EPA Indian Environmental General Assistance Program
FY27 Notice of Funding Availability

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Introductions

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FY27/CY27 Funding Announcement

- Read the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), including the national NOFA *and* the regional supplement.

- ***Work beginning on or after October 1, 2026***.

- Visit Region 10 Tribal Programs website and click on banner 1.

What GAP Funds

The Indian Environmental General Assistance Program provides financial and technical assistance to **Tribal Governments and Intertribal Consortia** to help Tribes:

(1) plan, develop, establish, and maintain the capacity to implement federal environmental programs administered by EPA, and

(2) implement Tribal solid and hazardous waste programs.

Base Funding

- Applicants may apply for up to $138,000, *depending on program need and existing balances*.
- Tribes with large reservations:
  - Umatilla, Spokane, and Quinault: up to $164,000.
  - Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, Shoshone Bannock, and Warm Springs: up to $174,000
  - Colville and Yakama: up to $184,000.

**EPA Region 10 will determine final amounts
after we receive a final federal budget.**

Deadlines

- Email the ***initial proposal*** by **February 13, 2026**. Negotiations begin. (*Applicants in Alaska without access to email may fax their applications to 907-271-6340.*)
  - Work plan(s), budget(s), *latest indirect cost rate or proposal (if applicable)*
- Submit the ***final application ([the forms]*)** by the date you negotiate with your Project Officer (but no later than **May 22, 2026**).
  - For Year 1, submit in Grants.gov.
  - For Years 2, 3, 4 (or 5 for PPGs), email the application to your Tribal Coordinator.
  - Tribal Consortia entering a NEW grant cycle: By **March 13, 2026**, each GAP-eligible member must provide documentation authorizing the consortium to apply for and receive the award on their behalf.

Performance Partnership Grants

- PPGs allow a Tribe to combine funds from at least two eligible EPA grant programs, including GAP, into a single grant: reduces administrative burden by a lot!
- 19 grants are eligible.
- Learn more about PPGs.

For PPGs: 105, 106, 319 Grants

- The **106/319 (water)** announcements should be out in about a week. They will have the same Feb. 13 due date and will be requesting multi-year proposals.

- The **105 (air)** funding announcement should also be out in about a week. EPA will request 2-year workplans, but there is flexibility for Tribes who want to apply for 4 years. If interested, contact your Project Officer.

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"In Lieu of" How?

Start by talking with:
- Your administration
- Your regional consortium or potential partner Tribe
- Your EPA Tribal Coordinator/Project Officer

Plan to:
- Work with partnering organization to develop or review their workplan and budget proposal and final application
- Get an email from an authorized Tribal representative authorizing partner organization's proposal and negotiation
- Get a letter from authorize Tribal representation supporting partner organization's final application

Getting Organized

- **Start early. Start early. Start early!**

- Review your current work plan & budget.
  - How much work and funding is left?
  - Are work plan commitments complete?
  - Is progress reporting complete?
  - Are drawdowns up to date?

- Review our handy dandy Proposal Checklist.

- Communicate important deadlines; plan for backup if needed.

- Check your Indirect Cost Rate (if your organization has one). If the rate has expired, propose a new rate to the *cognizant agency*.

- You may also request EPA's de minimus rate at (or up to) 15%.

High Balance?

- Should you request a no-cost extension or a reduced funding amount? Talk with your Project Officer.

  - **Option 1**: Request a no-cost extension that allows you to get prior work done without adding new commitments. *Request an extension at least 10 days before the end of your performance period*.

  - **Option 2**: Request reduced funding.

  - **Option 3**: Request an amendment to spend down your balance.

Budgets

- ***Budgets must provide a breakdown by line item for each year and must include sufficient detail for EPA to understand the expenditures. Costs must be supported by the workplan activities.***

- *Tip: Include the workplan commitment number in the budget.*

- Separate budget documents can be submitted for each year, or an Excel spreadsheet can be used, with separate columns or separate tabs for each year.

- You can use our Adobe PDF version, one of the Excel versions, or a version of your own. MORE LATER!

- Explain how costs were estimated for equipment, supplies, contracts, and other.

- Review EPA's online training, How to Develop a Budget.

