

**U.S. EPA Region 9 General Assistance Program  
Funding Opportunity**

**Co-sponsoring the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Region 9 Tribal / EPA Conference  
and the Fall 2013 Regional Tribal Operation Committee (RTOC) Meeting**

**Letter of Intent Due Date: February 3, 2012**

The purpose of the Annual Tribal/EPA Conference is to build tribal capacity, further common goals and advance the mutual interests of Tribal Governments and EPA in the protection of human health and the environment in Indian Country. The conference also provides Region 9 tribes with a broad array of environmental information, a forum for discussing critical environmental issues, and the opportunity to network with other environmental professionals and government agencies. The conference is expected to last two and a half days, draws approximately 400 registrants, and is usually held in the Fall.

Since the annual Tribal/EPA Conference supports mutual objectives, this conference is jointly sponsored by a tribal government or coalition and EPA. *Agenda planning, speaker selection and conference logistics will be decided jointly by the tribal co-sponsor and the EPA.*

This funding announcement is for the co-sponsorship of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in the Fall of 2013 and for the 2013 RTOC meeting that will be hosted in Indian Country, and beyond.

**Note:** We are encouraging letters of intent from grantees who are interested in co-sponsoring the Tribal/EPA Conference for more than one year. Historically, the conference has alternated locations between San Francisco, CA and Indian Country.

The selected tribal co-sponsor will have the opportunity to shadow and be mentored by the tribal co-sponsor during the planning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Region 9 Tribal/EPA Conference and RTOC meeting to be held in the Fall of 2012 in San Francisco, CA. Please note, if no letters of intent are received by the due date, EPA will consider postponing the 2013 conference.

The estimated funding amount for the conference is between \$70,000 and \$120,000. It is highly recommended that the tribal co-sponsor consult EPA's green meetings web site when considering the conference. The link can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/oppt/greenmeetings/pubs/who.html> .

**If you are interested in co-sponsoring this conference, please send your letter of intent by February 3, 2012, to:**

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