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# Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

Water Division  
Tribal Clean Water Section    October 2024

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The **Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program** helps 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 \$13 million is anticipated to be allocated for Clean Water Act (CWA) §319 Tribal programs nationwide. This will allow awards of \$45,000 (for Tribes with land area less than 2 sq. miles), \$50,000 (for Tribes with land area between 2 to 50 sq. miles), \$55,000 (for Tribes with land area between 50 to 500 sq. miles), or \$70,000 (for Tribes with land area more than 500 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 \$125,000 per project).

## Examples of Eligible Activities

- 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 (stream restoration, revegetation, buffer strips, installing gabions, tree planting, removal of invasive/non-native species, or others)
- Developing and implementing a watershed-based plan
- Conducting NPS education programs
- Hiring qualified staff
- Training and travel



*The Middletown Rancheria is using EPA funding to install straw waddles to help minimize erosion and to reduce sediment levels in stormwater runoff entering the Saint Helena Creek.*

## 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 11, 2024**:

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 a manner consistent with the terms and purposes of the CWA and all applicable regulations

For more information, please refer to EPA Region 9’s FAE Handbook for Indian Tribes at

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-11/r9-cwa-financial-assistance-eligibility-handbook-for-indian-tribes.pdf>

## FY2025 Submission Schedule

### Competitive Funding:

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

**Proposals Due  
December 11, 2024**

For more information on the Tribal NPS Competitive Program, including proposal content information and submission instructions, refer to the FY2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity posted online in September 2024 at [www.epa.gov/nps/tribal-319-grant-program](http://www.epa.gov/nps/tribal-319-grant-program).

### Base Funding:

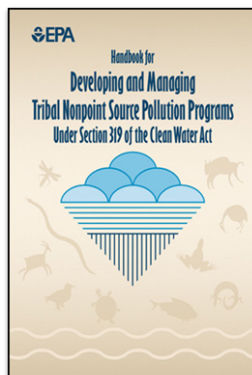
Eligible applicants submit a proposed work plan and budget to assigned CWA Grants Project Officer.

**Proposals Due  
February 28, 2025**

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).

**Application Due  
Spring 2025**

For more information on the Tribal NPS Base Program, including submission instructions, refer to the Tribal NPS Base Guidelines available online at [www.epa.gov/nps/tribal-319-grant-program](http://www.epa.gov/nps/tribal-319-grant-program).



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 ‘Resources and Training’ at [www.epa.gov/nps/tribal-319-grant-program](http://www.epa.gov/nps/tribal-319-grant-program).

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