIVE GRANTS. IGNORING OR FAILING TO ADEQUATELY RESPOND TO CRITERIA WILL LEAVE THE APPLICATION AT A DISADVANTAGE





# BUDGET

- **[HTTPS://WWW.EPA.GOV/GRANTS/HOW-DEVELOP-BUDGET](https://www.epa.gov/grants/how-develop-budget)**
- A DETAILED BUDGET THAT INCLUDES THE ESTIMATED FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR EACH PROJECT TASK IS REQUIRED. EPA PROVIDES AN EXAMPLE DETAILED BUDGET IN THE RFA.
- PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED COST FOR EACH OF THE BUDGET CATEGORIES FOUND IN FORM SF 424A (I.E., PERSONNEL, TRAVEL, CONTRACTUAL, OTHER, ETC). IDENTIFY FUNDING BY BUDGET CATEGORY FOR EACH YEAR OF FUNDING REQUEST.
- EXPLAIN IF AND HOW NON-FEDERAL PARTNERS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE REQUIRED COST SHARE/MATCH.
- THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUDGET, INCLUDING OTHER COSTS AND CONTRACTS.
- DESCRIBE ITEMIZED COSTS IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL FOR THE EPA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE COSTS FOR EACH COMPONENT/TASK ARE REASONABLE AND ALLOWABLE, INCLUDING THE USE OF THE COST SHARE/MATCH FUNDS.



# EXAMPLE Budget Details

**Table 1 Proposed Project Budget with State Match and Total Federal Funds**

Task	Description	Product/Objective	Start	End	Federal Funds	State Match
A-1	Revisit SPGP BA scope and formatting	Outreach strategy and schedule	4/20	6/20	\$33,333	\$20,000
A-2	Revise Sections 1-5 of the SPGP BA	Revised text and supported information to revise Tables and Figures	5/20	8/20	\$33,333	\$20,000
A-3	Meetings with state and federal partners, as needed	Process, schedule, meetings, materials	5/20	11/20	\$33,333	\$20,000
<b>Phase I—Estimated Subtotal Federal Funds</b>					<b>\$100,000</b>	
						<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>					<b>\$160,000</b>	20

# SF424A FORM

## BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Number: 4040-0006  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2022



### SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. -Avian Monitoring and Assessment of Estuarine Wetlands	66.461	\$ 224,864.70	\$ 26,409.64	\$ 224,864.70	\$ 26,409.64	\$ 251,274.34
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		\$ 224,864.70	\$ 26,409.64	\$ 224,864.70	\$ 26,409.64	\$ 251,274.34

**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$ 37,766.40	\$	\$	\$	\$ 37,766.40
b. Fringe Benefits	18,643.24				18,643.24
c. Travel	500.00				500.00
d. Equipment	0.00				0.00
e. Supplies	2,000.00				2,000.00
f. Contractual	176,925.00				176,925.00
g. Construction	0.00				0.00
h. Other	2,000.00				2,000.00
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	237,834.64				\$ 237,834.64
j. Indirect Charges	13,439.70				\$ 13,439.70
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 251,274.34	\$	\$	\$	\$ 251,274.34
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0.00

**SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES**

(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e)TOTALS
8. Avian Monitoring and	\$ 26,409.64	\$	\$	\$ 26,409.64
9.				
10.				
11.				
<b>12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)</b>	<b>\$ 26,409.64</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 26,409.64</b>

**SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS**

	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$ 112,432.35	\$ 28,108.09	\$ 28,108.09	\$ 28,108.09	\$ 28,108.08
14. Non-Federal	\$ 13,204.82	3,301.21	3,301.21	3,301.20	3,301.20
<b>15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)</b>	<b>\$ 125,637.17</b>	<b>\$ 31,409.30</b>	<b>\$ 31,409.30</b>	<b>\$ 31,409.29</b>	<b>\$ 31,409.28</b>

**SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT**

(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (YEARS)			
	(b)First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16. m Plan -Avian Monitoring and	\$ 112,432.35	\$	\$	\$
17.				
18.				
19.				
<b>20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16 - 19)</b>	<b>\$ 112,432.35</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

**SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION**

21. Direct Charges: 211,425.00	22. Indirect Charges: 13,439.70
23. Remarks: Department of Interior Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement for FY2020 is 24.66%.	





QUESTIONS?



