



RTOC Tribal Caucus FY18 Budget Recommendations

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Tribal Funding Priorities

General Assistance Program (GAP)

Clean Water Act Section 106

Clean Water Act Section 319

Clean Air Act Sections 103 and 105

Solid Waste Implementation

GAP

GAP funding continues to be the foundation for tribes to develop and maintain environmental programs in Region IX



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GAP Challenges

Current Implementation of GAP Guidance has increased administrative burdens reducing time and dollars available for maximizing environmental results

GAP Online continues to be awkward to work with and is not a meaningful tool to report the capacity development of tribes

Maintaining of trained tribal environmental personnel needs adequate funding to sustain staff



GAP Challenges

Solid waste activities have only been approved until 2020 while Congress' language does not have a limited time frame

Development of capacity leads to funding needs for media specific programs



Overcoming GAP Challenges

Discontinue implementing the GAP Guidance

Create a Tribal/EPA Workgroup to collaborate on an effective approach for meeting the expectations of the Office of Inspector General and Congress on showing environmental results

Continue solid waste activities in GAP as Congress intended

Increase funding and flexibility to enable tribes to use GAP funding effectively



Clean Water Act Funding

Increases in eligible tribes for CWA programs require additional funds to be available

Section 106

Increase the tribal national allocation to 20% from 12.2%

Section 319

Increase the national tribal allocation to 10% from 5%

Double the base funding amount

Providing water for wildlife and cattle on the Hualapai Indian Reservation through Apron Catchment Construction to capture rain and snow



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Clean Air Act Funding

Funding has been stagnant for the last 10 years
EPA is not funding tribes with emergent air
programs

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GAP: \$27.2 Million

CWA 106: \$17.6 Million

CWA 319: \$8 Million

CWA 104(b)(3): \$3 Million

CAA 103 & 105: \$6.8 Million

SDWA SRF Tribal Set Aside: \$10 Million

CWA SRF Tribal Set Aside: \$17.2 Million

Source Water Assessment/Protection: \$.5 Million

Climate Change: \$6.8 Million

Tribal Multimedia Implementation: \$1.9 Million



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FIFRA OPP: \$1 Million

FIFRA OECA: \$1.8 Million

Radon/Indoor Air: \$1 Million

Solid Waste Implementation: \$7.8 Million

CERCLA Brownfields 128a: \$3 Million

Underground Storage Tanks: \$.6 Million

Leaking Underground Storage Tanks: \$1 Million

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FY18 Regional Funding Recommendation

Total Region 9 Tribal Caucus Budget
Recommendation for FY18 Regional
Tribal Program Funding = \$125.5 Million

Funding and flexibility

Successful environmental results in Indian Country requires both adequate funding and flexibility to enable tribes to use environmental program funding effectively.

