

EPA

Performance Partnership Grants

“PPGs”

A Tribal Perspective

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Background

- **Is EPA promoting PPG's?**
- **EPA provides pro's for PPG's**
- **What are the pros and cons from a Tribal perspective?**
- **Should Tribes enter into PPG's?**

Tribal Testimonies

- **Tribal PPG Experts**
- **Decades of Experience**
- **Q's, A's, Input**
- **Recommendations/Advice**

Pro's

Why Tribes entered into PPG's

- **Most Popular Response:**
 - Easier to work budgets
 - budgetary flexibilities

moving funding around

Pro's, continued

- **Other Popular Responses:**
 - Easier for reporting, reduced paperwork
 - Reduced Match, saves Tribe money
 - Ease of applying for a single grant
 - One Budget, one media control, 1 application

Pro's, continued

- **Other Responses:**

- We don't have to ask about line item changes; the percentage is higher

- Fiscal does only one SF-425 for 3 grants, for example

- when making last minute changes or rolling in new/other grants, PPG allows it through amendment only

Con's

What challenges Tribes face

- **Most Popular Responses**
 - There's Only one Lead PO for the PPG; difficult when that person is not familiar with other media in PPG
 - PO not familiar with GAP

Con's, continued

- **Popular Responses**

- **Misunderstanding IDC and process; PO not familiar how to calculate, its purpose, etc.**

- **Reporting to different media, and associated time lapse with each response/approval**

- **Reporting is not necessarily less**

Con's, continued

- **Other Responses**

- No flexibility to end individual grants

- Budgeting challenges: providing individual &

- combined "master" budget

- Closing out PPG's can be very difficult

- There are no disadvantages

Suggested improvements for PPG management

- **Stand alone PPG section/division for Tribes**
 - **Allow all Tribal grant programs to be added to the PPG if desired, not just those on the list**
 - **Allow a 'soft' close out of each individual grant/year, not requiring all get done at the same time**
- Make grants.gov easier to manage**
- **Its easiest when grouping similar media into a PPG (ex. CWA 319 & 106); GAP mixed with those two media can be challenging**

Recommend a PPG? Advice?

- **Most Popular Response**
 - **Yes, would recommend**
- **Other Responses**
 - **Recommend that Tribes look into, understand the process/functions, etc.**
 - **Review PPG regulations and terms**
 - **Try it for a year, and if you don't like it you can get out**
 - **Consider grouping similar media together in your PPG**

Did EPA Suggest a PPG?

- **20% No**
- **40% No, but EPA influenced decision**
- **40% Yes**

Other Interesting comments

- **PPG is easy to enter into**
- **All Tribes have kept their PPG's once entered**

More on PPG's?

Considering a PPG?

- **Please take the Quick PPG Poll at Plenary**
- **Breakout Session Thursday, 8:30am**
 - Poll Results**
 - Q&A with EPA**
 - Information sharing**



Thank you

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