

Overview of BIA Tribal Resilience Awards Program 2020

January 9, 2020

The presentation will be recorded and archived for those unable to attend the live session.

A link to this will be available at the ITEP website



Tribal Resilience Program (TRP)

- Empower **Federally-recognized tribes** and BIA Trust managers to achieve long-term program goals by mainstreaming considerations for **extreme events and harmful environmental trends that put tribal and Trust resources at risk.**
- Planning and project design can minimize impacts, reducing the scale of emergencies, infrastructure damage, and threats to human health and well-being.
- Leadership engagement, delivery of data and tools, training, tribal capacity-building and federal coordination for improved planning and management.
 - Implementation is the tribal program's responsibility



Where we invest and why

Tribes that encounter and prioritize issues such as:

- extreme events (e.g., flooding, drought, wildfire),
- toxic harmful algal blooms and ocean acidification,
- storm surge and permafrost degradation, etc.

- TRP supports resilient **adaptation planning** for these extreme events and harmful environmental trends
- TRP also supports **ocean and coastal planning and management**, and **relocation, managed retreat** and **protect-in-place planning** in coastal and riverine communities.



Solicitation on Grants.gov

- Open to **Federally-recognized tribes and tribal organizations that serve federally recognized tribes** as defined in 25 U.S.C. 5304(I)
 - Solicitation Opportunity Number: BIA-TRP2020-0001
 - Posted 12/17/2019, Closes 03/02/2020
 - Federal Register list (2/1/2019):
 - <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/01/2019-00897/indian-entities-recognized-by-and-eligible-to-receive-services-from-the-united-states-bureau-of>
- Submit to resilience.funding@bia.gov
- Please limit length to **6 pages** for the proposal, not including supplemental materials
- Other entities may participate as sub-grantees



Where to find more information

Find the solicitation on:

- Grants.gov <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=bia%20trp> and
- TRP website: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program>

FY 2020 TRIBAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM AWARDS

Regional Adaptation/Resilience Training; Adaptation/Resilience Planning and Data Development; Travel Support for Adaptation/Resilience planning; Ocean and Coastal Management Planning; Travel Support for Ocean and Coastal Management Planning; Capacity Building for Adaptation/Resilience Planning; Relocation, Managed Retreat, or Protect-in-Place Planning "

If you have questions or feedback about the proposal or review process, please submit it by email to resilience.funding@bia.gov.

FY 2020 SOLICITATION RESOURCES

- **FY 2020 Application Kit (pdf)** - Notice of Funding (proposal requirements)  Solicitation
- **Proposal Cover Page (fillable pdf)** - to aid in correct filing
- Optional Application Forms (fillable pdf) for:
 - **Category 3: Adaption Planning Travel Support** 
 - **Category 5: Ocean and Coastal Management Travel Support**  Fillable Applications / Cover Pages
 - **Category 6: Capacity Building** 
- **BIA Regional Contacts (pdf)**
- **FAQ's for Proposal and Awards (pdf)**

2020 Categories of Funding

- Adaptation Planning (Cat. 1-3)
 - Cat 1: Trainings and Workshops (\$150,000 max)
 - Cat 2: Adaptation Planning (\$150,000 max)
 - Cat 3: Travel Support - Adaptation Planning (\$15,000 max)
- Ocean and Coastal Planning (Cat. 4-5)
 - Cat 4: Ocean and Coastal Mgmt Planning (max \$150,000)
 - Cat 5: Travel Support - Ocean and Coastal (\$15,000)
- Capacity Building (Cat. 6) **to Develop Cat 2** (\$65,000 max)
- Relocation, Managed Retreat, and Protect-in-Place Planning (Cat. 7) for coastal and riverine communities (\$150,000 max)
- Limit of one award per Category per Tribe, not to exceed two larger awards per Tribe. **Travel Support awards** (Cat. 3 and 5) **do not count toward this limit.**



Mandatory Components for Applications

1. Cover page (optional fillable form on TRP site):
https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/bia/ots/tcrp/FY2020TRPAwards_RFP.pdf
2. Cover letter with signature summarizing interest and leadership support, or Tribal resolution
3. Proposal describing the proposed project and associated activities (**6 page max**)
4. Detailed budget estimate- Excel preferred, Word accepted
5. Current Negotiated Indirect Cost Agreement, or other statement if in process, or that the Tribe does not have one

And, 3 Requirements: active DUNS, current registration in SAM, and current enrollment in ASAP with BIA



Mandatory Components and Requirements by Category of Funding

	Fillable Application Template	Mandatory Component 1: Cover page	Mandatory Component 2: Cover letter	Mandatory Component 3: Project proposal	Mandatory Component 4: Detailed Budget	Mandatory Component 5: Indirect Agreement	Requirement 1: Active DUNS number	Requirement 2: Current SAM registration	Requirement 3: ASAP Enrollement with BIA
Category 1: Trainings and workshops		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Category 2: Adaptation Planning		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Category 3: Travel Support - Adaptation	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Category 4: Ocean & Coastal Management Planning		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Category 5: Travel Support - Ocean & Coastal	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Category 6: Capacity Building	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Category 7: Relocation, Managed Retreat or Protect-in-Place Planning		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Fillable Applications for Travel and Capacity Building Categories

