

Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO): Application for Funding

Program Overview:

Successful applicants for this program will be selected by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) based on the applicants' ability to meet the Eligibility Criteria (below) and the applicant's responses to the Factors for Consideration/Needs Analysis (below).

The BIA will provide successful applicants \$47,000 per year as base funding for salary and all other costs associated with each Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) position filled.

Primary Factors for Consideration:

The primary responsibility of Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) funding is to provide for the protection of tribal natural resources. However, CLEO's are often cross-deputized with local law enforcement agencies to provide them with the authority to enforce criminal law.

CLEO's should never be placed in an area where they would be expected to be the primary officer assigned to criminal or domestic disturbance incidents occurring within their jurisdictions. CLEO's could provide support to existing law enforcement personnel responding to domestic criminal or domestic civil disturbances, but should never be expected to be the primary response entity. *Of course, in cases of emergency or imminent danger, the CLEO should perform as the primary respondent as necessary to protect life and property.*

Eligibility Criteria: To receive consideration for funding under this program, the applying entity must have an existing tribal contract or self-governance compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). *Additionally, the following four eligibility criteria must be met.*

Please respond to each of the four criteria below.

1. Must have the responsibility for management of fish and wildlife resources. This responsibility would be demonstrated through exercise of established Treaty rights, or lands held in Trust for a particular Tribe, or group of tribes. *Please describe how you meet this criterion.*
2. Must have a set of established - Tribal Fish and Wildlife Codes that are enforceable through an established court system. *Please describe how you meet this criterion.*
3. The CLEO positions supported under this program must commit to obtaining Federal Law Enforcement Training Certification, or recognized equivalent within one year of the position being filled. Funds acquired through this program can be utilized to assist in this training. The BIA will provide successful applicants with base funding of \$47,000 per year per position. *Please explain how you will accomplish the training certification requirement.*

4. Must have an established Law Enforcement Handbook, or adoption of the BIA, Law Enforcement Handbook, covering required training and general conduct of CLEOs funded under this announcement. *Please describe how you meet this criterion.*

This funding is non-recurring; however, future funding would be prioritized to continue funding selected projects for a period of at least five years from the start date, or less than five years if the applicant falls out of compliance or no longer desires to participate.

We request that successful applicants provide an annual report to the Regional BIA point-of-contact (listed below) by September 1st of each year until the project is completed. Reporting helps support future appropriations! Reports might include:

- Project Status
- Expected completion date
- Objectives achieved
- Photos / short narratives

How to Apply:

Please submit a proposal that responds to the “Factors for Consideration/Needs Analysis” listed below. Proposals should be submitted to your BIA, Regional Office in pdf (electronic) format. Proposals are due to the Regional Offices by January 15, 2024. BIA, Regional Office contact information is listed below.

Factors for Consideration/Needs Analysis

Will the CLEO be able to focus efforts on activities threatening natural resources?

- *Describe existing personnel/resources available to respond to domestic criminal and/or domestic civil incidents occurring on Tribal lands. Who currently covers civil and criminal law enforcement in the area under Tribal jurisdiction?*
- *Please describe current measures to assure that CLEO’s would be able to focus on activities threatening natural resources, as opposed to domestic civil or domestic criminal activities.*

Are Tribal Fish and Wildlife Codes established for the entirety of the area under Tribal management authority?

- *How long have these codes been in effect?*
- *Please list the number of upland acres that are under Tribal authority and covered by enforceable Tribal Fish and Wildlife Codes*

- *Is there more than one jurisdiction working within the protection area, i.e. are there fee lands within the Reservation boundaries? Please describe the working environment if there are multiple jurisdictions and provide a description of the acreage (number of acres of trust, fee, government, etc). .*
- *Please list the number of aquatic acres and/or river miles that are under Tribal authority and covered by enforceable Tribal Fish and Wildlife Codes*

Please list the current status of CLEO (s) within the area covered by this CLEO funding application.

- *How many CLEO (s) are currently enforcing Tribal Fish and Wildlife Codes within the area under consideration in this proposal?*
- *Please describe why the current level of CLEO staffing does not adequately protect natural resources in areas under Tribal management.*

What are the important (subsistence, sport, economic, cultural) species, or resources where the applicant has both jurisdiction and enforceable game codes adequate to afford protection?

- *Please list the important subsistence species.*
- *Please list species important to sport fishing or sport hunting*
- *Please list species of particular Tribal concern*
- *Please list other important resources that are in need of protection (example: timber trespass, illegal grazing, illegal dumping, protection of cultural artifacts)*

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