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Region 5 Tribal Grants Fact Sheet

Purpose: To support and promote air quality protection programs in Indian Country

Types of projects funded under the program: Under Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 103, EPA awards grants to “conduct and promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigation, experiments, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects (including health and welfare effects), extent, prevention, and control of air pollution.” Projects funded include air quality monitoring efforts, surveys, indoor air assessments and other air quality studies, tribal air program and infrastructure development, data collection, emission inventories, source identification, participation in haze and visibility regional organizations, training to support these activities, education and outreach.

Under CAA Section 105, EPA is authorized to make grants to help fund the “cost of implementing programs for the prevention and control of air pollution or implementation of national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards.” This would include the enforcement of air pollution control regulations, implementation and enforcement of air quality regulations to address violations of the ambient air quality health standards.

Eligibility: Federally recognized Indian tribes and/or their tribal non-profit organizations as described in Sections 103 and 105 of the CAA of 1990. “Treatment as an affected state” status is not a requirement before receiving these funds, however, a matching requirement for Section 105 grants is substantially reduced for tribes with “treatment as an affected state” status.

Availability of Funds: Funding becomes available every year. The amount available for Region 5 tribes is contingent upon appropriations.

Application Process: Region 5 tribal grant applications for air pollution control projects are due in January. A solicitation letter will be sent to all Region 5 tribes in August explaining the requirements of the workplan, the due date, and the criteria used for evaluating applications. Projects are then usually scheduled to start on May 1st. EPA staff will assist interested tribes in creating workplans that fulfill the goals of the tribe’s environmental program. Please contact your Tribal Coordinator for workplan development assistance.

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