- Optional but recommended- avoids errors by including all required information
- Sets appropriate expectations for smaller awards (word count limit)
- Provides budget table example
- Note: Still need to provide other Mandatory attachments:
 - Signed cover letter or Tribal resolution
 - Budget table (Excel or Word file)
 - Current Indirect Cost Agreement
 - System for Awards Management (SAM) printout

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** Avoid errors on our part by providing critical proposal details up front **

FY 2020 BIA Tribal Resilience Program Funding Request Application Category 3: Travel Support – Adaptation Planning

Instructions: Accurate completion of this form, with all the requested information and in adherence with scoring criteria, from the solicitation document, will result in a successful application for Category 3: Travel Support – Adaptation Planning. Ensure that each event proposed is specific to adaptation and resilience, such as emergency management, in response to extreme events, adaptation planning training, or an event that includes coordination with related groups involved in resilience activities at the local, state, regional and / or national scale.

Total Funding Requested From BIA (Maximum: \$15,000): \$ _____
(Please include approved indirect rate in the total; rounded to the nearest dollar. Do not include in-kind or matching funding.)

Full Name of Proposing Tribe or Tribal Organization ("Tribal Organization" defined in 25 U.S.C. 5304[1]): _____

Proposing Tribe's DUNS # (9 digits): _____

Proposing Tribe Currently Enrolled in SAM?

(Required) For more information, see Request for Proposals Appendix.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Proposing Tribe Currently Enrolled with BIA in ASAP (Automated Standard Application for Payments)? (Required) For more information, see Request for Proposals Appendix.

☐ Yes ☐ No

ASAP Recipient ID: _____

Attached Cover letter with signature summarizing interest and leadership support?

(Required, unless tribal resolution is available)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Date Submitted: _____

Lead Contact Information:

Helpful Resources



Helpful Regional Partners - Contacts

- List of regional points of contact:
 - https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/bia/ots/tcrp/TRPcontacts_update1219.pdf
 - BIA Tribal Resilience Program POCs
 - Federal and non-federal partners: CASCs, LCCs, RISAs, USDA Climate Hubs
 - Tribal Resilience Liaisons at DOI Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs)...



Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
Tribal Resilience Program (TRP)
BIA TRP National and Regional Contacts

BIA Tribal Resilience Program Coordinator - for national [BIA TRP Program](#) questions and federal coordination
Rachael Novak, rachael.novak@bia.gov, 202-219-1652 1849 C St. NW, MIB 4631, Washington DC, 20240
BIA TRP Federal-wide Resources and IT / GIS Support: David O'Donnell, GISP, david.o'donnell@bia.gov, 303-231-5249

BIA Tribal Resilience Regional Contacts
 Regional POC / Alternate(s) - For questions on 638 resilience-related contracts, [funding](#), training, and [BIA resilience projects](#)
Tribal Resilience Liaisons - Serving at the [Climate Science Center](#) regional scale, sponsored by an inter-tribal organization, [liaisons](#) provide technical assistance / extension services / CSC integrated research for area Tribes through an annual work plan
Landscape Conservation Cooperatives: LCCs provide resilience data & projects through partnerships across large landscapes

BIA Alaska Region		Regional Resilience Resources
POC: Rosalie Debenham rosalie.debenham@bia.gov 907-586-7444 Alternate: Keith Kahklen keith.kahklen@bia.gov	AK CSC Tribal Liaison: Malinda Chase malindac@apal.org , o: 907-474-2768, c: 907-460-8438 Through Aleutian Pribilof Islands Assoc. for the: Alaska Climate Science Center (hosted site) / IARC University of Alaska Fairbanks (930 Koyukuk Drive) PO Box 757340, Fairbanks, AK 99775	Landscape Conservation Cooperatives: Aleutian and Bering Sea Islands, Arctic North Pacific (STEK), Northwest Boreal, Western Alaska (AK-wide CPA for data sharing)
BIA Eastern Region		Regional Resilience Resources
POC: Harold Peterson harold.peterson@bia.gov 615-564-6838 Alternates: Chester McGhee, chester.mcgee@bia.gov and Leonard "Lindy" Rawlings leonard.rawlings@bia.gov	Eastern Tribal Liaison: Casey Thornbrugh (profile) cthornbrugh@usetinc.org , c: 615-589-1629 Through the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. for the Northeast CSC (hosted site) & Southeast CSC (hosted site) Northeast Climate Science Center, U. of Massachusetts 233 Morrill Science Center (mail) [126A/office] 611 North Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA 01003-9297 Midwest Tribal Liaison for NE CSC: Sara Smith ssmith@menominee.edu , 920-202-6278 Through CMN Sustainable Development Institute for the: Northeast Climate Science Center (hosted website) USFS - Northern Forest Research Station, St. Paul, MN 55108	Landscape Conservation Cooperatives: Appalachian Gulf Coast Plains & Ozarks (CPA), Gulf Coast Prairie (CPA), Peninsular Florida, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, Upper Midwest & Great Lakes, (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative)
BIA Eastern Oklahoma		Regional Resilience Resources
POC: Allison Ross allison.ross@bia.gov 918-781-4660 Alternate: Lisa Atwell lisa.atwell@bia.gov	SC CSC Tribal Liaison: April Taylor April.Taylor@chickasaw.net , 580-235-7430 Chickasaw Nation / Choctaw Nation Consortia Member South Central CSC (hosted website)	Landscape Conservation Cooperatives: Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers, Gulf Coast Plains & Ozarks (CPA), Gulf Coast Prairie (CPA)
BIA Great Plains		Regional Resilience Resources
POC: Diane Mann-Klagner diane.mann-klager@bia.gov 605-226-7621 Alternate: Wayne Stone wayne.stone@bia.gov	North Central CSC Tribal Liaison: Stefan Tangen Stefan.G.Tangen@gmail.com , 907-987-5127 North Central Climate Science Center (hosted website) Dr. Robin O'Malley, Director, USGS, romalley@usgs.gov Dr. Shannon McNeeley, NC CSC Tribal Project Lead Shannon.McNeeley@colostate.edu , 970-491-1852	Landscape Conservation Cooperatives: Plains & Prairie Potholes, Great Plains, (Missouri River Recovery Tribes)

