Bureau of Indian Affairs – Invasive Species/Noxious Weed, funding Criteria and Application Process

**Applicant Eligibility**

Eligibility is limited to Bureau of Indian Affairs field Agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments and Native American Organizations authorized by Indian tribal governments (Tribes and inter-tribal organizations authorized under P.L. 93-638).

**Proposal Eligibility**

* Proposals must provide the contact information for the Tribal project manager overseeing the project.
* The proposal budget cannot include tribal indirect rate. *Tribal indirect rate comes from a separate account and should be requested at the time you develop the budget with BIA, contracting officials (if selected for funding).*

**Project Eligibility**

*Successful applications will focus on the management/control of invasive species on tribal trust lands, individual Indian allotment lands, or in areas managed by tribes through treaties or agreements.*

Instead of focusing on the definition of “*Invasive Species,”* this program will focus on the damage caused to Tribal Trust Resources and leave it to the discretion of the applicant to describe whether the species is “invasive” or represents an instance in which a native species is behaving as an invasive species due to altered environmental conditions. This funding can cover all invasive species constituting noxious weeds in Agricultural and Rangeland settings.

Funding focus can include:

1. **Planning** funding would allow tribes to participate in local/regional/national forums and/or planning efforts.
2. **Prevention** funding would provide for the prevention of invasive species from impacting tribal trust resources where such species are not already established.
3. **Implementation** funding would assist tribes in implementing management or other established protocols aimed at the control, management, or prevention of Invasive Species.

Funding requests can range from $500 to $250,000 per application. An application can include several cumulative invasive species projects per tribe. Proposals addressing more than one focus area may be combined into one proposal.

**Ranking Criteria**

All projects should focus on alleviating or preventing invasive species impacts on tribal natural resources.

Eligible projects will be ranked according to the following criteria:

* The scope to which a proposal provides the means of controlling or managing invasive species;
* The scale to which a management attempts to eradicate the invasive species, reduce the invasive species to the lowest level possible, or prevent the invasion of invasive species;
* The character of benefit to native species and other tribal natural resources;
* Reference to which the proposal demonstrates an awareness and ability to achieve environmental compliance (NEPA, ESA) and other permitting requirements.

***All projects must focus on the reduction of invasive species populations to the lowest levels practicable.***

***This funding source is non-recurring. Thus, the goals of any proposed project should not rely on future funding.***

**How to Apply**

Submit your proposal to the Regional office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that services your area. **Proposals are due to your Regional office (contact info below) by close of business on January 27, 2023.**

The proposal should clearly address the ranking criteria listed above and be limited to six pages maximum (not including letters of support/contributions).

Please submit a proposal in the following format:

1. Introduction/Background – Name of applicant, project name, project location, a brief background and description of the issue. This section should conclude with a brief statement summarizing your request.
2. Methodology – How you plan on accomplishing the task.
3. Budget - Need a detailed line item expenditure breakdown. Do not include contract support cost (indirect cost).

BIA Regional Contact List for Invasive Species Program Funding

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