

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Minerals and Mining Projects -- Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP)

Type of Funding: Non Recurring -- Competitive Grant

Funding Authority/Responsibility: 25 U.S.C. 2106 (Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982): 86 Stat 1940, Pub.L. 97-382. 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq. (Umatilla Basin Project Act), Pub.L. 100-557, Energy Policy Act of 2005 25 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. (Pub.L. 102-486, Title XXVI – The Energy Policy Act of 1992, § 2601, as amended Pub.L. 109-58, Title V, § 503(a), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 764.)

The Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development has responsibility for this program.

Criteria for Distribution:

EMDP grant proposals received from federally recognized tribal organizations and Tribal Energy Development Organizations are evaluated for projects that assess, evaluate, or otherwise promote the productive use or development of energy and mineral resources on Indian lands. Grant awards are discretionary, and subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by Congress on a year-to-year basis.

EMDP Projects may include:

- Performing initial resource exploration;
- Defining potential targets for development;
- Performing market analysis to establish production/demand for a given commodity;
- Perform economic evaluation and analysis of the resources; and
- Other pre-construction studies necessary to promote the use and development of known energy and mineral resources.

DEMD requires that grant proposals include: (1) a current tribal resolution authorizing the proposed project, (2) a proposal describing the planned activities and deliverable products; (3) a detailed budget estimate; and (4) a designated tribal lead.

Distribution Process: Each fiscal year:

- Release of solicitation posted to grants.gov for grant proposals. (January each year)
- Close acceptance for any more grant proposals. (90 days from release of solicitation)
- Review and ranking process for the grants. (Within 30 days from close date)
- Applicants receiving an award will receive a written notification of funding which will demonstrate the intent to partially fund or to fund the project in full. Subsequent to notification of funding, a grant agreement will be made available to the tribe for review and signature. (Within 30 days of ranking process)
- Once the Grant Officer has received the signed agreement, a requisition will be processed and funds will be awarded and released to the tribe's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) account. (Within 3 days of signature receipt)
- Those applicants not receiving an award will also be notified in writing. (within 30 days)