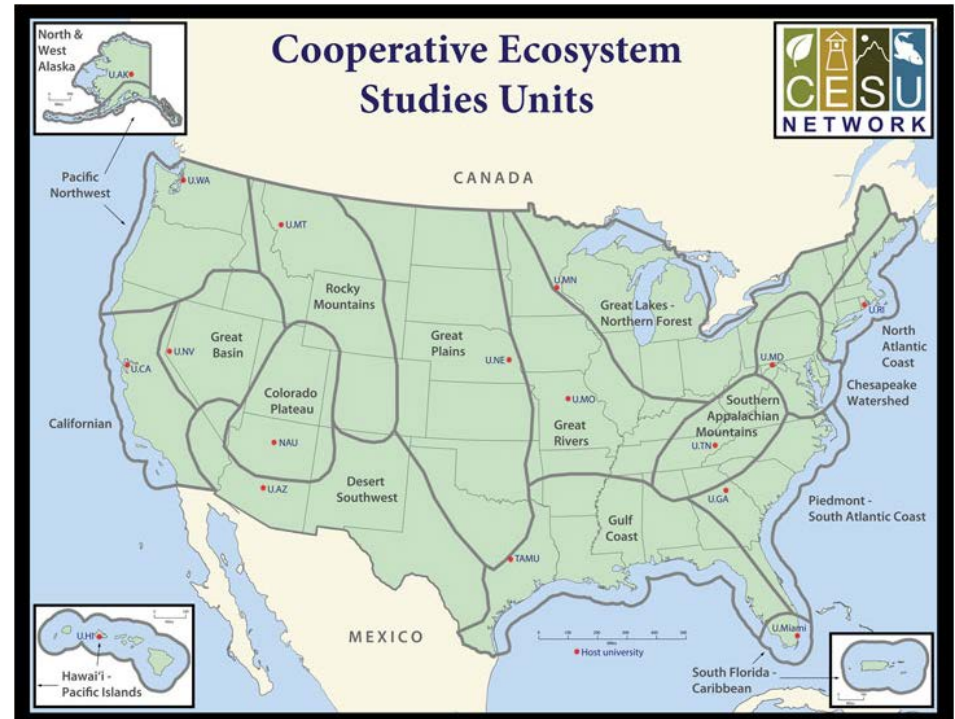
Helpful Regional Partners - Tribal Resilience Liaisons

- Tribal Resilience Liaisons at DOI Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs)
 - Help access needed expertise, data and information at the DOI Climate Adaptation Science Centers
 - Connect to potential partners for technical expertise (e.g., CASC, LCC, RISAs, USDA Climate Hubs, etc.) and coordinate information exchange



Helpful Regional Partners - Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESUs)

- Want to partner with expertise at a university?
- BIA partnership in the CESU network
 - allows Tribes to access expertise at a low 17.5% indirect cost rate = more funds to support project
- How: see if your partner is at a participating institution
- Write it into your proposal