Administrative Resources for Budgets

Work Plans

- A separate workplan can be submitted for each year, or a single document can be submitted covering multiple years. *MORE LATER!*
- ***Workplans must provide clear timelines and deliverables for each year.***
- Build on your FY26 work plan if you have one.
- Think carefully about deliverables. What can you manage?
- **Items and tasks in the work plan and budget must align**.
- Do your best work, but it doesn't have to be perfect.
- **Ask your Tribal Coordinator for help if you have any questions!**

Administrative Resources for Work Plans

Everybody's talking about… multi-year applications!

ETEPS and MULTI-YEAR WORK PLANS

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EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans Outline

- environmental priorities

- program goals

- milestones

- GAP Capacity Indicators

Workplans & Budgets Detail

- activities and timeframes

- outputs and deliverables

- staff time and costs

- outcomes expected

ETEPs

- Provide the big picture and framework for partnerships and programs.
- Describe Tribal environmental and health issues and priorities.

- Priorities that overlap with EPA's (protecting air, water, and land, preventing pollution, and responding to emergencies) should be the framework for your GAP program.

- Listing and describing issues and priorities is most important.
- For priorities you'll work to address with GAP, add program development goals, milestones, and capacity indicators.

Workplans

- Help achieve program goals toward addressing ETEP priorities

- Provide detailed descriptions of gap activities
- Timeframes, outputs and deliverables
- Staff time, costs, and expected outcomes

- An administrative component is a very important foundation.
- Build workplans around ETEP priorities (air, water, waste, pollution prevention, emergency response) or
- Build workplans around GAP core capacities (administrative, programmatic, communications, legal/compliance, technical)

Multi-Year Applications

- Reduce administrative burden
- Apply now for 1-4 years of work & funding
- Save time, reduce paperwork, streamline reporting

- Can have separate annual workplans or a single multi-year plan
- Separate annual budgets are required but can be combined in one file
- 1 set of application forms can cover 1-4 years!

Multi-Year Workplans

o Clear timeframes for activities

o Progress or changes in focus areas over time

o Enough detail that Tribal and EPA staff can easily see

- What work (tasks and outputs) will happen when
- Work matching staff time and costs (in workplan and budget)
- A clear path from resources to results (outcomes)

Tasks, Outputs, and Outcomes

- Tasks should describe work generally.
- Outputs are specific activities, services, and work products produced or provided.
- Outcomes are changes (in knowledge, behavior, or conditions) that should result.

- Ouputs: what will you put out?
- Timeframes: when will this happen?
- Outcomes: what good will come out of it?
- Short term (in the workplan period) and long-term (after)

How to Start a Multi-Year Proposal

- Review your ETEP priorities & program goals
- Start with your current workplan or from example components

- For each priority issue you'll work on with GAP, list key activities to conduct over 2-4 years
- Build a solid year 1 plan, then build out 1-3 more years

- Add tasks, focus areas, or outputs specific to each new year or
- Copy year 1 then update tasks, focus areas, or outputs each year

Example of Multi-Year Workplan Activities

ETEP Priority: Clean water.

Program goal: Develop a surface water monitoring program.

Multi-year Workplan Activities:

Year 1: Learn about surface waster issues, resources, and protection measures.

Year 2: Learn about water quality monitoring, get training, and develop a QAPP.

Year 3: Find a lab, get equipment, and begin sampling.

Year 4 and beyond: Continue sampling, analyze data, share information about results.

Planning a Multi-year Workplan

Plan for your Workplan to include:

- **Administrative component 1**

for work that must be done to manage your assistance agreement and program, and to build administrative capacities if necessary; and

- **2-4 other components**

for building other capacities, conducting projects, or developing programs that will help address priority issues from your ETEP.

Preparing Your Multi-year GAP Workplan

List activities necessary to manage your program and agreement.

Maintain tribal environmental office

Work with administration and manage staff

Research and respond to environmental issues

Manage budget, procurements, and records

Implement workplan, develop and submit reports and deliverables

Update ETEP, new proposal/application, and closeout every few years

Make these tasks under the Administrative component.

Laying the Foundation for Your Multi-year GAP Workplan

Review your EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan.

Select 2-3 priority issues your program will work to help address over 4 years.

water quality or pollution?
indoor or outdoor air quality?
waste management or recycling?
contaminated sites? spill or emergency response?
pollution prevention?
other?

