

**Alaska Forum on the Environment
Tribal Healthy Homes Funding Panel
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US Environmental Protection Agency

Background

- Indoor air quality (and thus a healthy home) is priority for EPA
- EPA's primary responsibilities are for outdoor air and larger scale pollution sources covered by the Clean Air Act
- Despite this focus, EPA aims to support the public's need for healthy homes through outreach and education

EPA Priorities Related to Healthy Homes

- **Addressing Climate Change and Improving air quality**
 - Efficiency improvements in homes, buildings, appliances
 - Partnerships with other federal agencies
- **Taking action on toxics and chemical safety**
 - Reducing radon risk
 - Identifying and addressing children's health risks in schools and homes
- **Launching an era of new state, tribal, and local partnerships**

Example Healthy Homes Activities

- Obtain **training** on healthy homes, indoor air, household hazardous waste, & more
- Conduct **baseline assessments** of indoor air quality, hazards in home environments
- **Getting to know** housing and health staff and form **partnerships**
- **Provide education and outreach** to the on wood smoke, indoor air, household chemicals, and more

EPA Indoor Environments Grants

Outreach and Education

National

- Up to \$200K per year for up to 3 years
- Project must have national impact/be replicable
- Tribal consortia are eligible

Regional

- Up to \$40K for up to 2 years
- Projects will benefit regional areas
- Tribes and tribal consortia are eligible

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EPA Radon Grants

State Indoor Radon Grants (SIRG)

For states and tribal radon outreach programs

- Requires a match from grantees
- Funding restored as part of Omnibus Bill
 - No official decision on the budget/grants

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Indian General Assistance Program (GAP)

Primary purpose:

Assist Tribes in building capacity to administer environmental programs consistent with federal laws EPA implements (based on individual Tribal needs). Supports environmental program development.

- Tribes and Tribal Consortia are eligible
- Approximately \$125,000 per award
- Non-competitive grant

GAP & Healthy Homes

Grantees *may* be able to include healthy homes in their workplans as connected to air quality capacity.

- Check with your Project Officer
- Refer to the new GAP Guidance and Guidebook (Appendix I):

<http://www.epa.gov/tp/GAP-guidance-final.pdf>

Clean Air Act Grants

Section 103 provides grants to study or investigate causes and prevention of air pollution

- Request for Proposals typically released in December of each year
- Proposals due February 10th, 2014
- Awards range from \$30K to \$100K+ per year

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Environmental Justice Grants

Collaborative Problem Solving – Cooperative Agreement - \$120,000

● **Proposals due February 18, 2014**

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-cps-grants.html>

EJ Small Grants - approximately \$30,000

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

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Pollution Prevention Grants

Pollution Prevention – Energy Efficiency & Weatherization

\$75,000-150,000 (requires a 1-1 match)

- Grants to demonstrate or implement programs to encourage source reduction and pollution prevention.
- States and Tribes are eligible
- **Proposals due March 20, 2014**

<http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/index.htm>

and RFP

<http://epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/ppis/2014rfpp2grant.pdf>

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Eligibility for EPA Grants

- Federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia are typically eligible for EPA grants
- Always check funding announcements for specifics
- Grants are released at different times of the year – depends on the grant

Visit **www.grants.gov**

or

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Tips for Applying for EPA Grants

- Talk with prior grantees
- Read the request for proposals closely, and write your application match the proposal
- Find a balance – make sure your goals are reasonable and attainable, and that results can be measured

Getting Started

- First, read the Request for Proposals (RFP) and determine if you are eligible
- Second, read through the evaluation section. Knowing how your proposal will be evaluated will guide you through the application process.
- Note: All federal competitive RFPs include an evaluation explanation and scoring system.

Proposal Development Tips

- Have you clearly explained the problem you are trying to address?
- Have you expressed how you will engage and help the public?
- How well connected is your narrative/workplan with your budget?

More Considerations...

- Would a stranger be able to read your application and know what you are proposing?
- Have you proof-read your materials?
- Have you asked someone else to review them?

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