



OLEM Tribal Program Support Cooperative Agreements

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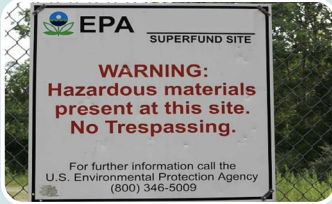
Introduction



Goals of the Webinar

- Provide an overview of the OLEM Tribal Program Support Cooperative Agreement funding opportunity.
- Clarify information and answer questions about the scope, requirements, evaluation criteria, and overall process.

OLEM Programs



Superfund

Brownfields

Underground
Storage
Tanks

Solid and
Hazardous
Waste

Emergency
Management

Legacy Hard-
Rock Mine
Cleanup

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Funding Opportunity Overview

Provide training, technical assistance, research, and tools to Tribal environmental staff to build Tribal capacity to develop sustainable waste management programs and implement cleanup, prevention, and response programs in Indian country.

Conduct activities that promote discussion, collaboration, engagement, and partnership among Tribes and federal agency representatives.

Scope of Work

Project 1

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- Element 1 - Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF)
- Element 2 - Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee (TWAR SC)
- Element 3 - Training courses
- Element 4 - Online resources

Project 2

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- Element 1 - TLEF
- Element 2 - Tribal Superfund Working Group (TSFWG)
- Element 3 - Research
- Element 4 - TSFWG Site Visits
- Element 5 - Legacy hard-rock mining meetings
- Element 6 - Tribal Lands Assistance Center

Funding Information

- EPA anticipates awarding two separate cooperative agreements to one successful applicant.
- The total estimated funding is **\$3,480,000**.
- The total estimated funding for Project One is **\$1,565,000**.
 - In FY25, the Project One maximum value shall not exceed **\$313,000**.
- The total estimated funding for Project Two is **\$1,915,000**.
 - In FY25, the Project Two maximum value shall not exceed **\$383,000**.
- No matching required.
- Estimated start date is **January 1, 2025**.
- All project activities must be completed within the **5-year period of performance**, ending December 31, 2029.




Application

Submitted to [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by 11:59 pm ET
on October 10, 2024

Eligible Entities

- Federally recognized Tribes and inter-Tribal consortia.
- Public and private non-profit universities and colleges.
- Other public or private non-profit organizations.
- For-profit firms are not eligible.
- Nonprofit organizations exempt from taxation that lobby are not eligible.



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Threshold Eligibility

1. Demonstration that applicant is an eligible entity.
2. Two applications are submitted: Project One and Project Two.
 - Applications address all elements described in the scope of work: four in Project One application, six in Project Two application.
3. Application includes a process for ensuring that TWAR SC members are elected Tribal officials or they have been designated by their Tribe's elected leaders to represent their Tribe on the TWAR SC.
4. Project One does not exceed **\$1,565,000** over the 5-year period.
5. Project Two does not exceed **\$1,915,000** over the 5-year period.
6. Applications meet the requirements including mandatory documents, page limits, readable format and font type, etc.
7. Applications are submitted through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Application Materials

Mandatory Documents:

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424).
- Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A).
- Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B).
- EPA Key Contacts Form 5700-54.
- EPA Form 4700-4 – Preaward Compliance Review Report.
- Narrative Proposal (15-page limit).