*Make these titles for Priority based components
or tasks under Capacity based components.*

Preparing Your Multi-year GAP Workplan

For each priority environmental issue:

list activities to build capacity, conduct a project, and/or develop your program, that should help address it over the next 4 years.

research, training, or technical assistance?

communication, collaboration, outreach, or events?

prevention, baseline or site assessment, monitoring?

ordinance development, compliance assistance, or enforcement?

policy development or participation in permitting process?

planning or grant writing?

Make these tasks under Priority or Capacity based components.

Framing Up Your Multi-year GAP Workplan

For each priority issue's activities: pick timeframes over the next 4 years.

Ex: Priority: Landfill, Outcome: Increase Recycling

research, training	Year 1 & 2	Q1-2
planning, procurement	Year 1	Q3-4
install community bins	Year 2	Q1
empty bins weekly	Year 2, 3 & 4	Q1-4
newsletter articles	Year 2 & 3	Q1 & Q3
school activities	Year 2 & 3	Q2

Later, add these tasks and timeframes to applicable components and years.

Building Out Your Year #1 GAP Workplan

To each component: add tasks, outputs, and timeframes.

Add tasks for activities you'll conduct every year to your Administrative and other Priority or Capacity based components.

Add tasks for Year 1 activities you'll work on toward addressing each priority issue to applicable priority or objective based components.

Add specific outputs (efforts, work products, services) necessary to complete each task.

Add timeframes for working on each task.

Finishing Your Year 1 GAP Workplan

To each component: add outcomes and estimate staff time and costs.

Review tasks, outputs, and timeframes.

List short-term and long-term outcomes (changes in knowledge, behaviors, or conditions that should come from this work in the next 5-10 years).

Estimate FTE or Workyears necessary (total staff time to complete all tasks in the component.

Estimate Component Cost (to complete all tasks in the component, including staff time, other direct costs, and indirect if applicable).

Multi-Year Applications: Benefits

- Encourages long-range planning.
- Saves time on annual GAP negotiations with EPA Project Officer.
- You don't have to resubmit all the forms every year.
- Establishes a greater sense of ongoing stability for Tribal environmental programs.

Multi-Year Applications: How to

- EPA requests that applicants beginning a new 4-year GAP grant in 2027 apply for four years of funding (if possible).
- Other applicants should apply for as many years as are remaining in their budget cycle (if possible).
- Submit a work plan and budget for each year.
  - There is no required format. The Tribe may submit a work plan and budget for each year as stand-alone documents, or one document containing all work plans and budgets.
  - See EPA's sample multi-year budget and workplan templates on our GAP web page.

Multi-Year Work Plans: How to

The ETEP outlines the short-term goals. The work plan outlines the steps you will take.

Sample ETEP Priority: Clean water that supports cultural practices, healthy fish and is safe for human consumption.

Long-range goal: Return of healthy and abundant fish to our waterways.

Short-term goal: Understand the factors impacting the health of fish.

Work Plan

Year 1: Learn about factors that impact the health of watersheds.

Year 2: Assess and select sites for water quality testing and determine the types of testing that meet our needs.

Year 2 or 3: Write or adapt a QAPP for testing locations and parameters and get approval from EPA.

Year 3 or 4: Acquire equipment to conduct testing and attend training to use it. Identify a lab to work with and learn how to analyze results. Create a log and storage plan for test results. Conduct testing.
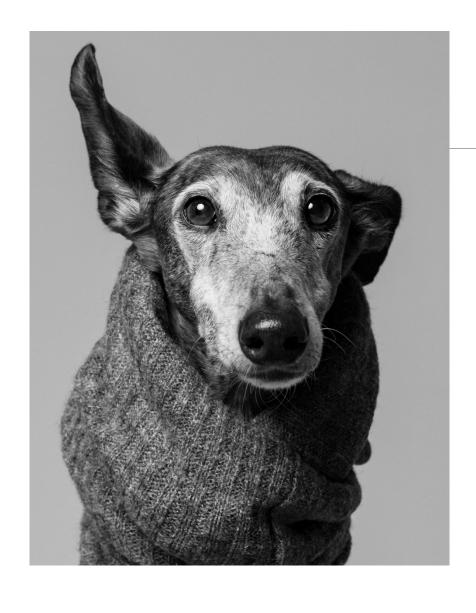
Year 4 and beyond: Identify areas of concern and seek remedies and partners to support restoration of the waterway.

