Q: Is this announcement open to all tribes or just ocean and coastal tribes?
A: This is open to all federally recognized tribes (and not-for-profit tribal organizations and TCU’s). Only two categories are specific to ocean and coastal tribes.

Q: Where is the announcement and application kit?
A: See the announcement on Grants.gov. Find the application kit on the BIA Tribal Resilience website under FY19 Solicitation Resources: https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program

Q: If a Tribe wants to submit proposals for multiple categories, are separate applications needed for each category?
A: A tribe can apply for more than one category but each needs to have a separate proposal and cover letter.

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

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. A tribe can receive up to two awards maximum (not including travel awards). One award per category per tribe/tribal organization. This is to allow for more awards, spreading the benefits more widely across Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages.

Q: "I want to combine all my proposals into one document, cat 2, 5, ..."
A: If submitting multiple proposals, please provide separate proposals/applications that aren’t dependent on each being awarded in case they are not all funded. You can’t break up a project by cobbling two proposals together to exceed the $150k limit (the
limit for Cat 1, 2, and 4). If the projects are integrated, then you want all the funding for it to work and it is one category. If they are related but stand-alone work then separate them as multiple proposals.

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. Also, 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.

Q: When would the funding get to me? What is the review process?
A: We must obligate awards from FY18 funds by Sept. 30, 2019. We anticipate a 30 day review and ranking process followed shortly thereafter by mailing of award letters directly from BIA Central Office. We anticipate FY19 funds being moved in a similar timeframe or within 30 days of the first round of awards.

Q: Can a Category 2 proposal have travel or just Category 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 activities 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, then they aren’t depending on the Cat 2 award for program needs. Also, small awards for cat 3 are almost always funded (for appropriate resilience to extreme events/harmful environmental trends sessions and non-international).

Q: Can I make changes after the award is made?
A: Things change- though overall scope should not, except for extreme cases. Contact the BIA Project Monitor named in the award letter to work out the change and get that into the grant file.

Q: Is indirect allowed?
A: Yes. 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.

Q: Is there a specific format we have to use for our application?
A: There aren't exhaustive formatting requirements this year, but here are some recommendations:

• 12-pt font
Q: My proposal is for a project, what category is that?
A: We don’t fund projects or implementation for Cat 1-3, 5 or 6. We fund planning activities, data and tools for managers to consider the risk from extreme events and harmful environmental trends in their programs.
For Cat 4, projects and implementation (if named in a planning document as long as does not include movement or construction of infrastructure or large equipment- e.g., vehicles) are allowed but only after funding cooperative ocean and coastal planning, vulnerability assessments, inventory and monitoring.

Q: Disallowed costs Qs- 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.

Q: Where are the criteria used to score proposals?
A: See Application Kit section E. Categories of Funding, Review Criteria and Evaluation.

Q: Why are there two solicitations?
A: We’re trying to be responsive to concerns that tribal organizations representing tribes would be allowed to compete in the same review pool with those tribes. Tribal proposals will be reviewed first and receive priority.

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”.

Q: If we are awarded, what happens if we don’t finish the project in a year?
A: Things change, this happens. Just submit a no-cost extension letter request at least one month before the end of period of performance for more time, up to a year.
Q: Could we provide a 2-year workplan and period of performance as long as the request is still within the maximum amount?
A: No, but again, if the proposed work is awarded and then is stalled for justifiable reasons and more time beyond a year is needed to complete it, just provide a no-cost extension request (with a brief statement of justification) at least a month before the end of the period of performance. Also, if a tribe/tribal org. isn’t ready to begin work right after being awarded, just request a start date later in the year that would run for one full year.

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

Q: If we are going to work with an academic partner in the CESU network, or another partner like USGS, how should we include that in the application?
A: Include it in 1) the fillable cover sheet (as a partner), 2) the proposal, and the 3) the budget with the amount going to that partner made very clear (vs. cost-share). The fillable cover sheet is available online (link also in solicitation application) INCLUDE FILLABLE COVER SHEET.
If you have a letter(s) of support, include it in supplemental materials in an appendix.

Q: Is food an allowable expense?
A: See description under Disallowed Costs under C. How to Prepare an Application for Funding in RFP. 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.

**Q:** If I am proposing to work with tribal partners, do I need a resolution from these partnering tribes?

**A:** If a tribe or tribal organization is proposing to develop a framework, plan, assessment or dataset for multiple tribes, a resolution from each of the tribes is required. This ensures partnerships are formalized and active and that proposed work directly benefits tribes. If existing resolutions indicate this and are still in effect, provide these. A tribe proposing to develop a dataset(s) that can serve multiple tribes needs resolution or letter of support from each tribe, (e.g., letter from partnering tribal Departmental managers or other relevant leadership).

**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](https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-resilience-program) and links are in the RFP. These are for the convenience of the tribal applicant and provide all the necessary information to streamline the process for these smaller award categories. They are not required but should ease the application process for these award categories.

**Thank you/Ahe’hee!**

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

The 2019 Awards Program Overview presentation will be recorded and archived for those unable to attend the live session.

A link to the webinar will be available at the ITEP website here: [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Webinars_2019](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Webinars_2019)