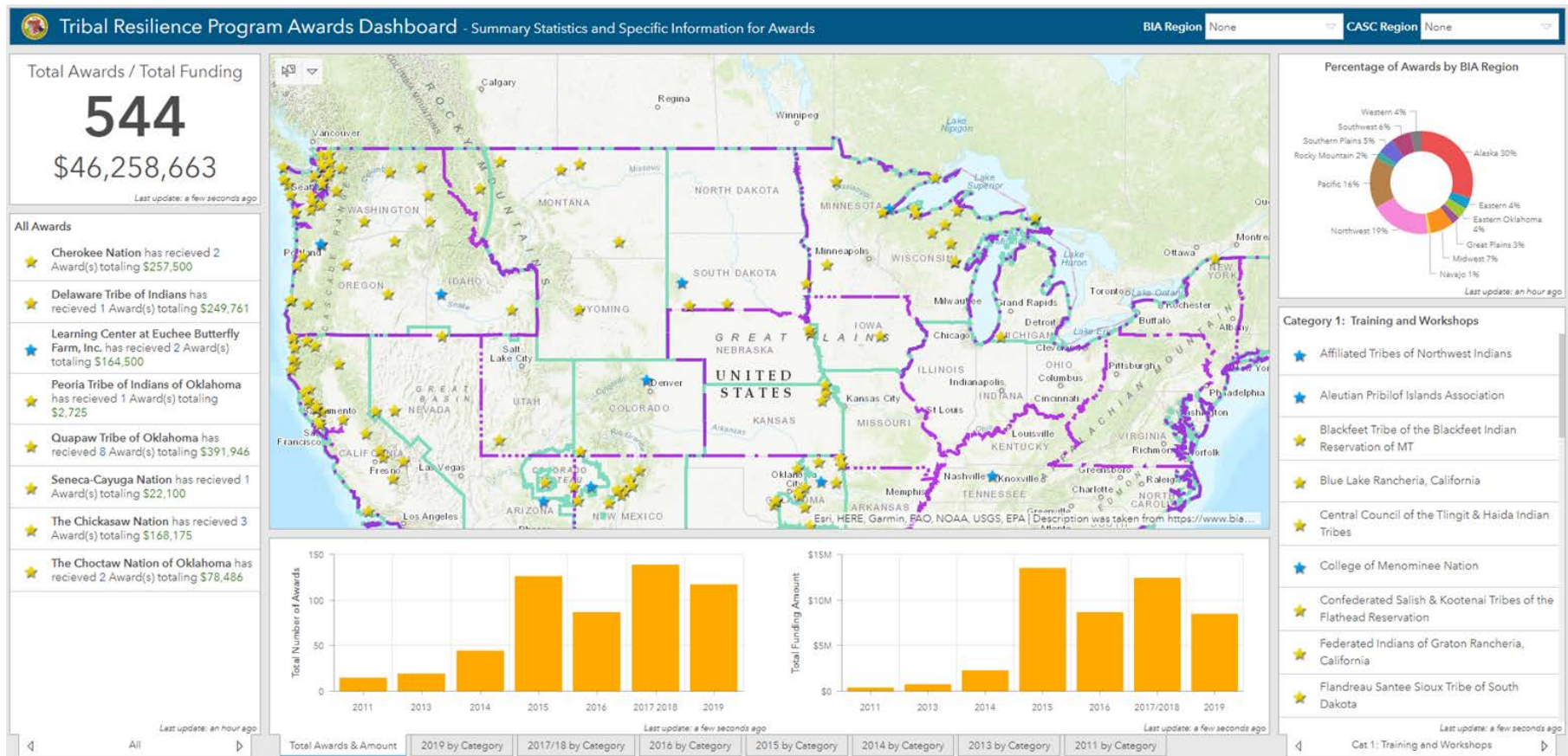
Notable Items

- Awards will be federal grants through **Federal Acquisitions Regulations (FAR)**
- Notification of award/non-award in April
- Awards to be made before the end of May 2020
- Quarterly or lump sum disbursement with quarterly and annual reporting requirements
- Ensure **DUNS, SAM and ASAP (with BIA) registration are current**- details in solicitation Appendix
- What's **new** in 2020 Solicitation?
 - 2-year timelines to complete work
 - Category 7
 - Category 6 amount increased



