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# Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

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Tribal Water Section • October 2016

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The **Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program** assists federally-recognized Indian tribes develop and implement polluted runoff control programs and watershed-based plans that address critical water quality concerns and achieve positive environmental results.

## Funding Availability

Approximately \$8 million is anticipated to be allocated for Clean Water Act §319 tribal programs nationwide. This will allow awards of \$30,000 (for tribes with land area less than 1,000 sq. miles) or \$50,000 (for tribes with land area more than 1,000 sq. miles) in base funding to eligible tribes. The remaining funds will be awarded to eligible tribes through a national competition to support the implementation of priority “on-the-ground” watershed projects that will lead to water quality improvements (up to \$100,000 per project).

## Eligible Activities (but not limited to):

- Implementing the tribe’s approved Nonpoint Source (NPS) management program
- Implementing best management practices (BMPs) that will reduce or eliminate NPS pollution in receiving water bodies, resulting in water quality benefits
- Implementing “on-the-ground” watershed projects (i.e., stream restoration, revegetation, buffer strips, installing gabions, tree planting, removal of invasive/non-native species, and more)
- Developing and implementing a watershed based plan
- Conducting NPS education programs
- Hiring qualified staff
- Training and travel

## Eligible Applicants:

*Federally Recognized Indian Tribes*

## CWA §319 Grant Program Eligibility Requirements:

Tribes must have an approved NPS Assessment Report and Management Plan and have met the following Financial Assistance Eligibility (FAE) requirements by **October 14, 2016**:

1. Federal recognition
2. Substantial governmental duties and powers
3. Legal authority and jurisdiction over tribal lands or reservation
4. Capability to carry out functions to be exercised in the manner consistent with the terms and purposes of the Clean Water Act and all applicable regulations

For more information, please refer to EPA Region 9’s FAE Handbook for Indian Tribes at [www.epa.gov/tribal/clean-water-act-water-quality-planning-and-protection-programs-financial-assistance](http://www.epa.gov/tribal/clean-water-act-water-quality-planning-and-protection-programs-financial-assistance)



*The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is using 319 funds to reduce NPS pollution on their reservation.*

## FY2017 Submission Schedule

### COMPETITIVE FUNDING:

Eligible applicants submit proposal and required supplemental documents through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

For more information on the Tribal NPS Competitive Program, including proposal content information and submission instructions, refer to the FY2017 Request for Proposals anticipated to be posted online November 2016 at [water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/tribal](http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/tribal).

*Proposals are Anticipated to be Due Mid-December 2016*

### BASE FUNDING:

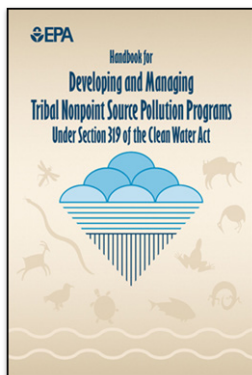
Eligible applicants submit a proposed work plan and budget to assigned Clean Water Act Grants Project Officer.

**Due February 24, 2016**

All applicants must submit their final grant application (i.e., SF-424, work plan, budget, and required forms/certifications) through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Due Spring 2017**

For more information on the Tribal NPS Base Program, including submission instructions, refer to the Tribal NPS Base Guidelines available online at [water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/tribal](http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/tribal).



For more information, including eligibility requirements, funding information and useful resources, please review the Handbook for Developing and Managing Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Programs.

This and other resources are available under 'Training and Resources' at [water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/tribal](http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/tribal).

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