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Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), I am pleased to announce the Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program, which will provide funding to support tribal projects to address climate change adaptation and ocean and coastal management planning.

The Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program will award up to \$8 million in order to support Federally Recognized Tribes and tribal organizations whose proposals are supported by a tribal resolution. Of the \$8 million, \$4 million will be available for Climate Adaptation Planning and another \$4 million for Ocean and Coastal Management Planning. Awards will be made to projects that address climate change impacts through vulnerability analysis, adaptation planning, and increased monitoring cycles for climate adaptation management, as well as to projects that ensure ocean and coastal (including the Great Lakes) resource health, resiliency, community safety, and economic security for present and future generations.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Climate Adaptation Planning

Rapidly changing climatic conditions are already impacting tribes and the challenges of planning for and adapting to future climate impacts span the entire range of tribal government functions and traditional use. Because tribes have limited resources to evaluate climate risks and minimize impacts, applicants may request funding to:

- Category 1. Trainings & Workshops.** Design and host tribal training(s) or workshop(s) to support tribal leaders, climate change coordinators, planners, and program managers to build skills and gather information needed to coordinate the tribal adaptation planning process.
- Category 2. Climate Adaptation Planning.** Develop tribal government climate adaptation plans, vulnerability assessments, or data analysis.
- Category 3. Travel (Climate).** Provide travel support for tribal leaders and staff to attend training(s) or workshop(s) or to participate in cooperative climate change adaptation efforts (including Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, Climate Science Centers, and other adaptation management forums).

Ocean and Coastal Management Planning

Ocean and Coastal management funding will focus on addressing coastal erosion and development, sea level rise, ocean acidification, and emergency management. Because

tribes with ocean and coastal resources or ocean and coastal harvest rights face complex and special challenges, applicants may request funding to:

Category 4. Ocean and Coastal Management Planning. Develop ocean and coastal management planning; build tribal capacity; implement a pilot project for restoration and resilience of coastal resources; perform inventories or vulnerability assessments; identify monitoring protocols and critical indicator species; marine spatial planning; coast climate adaptation analysis; or cooperative marine resource plans.

Category 5. Travel (Ocean and Coastal). Provide travel support for tribal representatives to attend organizational meetings, working session, or official meetings in support of collaborative planning efforts, including Regional Planning Bodies (RPBs). Category 5 funding is limited to coastal and Great Lakes coastal tribes.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals for planning, vulnerability assessments, monitoring, or pilot projects that benefit multiple tribes, tribal programs, and communities, and demonstrate a compelling need and utilize leveraged funding (in-kind or other) will be given priority ranking. Proposals for international travel will not be considered. Proposals must be supported by tribal resolution(s) of the relevant tribe(s).

Funding for successful proposals is available pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Assistance Act, 25 U.S.C. Section 450 *et seq.* Likewise, tribes that seek for BIA to perform a project via direct service should contact their BIA Regional Director for additional information. Because limited funding is available, no more than \$250,000 is available for any one proposal.

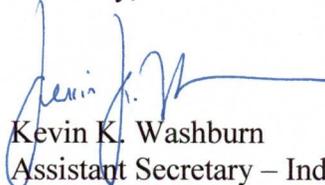
Additional details, including evaluation criteria, are enclosed in the application kit.

Proposal Deadline: April 24, 2015.

Proposals may be sent electronically (preferred) or by mail.

If you or your staff have questions on the process, please contact your Regional Climate Change POC or Ms. Helen Riggs, Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs at climate.funding@bia.gov or by calling (202) 208-5770.

Sincerely,



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