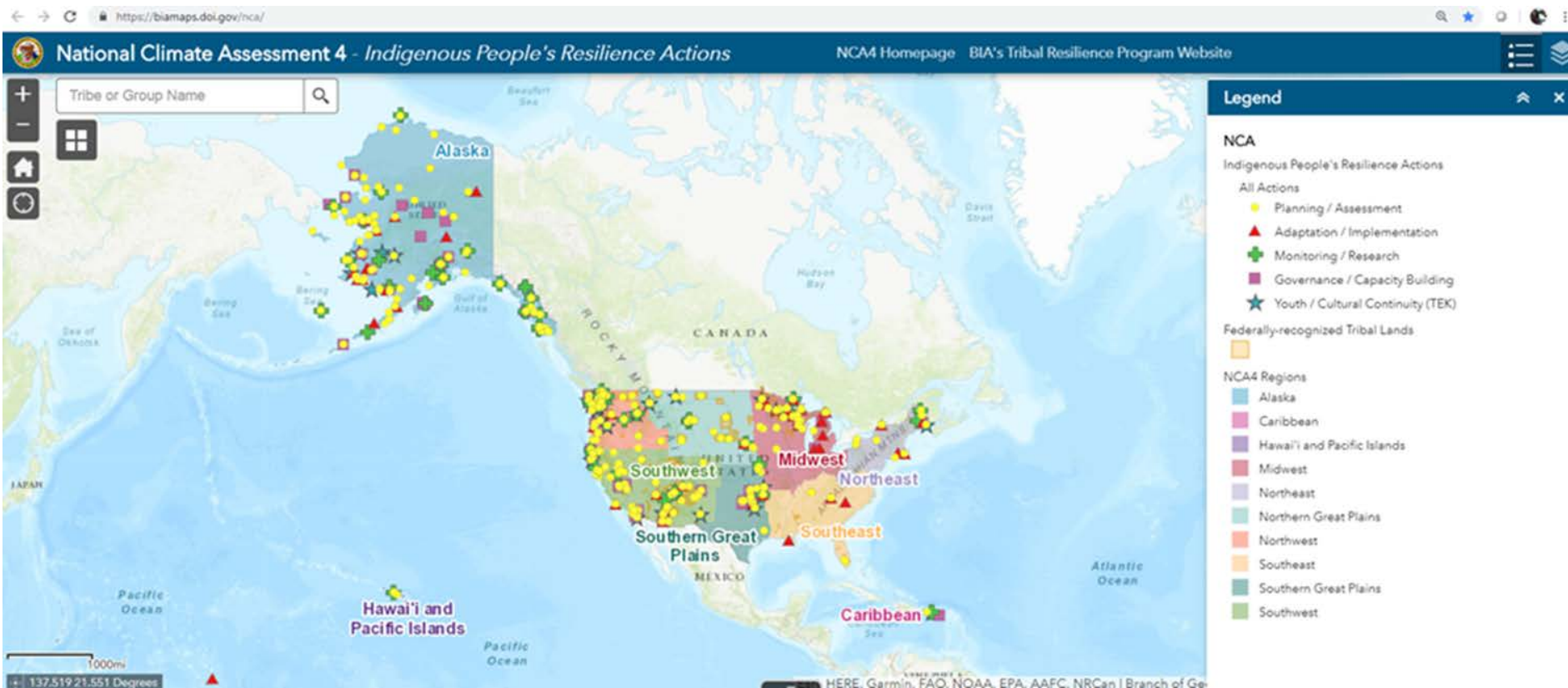
Don't know where to start? Examples

- [Tribal Resilience Program Awards Dashboard](#)
- Search the dashboard map for info on awards to tribes or orgs, filter by BIA or CASC Region, Category, and/or Year, and view summary statistics



Don't know where to start? Examples

- *Indigenous Peoples Resilience Actions Map* (>1100 entries!)
- Search the online version of the map by activity type, region, and sector to find more information and links to each project: <https://biamaps.doi.gov/nca/>



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FY 2019 TRIBAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM AWARDS

- **FY 2019 Award Summary** - Funding of \$6.7M has been awarded to federally-recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to build resilience through adaptation and coastal planning and related travel support for Fiscal Year's 2019
- **FY 2019 Application Kit - Tribes (pdf)** - Notice of Funding (proposal requirements)
- **FY 2019 Application Kit - Tribal Organizations and TCU's (pdf)** - Notice of Funding (proposal requirements)

FY2017/18 TRIBAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM AWARDS

- **FY 2017/18 Award Summary** - Funding of \$12.7M has been awarded to federally recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to build resilience through adaptation and coastal planning and related travel support for Fiscal Year's 2017 & 2018.
- **FY2017/18 Application Kit - Tribes (pdf)** - Notice of Funding (proposal requirements)
- **FY2017/18 Application Kit - Tribal Organizations and TCU's (pdf)** - Notice of Funding (proposal requirements)
- **Original FY2017/18 Funding Announcement Letter sent to Tribal Leaders (pdf)** **CORRECTION:** Please note a correction to the deadline date in the Dear Tribal Leader Letter for opportunity BIA-1800-0002 for federally recognized tribes. The correct deadline for this opportunity is July 2, 2018.

FY 2016 TRIBAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM AWARDS

- **FY16 BIA TRP Awards Summary (pdf)**
- Funding of more than \$8.6M has been awarded to federally-recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to build resilience through adaptation and coastal planning and related travel support for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016.
- **Indian Affairs FY16 BIA TRP Awards Press Release (pdf)**
- **Original FY16 Application Kit**
- **FY 16 Overview Webinar with Q&A (YouTube)**



Total Number of Awards: 119 Total Amount Funded: \$8,731,454

Category 1: Trainings and Workshops

To Design and Host Opportunities to Build Skills and Coordinate Adaptation Planning Processes

Number of Awards: 13 Amount Funded: \$1,803,655

Regional Fact Sheet available in Tribal Resilience Resource Guide

SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION (SPL RO) FACT SHEET

Description of Region: The Southern Plains Region includes portions of Western Oklahoma, in addition to TX and KS, so it works closely on climate issues with the Eastern Oklahoma Region. Both BIA Regions also coordinate with the South Central Climate Center, which provides on-site tribal liaisons for Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, and support tribes through the region with training, assessment services, data, and planning support.

Federal Links: Select the Agency Acronym for the full Agency Fact Sheet and the link to its right for a more specific regional contact or homepage. Choose *Affiliated Tribal Fact Sheets* to access a Fact Sheet for each Tribe in this Region.

BIA: Southern Plains - [Affiliated Tribal Fact Sheets](#)

BOEM: Gulf of Mexico OCS Region

EPA: R6

USDA CLIMATE HUB: Southern Plains

CSC: South Central

DOT/FWHA: Southern Plains

BLM: KS OK TX

FEMA: R6

USDA NRCS: [Locator](#), **USDA USFS:** Southern

LCC(s): Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks

DOE: KS OK TX

FWS: Southwest

HUD: Southern Plains

NOAA: Region, **RISA:** SCIPP

Services

- Tribal Climate Resilience Program (BIA)
- Tribal Programs and Services (USDA)
- Tribal Government Support (EPA)
- NIDIS Tribal Engagement (Drought Portal)