# THE PROBLEMS WE OFTEN SEE (TRIPS OR COMMON MISTAKES)

- RECYCLING AN OLDER GRANT APPLICATION WITHOUT UPDATING IT TO REFLECT NEW RFA REQUIREMENTS.
- FORGETTING TO ADDRESS THE REQUIRED 25% MATCH\* (EITHER IN THE BUDGET OR THE NARRATIVE).
- EXPLAIN IF YOU PLAN ON INCLUDING A WETLAND GRANT IN YOUR PPG; YOUR MATCH REQUIREMENT MAY BE SUBSTANTIALLY LESS
- ADDING TOO MUCH EXTRA INFORMATION NOT REQUESTED IN THE RFA
- INCLUDING INELIGIBLE COSTS (PAYING FOR CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE OF VEHICLES, ONGOING IMPLEMENTATION, ETC).





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PROBLEMS WE  
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- EXCEEDING THE PAGE LIMIT (YES, THAT REQUIREMENT IS REAL)!
- NOT PROVIDING CLEAR INFORMATION ON BUDGET EXPENSES BY EACH COST CATEGORY
- YOUR NARRATIVE BUDGET DOES NOT MATCH YOUR 424 AND 424A
- FAILING TO ADDRESS EVERY CRITERIA, COMPLETELY AND CLEARLY
- MISSING THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION DUE DATE
- INCOMPLETE APPLICATION (MISSING FORMS, ETC).
- MISSING ATTACHMENTS



THE  
PROBLEMS WE  
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- FAILING TO SUBMIT THE GRANT PROPERLY IN GRANTS.GOV
- IF YOU CAN'T UTILIZE GRANTS.GOV FOR A VALID REASON - CONTACT THE AGENCY POC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- NOT GETTING APPROVAL FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL BEFORE SUBMITTING APPLICATION (RECEIVING AN AWARD MAY REQUIRE COMMITMENT OF FISCAL RESOURCES - AKA. MATCH, ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES, ETC).



# THE PROBLEMS WE OFTEN SEE (TRIPS OR COMMON MISTAKES)

- BEFORE YOU TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION, CONSIDER HAVING A FEW OTHER PEOPLE REVIEW IT. IT IS SURPRISING HOW EASILY WE CAN SKIP OVER THE SIMPLEST
- BE CONCISE AND PRECISE IN DESCRIBING YOUR PROPOSED GRANT ACTIVITIES.
- AGAIN, REMEMBER, APPLICATIONS MUST ADHERE TO THE PAGE LIMITS STATED IN THE RFA.
- **[HTTPS://WWW.GRANTS.GOV/HELP/HTML/HELP/INDEX.HTM#T=GETSTARTED%2FGETSTARTED.HTM](https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm#t=getstarted%2fgetstarted.htm)**







# SUBMITTING TO GRANTS.GOV

- YOU MUST HAVE A REGISTERED ACCOUNT TO USE **GRANTS.GOV**
- COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION, INCLUDING ALL REQUIRED FORMS, ASSURANCES, AND CERTIFICATIONS. WHEN COMPLETE, SAVE THE APPLICATION TO YOUR COMPUTER.
- **BE SURE TO CLICK THE CHECK FOR ERRORS BUTTON, WHICH WILL VALIDATE YOUR APPLICATION AND ACTIVATE THE SAVE AND SUBMIT BUTTON.**
- SAVE AND SUBMIT ONLY AFTER YOU HAVE DOUBLE-CHECKED YOUR APPLICATION FOR ACCURACY, COMPLETENESS, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE PAGE LIMIT. AFTER YOU CLICK **SAVE AND SUBMIT**, YOU WILL ENTER YOUR GRANTS.GOV USERNAME AND PASSWORD. ASSUMING YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH GRANTS.GOV, YOU CAN CLICK THE **SIGN AND SUBMIT** BUTTON TO AUTHENTICATE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.
- WATCH YOUR E-MAIL. YOU WILL RECEIVE A SERIES OF E-MAILS FROM GRANTS.GOV THAT WILL HELP YOU TRACK YOUR APPLICATION. YOU CAN GET THE SAME INFORMATION BY LOGGING INTO YOUR ACCOUNT AT GRANTS.GOV.

