



Wetland Program Development Grants Request for Applications FY2020

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What are the Wetland Grants for?

Clean Water Act Section 104(b)(3)

- Research
 - Investigations
 - Experiments
 - Training
 - Demonstrations
 - Surveys and Studies
- To “build or refine” a wetland program
 - Not for day-to-day wetland program “implementation” or “continuing” program work (such as CWA 106 program)
 - Can not be used to construct wetlands required by a permit.



EPA Wetland Program Priorities

National

- EPA's Strategic Plan
- Develop capacity
- Core Elements of an Effective State and Tribal Program
- Wetland Program Plans

Regional

- Improve functional performance of aquatic resources
- Develop a WPP or work with the state/tribe to develop plan



Core Element Framework

Monitoring and Assessment - Documenting and tracking changes in wetland and aquatic resources in acreage and conditions.

Regulation - Avoiding or minimizing loss of wetland or aquatic resources, and setting guidelines for mitigation.

Voluntary Restoration and Protection - Increasing wetland and aquatic resources in acreage and quality.

Water Quality Standards for Wetlands - Setting benchmarks for wetland water conditions.



Important Facts - RFA

- June 30th at 11:59pm ET deadline
- Use Grants.gov to submit
- Recipient Share (25% of total project cost)
- If RFA states “MUST” - do it!
- Review RFA carefully Full Federal Application Must be submitted
- EPA’s Environmental Results Policy
- Criteria – where the points are!



Funding and Eligibility- Quick Facts

- FY20 \$1.2 million
- FY21-22 combined for \$2.4 million
- RFA Odd year every two years
- Project Range - \$50,000-\$200,000
- Project period- average 2 - 3 years
- Track one (states and tribes)
- Track two (local government agencies, interstate agencies, and intertribal consortia)



Helpful Links

<https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/region-3-wetland-program-development-grant-request-applications>

<https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/states-and-tribal-governments>

<https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/wetland-program-development-grants-and-epa-wetlands-grant-coordinators>

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