Products

- BIA S. Plains Region Climate Map
- BIA S. Plains Region Fact Sheet
- EPA: Climate Impacts in the Great Plains
- GIS for Tribal Resilience - Southern Plains UC17
- SPL CC Vulnerability, Adaptation & Mitigation Strategies
- SPL Regional Assessments
- Tribal Nations Theme in Climate Data Initiative

Funding

- Tribal Funding by Strategy
- Other Funding Opportunities (TCCG) - Choose Geography: SE, SW and Any

Tools

- CRT Tool: Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges in Climate Change Initiatives
- CRT Tool: Tribal Climate Change Guide (TCCG)

Training

- Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Planning

Examples

- Nationwide Tribal Climate Case Studies

Regional Groups

- NNCAP SW Tribal CC Network

Tribal Fact Sheet available in Tribal Resilience Resource Guide

Names (Federal Register): *Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah*

Federal Links: Select the Agency Acronym (blue link) for an Agency Fact Sheet and the orange link to its right for regional contacts or homepage.
For more information, hover over a link for agency or program details before making a selection.

[Tribal: Official Website](#) (or group site)

[CSC: Southwest](#)

[USDA CLIMATE HUB: Southwest](#)

[EPA: R9](#) [FEMA: R9](#)

[BIA Region: Navajo Regional Fact Sheet](#)

[Navajo Regional Office](#)

[LCC: Southern Rockies](#)

[USDA NRCS:Locator](#) [USDA USFS: Southwestern](#)

[DOT/FWHA: Mountain West](#)

[DOE: AZ](#)

[FWS: Southwest](#)

[NOAA: Region RISA: CLIMAS](#)

[HUD: Southwest](#)

► Awards

- [FY11 Climate Adaptation Planning](#)
- [FY15 Management Internships](#)
- [FY15 Travel \(Climate\)](#)
- [FY15 Youth Engagement](#)
- [FY16 Climate Adaptation Planning](#)
- [FY16 Travel \(Climate\)](#)
- [BIA TCRP FY11-16 Awards Map](#)
- [More Climate Funding Options](#)

► Groups

- [Dine College](#)
- [Native American Fish and Wildlife Association \(NAFWS\)](#)
- [Navajo Technical College](#)

► Documents

- [Connectivity of Habitats on Navajo Nation Lands](#)
- [Considerations for Climate Change and Variability Adaptation on the Navajo Nation](#)
- [NN CC Vulnerability Assessment for Priority Wildlife Species](#)

► Tools

- [Tribal Drought Information for Monitoring, Assessment, and Planning \(DRI MAP\)](#)
- [CRT Tool: Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges in Climate Change Initiatives](#)
- [CRT Tool: Tribal Climate Change Guide](#)
- [CRT Tool: Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Planning Toolkit](#)
- [Other Tribal Nations Examples](#)

► Examples

- [CRT Case Study: Navajo Nation: Hotter, Drier Climate Puts Sand Dunes on the Move](#)
- [ITEP TCC Profile: Dune Study Offers Clues to Climate Change](#)
- [Other Tribal Nations Examples](#)

► Data & Maps

- [Conservation Planning Atlas](#)
- [EPA Climate Impacts by State for: AZ](#)
- [HUC8: 15020013 - Polacca Wash Resource Links](#)
- [NN Zoo: Facts on Desert Bighorn Sheep and Other Species](#)
- [NOAA NCEI AZ State Climate Summary](#)
- [Toolkit Climate Explorer 2.0: Projected Temperature & Precip - Apache County](#)
- [Toolkit Climate Explorer 2.0: Projected Temperature & Precip - Coconino County](#)
- [Tribal Nations Geospatial Data](#)
- [Tribal Nations Map Gallery](#)

Other Helpful Resources

- BIA's Tribal Resilience Program Home Page:
<https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program>
- Tribal Resilience Resource Guide:
<https://biamaps.doi.gov/tribalresilience/resourceguide/>
- NAU's Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's
<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Resources/newsletters>
- UO's Tribal Climate Change Guide:
<http://tribalclimateguide.uoregon.edu/>
- Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units:
<http://www.cesu.psu.edu/>

FAQs



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is this announcement open to all Tribes or just ocean and coastal Tribes?

A: This is open to all federally-recognized tribes and tribal organizations that serve federally-recognized tribes per 25 U.S.C. section 5304(l). Only two categories are specific to coastal tribes- Categories 4 and 5. Category 7 is for coastal and riverine tribes.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is meant by “tribal organization”?

A: Tribal organizations that serve **federally-recognized tribes** per 25 U.S.C. section 5304(l): “legally established organization of Indians which is **controlled, sanctioned, or chartered** by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities: Provided, That in any case where a contract is let or grant made to an organization to perform services benefiting more than one Indian tribe, the approval of each such Indian tribe shall be a prerequisite to the letting or making of such contract or grant;”

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where is the announcement and application kit?