[HTTPS://WWW.GRANTS.GOV/HELP/HTML/HELP/INDEX.HTM#T=GETSTARTED%2FGETSTARTED.HTM](https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm#t=getstarted%2fgetstarted.htm)



# LOOKING BEYOND EPA WETLAND PROGRAM FUNDING

- KEEP A RUNNING LIST OF CURRENT AND REOCCURRING GRANT AND FUNDING POSSIBILITIES
  - EPA (WPDG, 319, 106, AND OTHER)
  - DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (FWS, BIA, USGS, BOR)
  - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (NRCS, ARS)
  - STATE, LOCAL AND REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
    - WATERSHED GROUPS, CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, STATE OUTDOOR FUNDING
  - FOUNDATIONS
  - PARTNERS – IF YOU ARE NOT DIRECTLY ELIGIBLE



# LOOKING BEYOND EPA WETLAND PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES - EXAMPLE

## EXAMPLE LIST OF FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES

<b>environmental finance clearinghouse Air, Land, Water</b>	<a href="https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/wfc/f?p=165:1:13123630764752::::">https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/wfc/f?p=165:1:13123630764752::::</a>
<b>Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/nps/funding-resources-watershed-protection-and-restoration">https://www.epa.gov/nps/funding-resources-watershed-protection-and-restoration</a>
<b>Tribal Wetland Program Development Grant Request for Applications</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/tribal-wetland-program-development-grant-request-applications">https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/tribal-wetland-program-development-grant-request-applications</a>
<b>Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmental-justice/environmental-justice-collaborative-problem-solving-cooperative-agreement-0">https://www.epa.gov/environmental-justice/environmental-justice-collaborative-problem-solving-cooperative-agreement-0</a>
<b>Environmental Justice Small Grants Program</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program</a>
<b>State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/state-environmental-justice-cooperative-agreement-program">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/state-environmental-justice-cooperative-agreement-program</a>
<b>EPA Urban Waters</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters">https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters</a>
<b>EPA R2P2 Regional Research Partnership Program</b>	Internal EPA research projects
<b>EPA Regional Applied Research Effort (RARE)</b>	provides the Regions with a mechanism to enter into innovative research partnerships and address near term research needs. RARE projects address a wide array of environmental science issues critical to ORD's regional partner communities and address regional and national research priorities.
<b>EPA ROCS-Net</b>	ORD orientation and networking program that provides an opportunity for regional and state staff and tribal representatives to visit an EPA research facility and discuss collaborative research opportunities, science priorities and cross-cutting issues with ORD scientists.
<b>Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program Grants</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/peps/pesticide-environmental-stewardship-program-grants">https://www.epa.gov/peps/pesticide-environmental-stewardship-program-grants</a>
<b>Regional lab analysis technical assistance</b>	Ask your tribal water quality manager if you need technical assistance and analysis beyond your basic 106 monitoring
<b>Columbia River</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/columbiariver/columbia-river-basin-restoration-funding-assistance-program">https://www.epa.gov/columbiariver/columbia-river-basin-restoration-funding-assistance-program</a>