Multi-Year Applications: How to

- EPA recognizes that priorities can change. Your Tribal Coordinator will check in with you each year to see if you wish to make changes.

- **Work plans and budgets can be revised whenever needed** and, in most cases, will not require new forms.

- **EPA expects the most level of detail in the first year's work plan.**

- The following years will build from there, including new activities for the existing work plan components, or new topic areas altogether.

Questions?

Application Review Criteria (1)

Current grant recipients must:

- Be **making satisfactory progress** (meeting project goals and completing work plan commitments in a timely manner, and overseeing finances) and, if not, have a corrective action plan in place.

- Be **current with all reporting requirements** (progress reporting, closeout requirements for prior GAP grants, and annual federal financial reports).

- Ensure that the **proposed work plan is not identical to previous work plans.**

- Have a **demonstrated history of being responsive to EPA requests** for information and modifications.

Application Review Criteria (2)

Regions will consider:

- The **amount of GAP funding** the region receives and the number of Tribes and Intertribal Consortia that apply.
- Whether the **application was received on time.**
- The applicant's level of **unexpended GAP funds and federal debt.**
- Whether a current grant recipient is **making regular drawdowns** per the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

Application Review Criteria (3)

- Whether the **work plan includes all the required elements**, including commitments, long-term and intermediate outcomes, and outputs and deliverables.

- Whether proposed **activities are allowable and costs reasonable** to achieve the project goals.

- Whether proposed activities help the Tribe achieve priorities identified in the **EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP)**.

- *If the Tribe does not have a current ETEP, the work plan should include a commitment to complete one.*

Where to Find Templates and Forms

EPA'S GAP WEB PAGE

- Work Plan Templates and Instructions (one year, multiyear, combined ETEP and GAP)

- Budget Templates (Adobe and Excel), including a new sample multiyear budget in Excel

- A link to all the forms

- An optional proposal checklist

Administrative Resources

ANTHC'S RESOURCE PAGE

- Air Work Plan Component Template
- Climate Change Template
- Emergency Preparedness Template
- Environmental Education Template
- Shoreline Erosion Template
- Solid Waste Template
- ANCSA Contaminated Sites

More Resources

- Review the GAP Technical Assistance Handbook.
- Talk with community and Tribal leaders. What are their concerns?
- Gather ideas at workshops and conferences.
- Visit EPA Region 10's Air & Climate, Land, and Water pages.
- Review EPA Region 10's Sample Workplan Components on ANTHC's Resource page.
- Talk with other experienced Tribes and Tribal Consortia.
- Contact a Tribal Specialist.
- Reach out to your EPA Tribal Coordinator.

Applying Online

GET YOUR SAM.GOV, LOGIN.GOV, and GRANTS.GOV DUCKS IN A ROW!

- Applicants must have a <mark>Login.gov account</mark> to sign into Grants.gov and access SAM.gov.

- A current <mark>SAM.gov registration</mark> is required to apply in Grants.gov and to draw down existing funds through ASAP. To renew your registration = one week. To REVIVE your registration = ??? **Check your registration status NOW and make note of the expiration date**.

- **For <mark>Grants.gov</mark>, identify your Authorized Representative NOW** and ensure that he/she is prepared to submit the application. Have the user names, passwords, and a backup plan.

Technical Assistance Providers

- Region 10 Intertribal Consortia

- APEX Accelerators (formerly PTAC) for SAM registration

- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)

- Environmental Protection Network

Coming Events

- **Alaska IGAP Workshop** (EPA/ANTHC): Dec. 9-11, 2025

- **The Competition Process: EPA Webinar:** Dec. 17

- **6PPD & 6PPD-Quinone: EPA Webinar:** Dec. 17

- **GAP NOFA Webinar 2: Tips and Forms:** Jan. 6, 2026

- **Alaska Forum on the Environment (AFE):** Feb. 2-6, 2026

- **Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (ATCEM)**: March 24-27, 2026

- **Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit**: Proposed for the first week of August 2026 (Western Washington)

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Proposals are due February 13, 2026!