A: See the solicitation announcement on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Find the application kit on the BIA Tribal Resilience Programs site under FY 2020 SOLICITATION RESOURCES:

<https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program>

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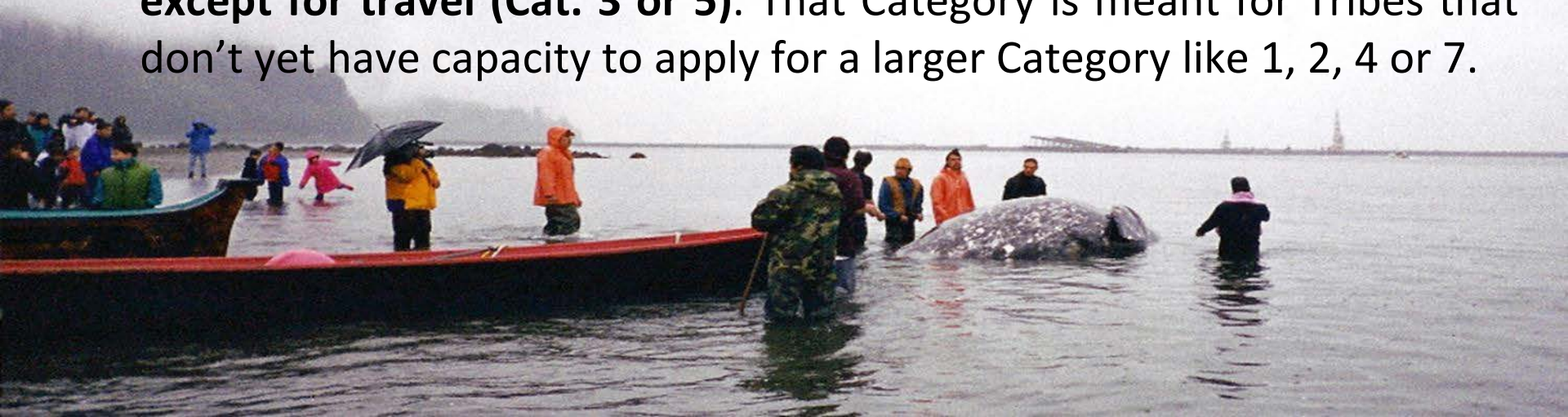


Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If a Tribe wants to submit proposals for multiple categories, are separate applications needed for each category?

A: Yes, a tribe can apply for more than one category but each needs to have a separate proposal and cover letter. There is a max of 1 large awards/Category/tribe not to exceed two large awards ("large"= \$150,000 max)

Note: If you are applying for a Category 6- specifically for Tribes challenged by capacity- please **do not apply for any other Category except for travel (Cat. 3 or 5)**. That Category is meant for Tribes that don't yet have capacity to apply for a larger Category like 1, 2, 4 or 7.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q:What about one proposal for two Categories?

A:To avoid confusion and duplication of reviews, please choose one Category per proposal. Separate applications are needed for each Category.

Note: A Tribe can receive up to two larger awards (not including travel awards). This will allow for more awards, spreading the benefits more widely across Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can I submit multiple proposals for pieces of the same large project ? (For example, Categories 2, 3, 4)?

A: If submitting multiple proposals, provide separate proposals that **aren't dependent** on one another, in case they are not all funded. You can't break up a project by cobbling two proposals together to exceed the \$150k max (for Cat 1,2, 4 and 7).

If the projects are integrated, then you need all the funding for it to work and it is one Category (150k max). If they are related but stand-alone work then separate them as multiple proposals.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can the tribe apply for more money to continue a previously funded project?

A: Yes, as long as the project tasks are **new** (the government can't fund the same work twice) but there is a \$ limit per project. Describe the new work you are doing.

Note: a project can have an overall cost greater than the maximum amount allowed, but the amount beyond the maximum must be covered by other sources (e.g., other agencies, the Tribe, etc.).



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: When would the funding get to me? What is the review process?

A: We anticipate a 30 day review and ranking process following the solicitation closing date March 2, 2020 followed shortly thereafter by mailing of award letters to tribal leaders directly from BIA Central Office. We'll email the Regional POC a copy of the DTL letter. We expect the FY20 funds to be awarded within 30-45 days after the review process (by May 2020).



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can a Category 2 proposal have travel or just cat 3 and 5? E.g., “I want to send all the tribal planning team to a workshop.”

A: Yes. The question is, does the staff need that workshop only for the proposed planning or do they need it generally for their program too? If they will need the workshop for their program then we suggest a stand alone travel award, so that they aren't depending on the Cat. 2 award for program needs.

Note: small awards for Cat. 3 and 5 are almost always funded (for appropriate resilience to extreme events/environmental changes training and non-international).



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: For travel support (or any award) what if something changes, how do I make changes within the scope of work? Can I make changes to the overall scope of work?

A: Things change. Contact the BIA Project Monitor named in the award letter to work out the within scope change and get that into the grant file. Unfortunately, changes cannot be made to the overall scope of work since proposals were reviewed and ranked largely based on their proposed scope.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is indirect allowed?

A: Yes, and an Indirect Cost Agreement is required for each proposal (unless it hasn't been negotiated). Include indirect in the BIA share of the budget request. If the tribe wants to add the cost of staff time or indirect to the cost share/in-kind, that's also allowed. If no negotiated indirect rate exists, the 10% de minimus is allowable.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: My proposal is for a project, what Category is that?

A: We don't fund "projects" or implementation for any Categories except Category 4 and 7. We fund **planning, data and tools for managers** to consider the risk from extreme events and harmful environmental trends in their projects.