# R8 - EXAMPLE LIST OF OTHER FUNDING

Other sources		
BIA	BIA Division of Water and Power Land and Water Conservation funding listening session October 5	<a href="https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/dwp/branch-water-resources">https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/dwp/branch-water-resources</a> <a href="https://www.bia.gov/consultation-listening-session/land-and-water-conservation-fund-lwcf-opportunities">https://www.bia.gov/consultation-listening-session/land-and-water-conservation-fund-lwcf-opportunities</a>
	Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2022 -	<a href="https://www.usbr.gov/native/programs/TAPprogram.html">https://www.usbr.gov/native/programs/TAPprogram.html</a> <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=334627">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=334627</a>
	Bureau of Indian Affairs funding requests for the Water Management, Planning, & Pre-Development, and Water Rights Negotiation/Litigation Programs before Tuesday September 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.	<a href="https://www.bia.gov/regional-offices/pacific/central-california-agency/water-resources">https://www.bia.gov/regional-offices/pacific/central-california-agency/water-resources</a> <a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2005/10/19/05-20919/notice-of-revised-instructions-for-preparing-and-prioritizing-water-program-funding-requests">https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2005/10/19/05-20919/notice-of-revised-instructions-for-preparing-and-prioritizing-water-program-funding-requests</a>
DOI	Land and Water Conservation Fund	<a href="https://www.doi.gov/lwcf">https://www.doi.gov/lwcf</a> Provides matching grants to state and tribal governments for the acquisition and development of public parks and other outdoor recreation sites.
ASWM	ASWM Resource page on sustainable finance	<a href="https://www.aswm.org/wetland-programs/sustainable-finance">https://www.aswm.org/wetland-programs/sustainable-finance</a>
GRANTS.GOV	Search by keywords	<a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> <a href="https://www.grants.gov/learn-grants/grant-programs.html">https://www.grants.gov/learn-grants/grant-programs.html</a>
NFWF	Five Star Many <del>many</del> Other Conservation grants	<a href="https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program">https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program</a> <a href="https://www.nfwf.org/apply-grant">https://www.nfwf.org/apply-grant</a>
SAM	Water Resources on Indian Lands	<a href="https://sam.gov/fal/2604109e53438cf8a4ee752ec36d6013/view?keywords=15.037&amp;sort=relevance&amp;index=&amp;is_active=true&amp;page=1">https://sam.gov/fal/2604109e53438cf8a4ee752ec36d6013/view?keywords=15.037&amp;sort=relevance&amp;index=&amp;is_active=true&amp;page=1</a>
USFWS	Tribal Wildlife Grants	<a href="https://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/grants.html">https://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/grants.html</a>
USFWS	F21AS00413 2021 National Fish Passage Program Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service	Contact local FAC field Program or Service Regional staff prior to applying. To be considered for funding under this funding opportunity, an application must be submitted to the Service region where the project is located.
USFWS	F22AS00032 NAWCA FY22 U.S. Small Grants Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service	matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve only long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds. The program requires a 1:1 non-federal match and research funding is ineligible. <a href="http://www.Grants.gov">www.Grants.gov</a>
	F21AS00314 Aquatic Invasive Species Interjurisdictional Grants to the Great Lakes States and Tribes - Fiscal Year 2021 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service	We are seeking applications from state or tribal natural resource agency in the Great Lakes Basin. However, these agencies may designate an entity (of any type) to apply for the award on their behalf.





# R7 - EXAMPLE LIST OF FUNDING

## ESTP Program Integration: Cross-Program Funding Opportunities for CE Actions

There are several funding types that States and Tribes can use to help them complete the Actions listed in the ESTP Core Element Framework (CEF). We identified at least 9 funding and/or resource types that the States and Tribes can use to help them accomplish or make progress on their WPPs: Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG), CWA 106, CWA 319, General Assistance Program (GAP), State Revolving Fund (SRF), the Healthy Watershed Consortium Grant (HWCG), 5 STAR/Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program, and the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) (EFC will be described in a separate paragraph at the bottom of Table 1).

Some of these funding programs are more traditional and have been used for wetland work for quite a while, and others may be a program that you never thought or heard of for wetland projects. In this document, we developed 3 primary tables that describes each funding program to assist a State or Tribe with their funding search endeavors for wetland projects and for completing their ESTP CE Actions. We have also corresponded each ESTP Action (color coded to match the Region 7 Tiering Chart) with the appropriate funding type.

**Table 1:** Eight funding options for ESTP Actions and wetland projects: outlined by definitions, goals, project eligibilities and other information that you may be interested in. (Note: all funding eligibility is not determined until actual proposals are submitted and reviewed.)

Funding Program	Definition	Goal	Project Eligibilities	Other
Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG)	WPDGs provide eligible applicants an opportunity to conduct projects that promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction and elimination of water pollution.	To assist state, tribal, local government agencies and interstate/intertribal entities in building programs to protect, manage and restore wetlands.	WPDGs provide applicants an opportunity to develop and refine comprehensive state/tribal/local government wetland programs. These programs are meant to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build the capacity of state/tribal/local governments to increase the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by conserving and restoring wetland acreage and improving wetland condition.</li> <li>Use one or more of the "Core Elements" in order to achieve this goal.</li> </ul>	Eligible Core Element Activities: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/wetland-program-development-grants-eligible-activities">https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/wetland-program-development-grants-eligible-activities</a>  Past WPDG Grants: <a href="https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/prts/f?p=101:101:8604647356901::NO">https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/prts/f?p=101:101:8604647356901::NO</a>
CWA 106	Under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act, states and tribes receive grant funding to	To assist states and tribes establish and implement ongoing water pollution control programs.	TRIBES: Page 3-8 of the "Final Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act"	TAS is required (per Section 518(e) of the Clean Water Act) before









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