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GOVERNMENT GRANTS

■ AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grants (amounts vary)

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) encourages tribal governments to apply for grants to fund programs that enlist AmeriCorps members to address community issues, including disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. The amount of individual awards varies according to the grantor. For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/cGVQB>

DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. CNCS urges applicants to submit a Notification of Intent to Apply, which is available at <http://ow.ly/ZsoUN>, by Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

CONTACT: AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov

■ Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grants (\$500 million)

The Department of Transportation is making TIGER funding available for capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for urban and rural communities. Eligible applicants include state, local, and tribal governments. For more information, read FAQs, <http://go.usa.gov/cGsH4>

DEADLINE: Friday, April 29, 2016. For application information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/cGssV>

CONTACT: TIGERgrants@dot.gov



TRAININGS & MEETINGS

On-Site Mentoring Available

The [Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals](http://www.itep.org) (ITEP) is offering seven on-site mentoring opportunities for tribes to develop or refine solid waste programs.

In 2015, projects included the following:

- The Havasupai Tribe in the Grand Canyon worked with a composting technical expert to develop a composting program, helping the tribe to divert a significant amount of solid waste.
- The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians collaborated with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to learn about new source-reduction and waste-diversion strategies to develop a Zero Waste plan. (continued)

All successful applicants can request peer-to-peer consultation with another tribe, or they can request a visit from a subject matter expert to their tribe. ITEP will reimburse all travel expenses for a visit to another tribe.

DEADLINE: Applications will be reviewed as they come in, so applications submitted as soon as possible would increase chances of applicants being selected for the program.

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APPLY: [More information and to apply for the onsite mentoring program.](#)

The Latest on Lead and Healthy Housing

The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Manager's School and the Lead and Healthy Housing Conference are hosting a program featuring "how to" workshops on childhood lead poisoning prevention, lead hazard control, healthy and green housing, grant administration, education and outreach. For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/Zvmnd>

WHERE & WHEN: Monday, May 2, 2016, to Thursday, May 5, 2016; Albuquerque, New Mexico.

REGISTRATION: To register, visit <http://ow.ly/ZvlOL>

CONTACT: Steve Weil, (301) 924-0804.

Maximizing Solid Waste Management Plans

ITEP is hosting "Developing and Implementing a Tribal Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan" in June. This course will include classroom training and small-group activities. Up to 20 participants will be accepted. All attendees who work for federally recognized tribes will have their lodging costs covered in advance; scholarships are available that reimburse travel and per diem expenses.

LOCATION: Alexandria, VA

DEADLINE: Friday, May 13, 2016.

[Download the registration form](#) (listed under 'Jun 14-16, Developing Tribal ISWMPs)

CONTACT: Roberta Tohannie, (928) 523-2082 or roberta.tohannie@nau.edu

A Focus on Air Quality

The National Tribal Forum on Air will address current policies, regulatory initiatives, and technical and topics in air quality. The May conference is being coordinated by ITEP and the National Tribal Air Association, with funding from EPA. The Seneca Nation of Indians and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe are hosting the meeting.

WHERE & WHEN: Tuesday, May 17, 2016, to Thursday, May 19, 2016; Niagara Falls, New York.

REGISTRATION: To register, visit <http://ow.ly/Zvpde>

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WEBINARS

EPA's New Tool, C-FERST

This webinar will offer an overview of EPA's Community-Focused Exposure and Risk Tool (C-FERST). C-FERST is expected to increase the availability and accessibility of information, maps, and related environmental data to help communities understand potential environmental public health issues in their communities. The tool also incorporates information about promising sustainable community solutions, structured community guides, local maps and reports, fact sheets, and links to other public

health information sources and decision-making tools. For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/cMzw6>

WHEN: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Pacific Time, Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

REGISTRATION: To join the webinar, register at <http://ow.ly/10hGlc>. To listen, call 1 (866) 299-3188 and enter the access code 2025646669.

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