For Cat. 4 and 7, implementation is allowable (if named in a planning document as long as it does not include movement of infrastructure or large equipment- e.g., vehicles) but for Cat 4 **only after funding** cooperative ocean and coastal planning, vulnerability assessments, inventory and monitoring.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Disallowed costs- Are fringe benefits and employment costs disallowed?

A: Fringe benefits and employment for those directly involved in the project are allowable. Fringe and salary costs for those not involved directly are not allowable. This is meant to avoid cost-shifting award funds toward base programs and to avoid skimming resources away from the project costs to positions not directly involved.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where are the criteria used to score proposals?

A: See the Solicitation (Application Kit on the TRP website) section F. “Categories of Funding, Review Criteria and Evaluation”. Criteria for each Category is described in detail and combined this year into one section for simplicity.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where is there one solicitation this year?

A: We're using a simpler definition to apply to applicants: federally recognized tribes and entities that serve federally recognized tribes falling under 25 U.S.C. section 5304(1). The definition is listed in the solicitation on the first page. Other entities may participate as sub-grantees.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What happened to the youth categories from previous years?

A: Feel free to put components into other categories that include youth involvement in planning, training, etc. Suggest to term it “workforce development”.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Could we provide a two-year workplan and period of performance as long as the request is still within the maximum amount?

A: Yes, this year TRP is allowing two-year workplan timelines.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If we are awarded, what happens if we don't finish the project in 2-years?

A: Things change, this happens. Just submit a no-cost extension letter request 60 days before the end of period of performance for more time, up to a year extension.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How do we know if are considered “ocean and coastal” under Category 4 and 5?

A: The footnote in the solicitations list 16 U.S. Code Section 1453:

“(1)The term “[coastal zone](#)” means the [coastal waters](#) (including the lands therein and thereunder) and the adjacent shorelands (including the waters therein and thereunder), strongly influenced by each other and in proximity to the shorelines of the several coastal states, and includes islands, transitional and intertidal areas, salt marshes, wetlands, and beaches. ... The zone extends inland from the shorelines only to the extent necessary to control shorelands, the uses of which have a direct and significant impact on the coastal waters, and to control those geographical areas which are likely to be affected by or vulnerable to sea level rise. ...

(3)The term “[coastal waters](#)” means (A) in the Great Lakes area, the waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States consisting of the Great Lakes, their connecting waters, harbors, roadsteads, and estuary-type areas such as bays, shallows, and marshes and (B) in other areas, those waters, adjacent to the shorelines, which contain a measurable quantity or percentage of sea water, including, but not limited to, sounds, bays, lagoons, bayous, ponds, and estuaries.”

The language above is sufficient but for the full language: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/16/1453>



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If we are going to work with an academic partner in the CESU network, how should we include that in the application?

A: Include it in 1) the fillable cover sheet (as a partner), 2) the proposal, and 3) the budget with the amount going to that partner made very clear (vs. cost-share). The fillable cover sheet is available online (link is also in the Solicitation).

https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/bia/ots/tcrp/FY20TRPAward_CoverSheet.pdf

If you have a letter(s) of support, include it in your supplemental materials in an appendix.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is food an allowable expense?

A: See the Solicitation section D. Disallowed Costs. For remote training/conference locations (where eating establishments are not within a reasonable distance), food costs are allowable, but should not exceed \$10,500 or 7% of the total requested amount (whichever is less). Refreshments for non-remote training/conference locations are allowable up to \$1,000. All other food allowances are disallowed.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If I am proposing to work with Tribal partners, do I need a resolution from these partnering Tribes?

A: For Categories 2 or 4, if the proposed work is to develop a framework, plan, assessment or dataset for multiple tribes, and the applicant wants to receive the supplemental points for "broad benefits", a resolution or letter of support from each of the tribes is required. This ensures partnerships are formalized and active and that proposed work will be used by and benefit partner tribes. If existing resolutions indicate this and are still in effect, provide these.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I have to use the available fillable application form for the smaller Travel Categories 3, 5, and Capacity Building Category 6?

A: The fillable application forms for Categories 3, 5, and 6 are provided on the TRP website <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program> and links are in the Solicitation. These are for the convenience of the Tribal applicant and provide all the necessary information to streamline the process for these smaller award Categories. These are not required, but are strongly **suggested** to ease the application process for these award categories.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I have to enroll in ASAP with BIA before submitting my application?

A: Yes. Please **enroll in ASAP with BIA** (vs. with other federal agencies) before or very soon after submitting your application. This will tremendously speed up the process and avoid any delays in getting awards finalized and to Tribes or Tribal organizations. It is a one-time process, so even if you aren't awarded this year, it will save you time in following years if you are already enrolled. See enrollment info on next slide.



ASAP Enrollment with BIA

To register in ASAP, an enrollment form must be completed. To request an enrollment form, email a request to Jo Ann Metcalfe at jo.metcalfe@bia.gov.

Note: You will need to contact ASAP Helpdesk repeatedly throughout the enrollment process. Please **See the Solicitation Appendix** for instructions on how to complete the process.



Thank you/Ahe'hee!

For more programmatic questions, please email rachael.novak@bia.gov
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For questions on the application process, please contact jo.metcalf@bia.gov;

The presentation will be recorded and archived for those unable to attend the live session. A link to this will be available at the ITEP website here:
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Webinars_Schedule.