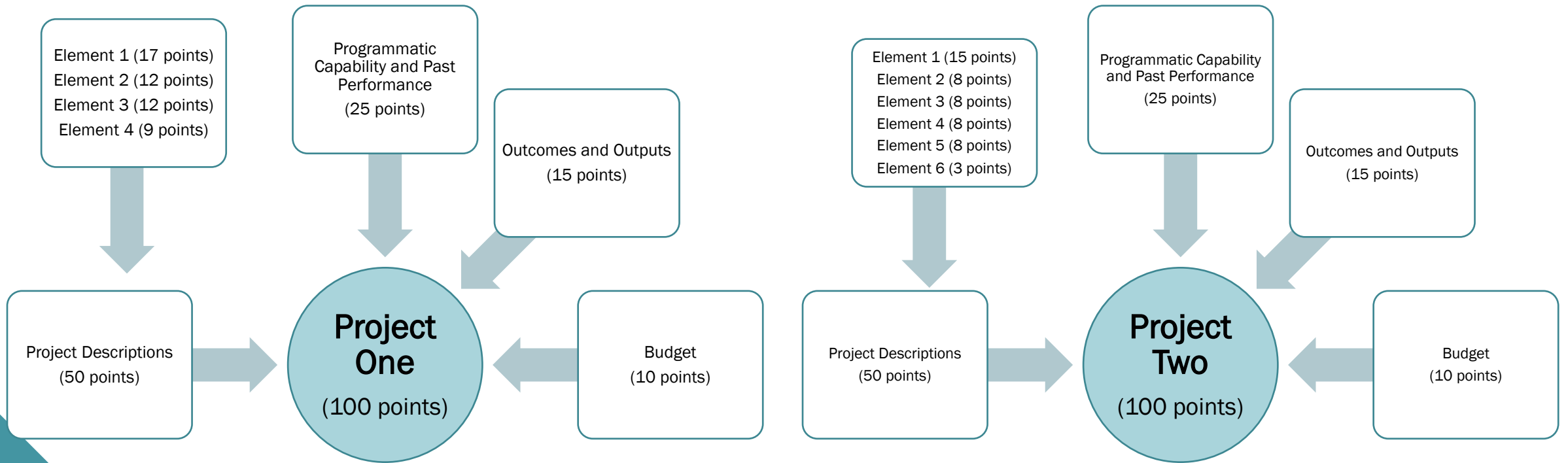
Narrative Proposal

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1. Cover Letter.
2. Project Description.
3. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance.
4. Performance Measurement: Anticipated Outcomes and Outputs.
5. Budget/Resources.

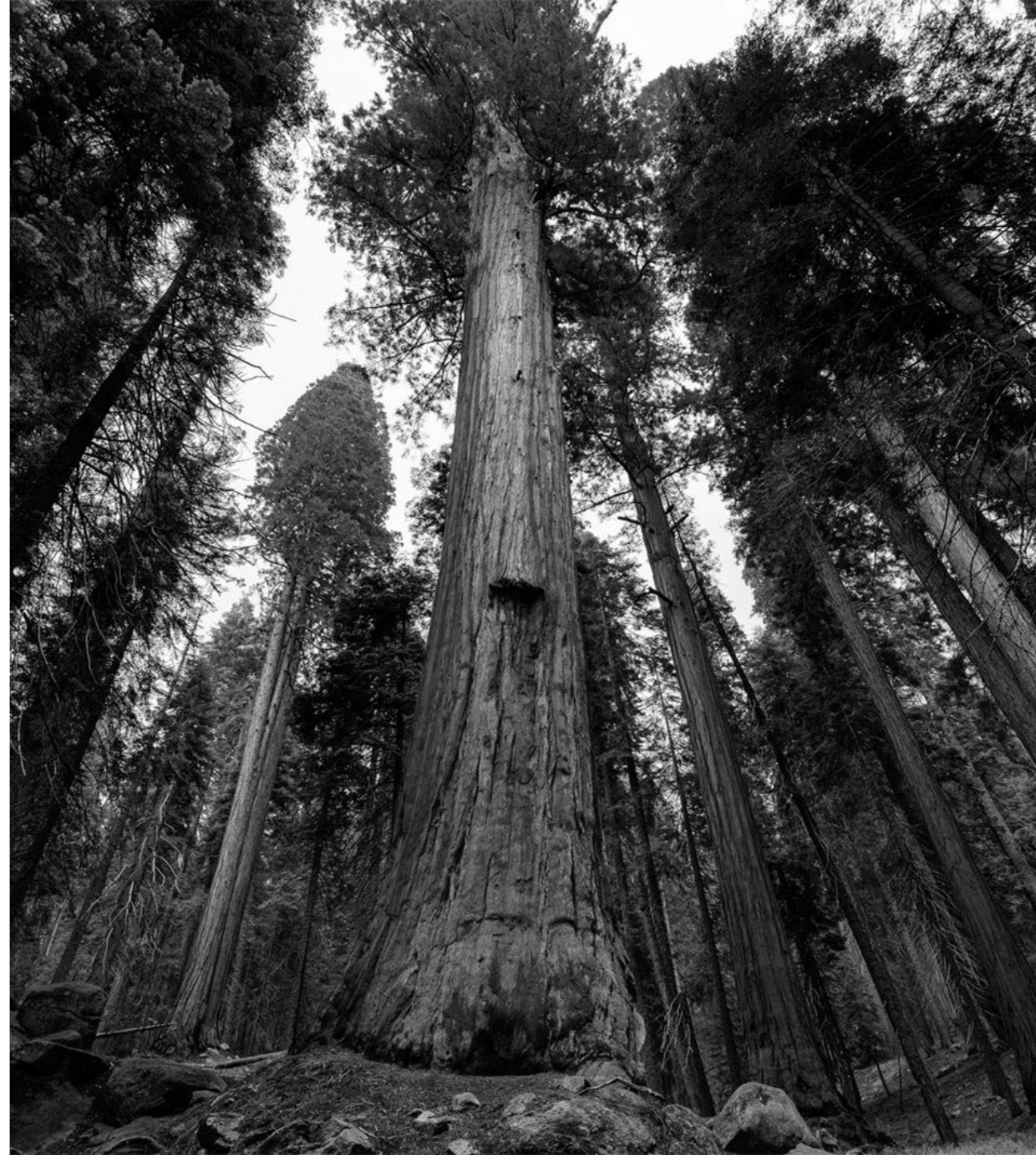
Review and Selection

- Only applications determined eligible will be evaluated for technical merit. Each eligible application will be evaluated by a review panel of EPA staff for technical merit.
- Applicants must directly and explicitly address the criteria in Section 5 of the NOFO as part of their “Narrative Proposal.” There are separate criteria for Projects One and Two.
- Applications for Projects One and Two will be evaluated separately.
- Each application will be rated under a points system, with a total of 100 points possible for each of Projects One and Two.
- The evaluated numerical scores from applications for both projects will be combined for a total of 200 points possible and will be placed in rank order. The review panel will recommend the application with the highest combined evaluated numerical score to the EPA Selection Official for award.



Evaluation Criteria

Resources



General EPA Grant Requirements

- You must have an active System for Award Management (SAM) registration in www.SAM.gov to apply.
- Once your SAM.gov account is active, you must register in www.Grants.gov.
- Submit application through Grants.gov by 11:59 pm ET on October 10, 2024.

Additional Information



- [OLEM grants and funding page](https://www.epa.gov/grants/office-land-and-emergency-management-grants-and-funding), includes Q&A document and webinar recording - [epa.gov/grants/office-land-and-emergency-management-grants-and-funding](https://www.epa.gov/grants/office-land-and-emergency-management-grants-and-funding)
- Grants.gov listing: [EPA-OLEM-OCPA-24-03](https://www.grants.gov/grants/epa-olem-ocpa-24-03)
- [Cleaning Up, Protecting and Preserving Tribal Lands](https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands) – [epa.gov/tribal-lands](https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands)
- [EPA Solicitation Clauses | US EPA](#)
- [EPA Grants Policy Resources | US EPA](#)
- [EPA Grants Management Training for Applicants and Recipients | US EPA](#)

Next Steps and Timeline

- Applications due **October 10, 2024**.
- Send **additional questions** to Erika Wilson, wilson.erika@epa.gov. Include EPA-OLEM-OCPA-24-03 in the subject line.
- Regularly review **Q&A document** at the [OLEM grants and funding page](#).
- Today's **webinar recording** will be posted at the [OLEM grants and funding page](#).
- EPA anticipates notification to both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be made via electronic mail within 90 days from the application submission deadline: **no later than January 8, 2025**.
- Estimated start date is **January 1, 2025**.



Questions?



Thank you

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