American Indian Air Quality Training Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) EPA-OAR-IO-24-05

Questions and Answers, as of 10/10/2024
Includes Webinar Questions from October 07, 2024

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications for funding under the American Indian Air Quality Training Program until November, 15, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. (ET).

The EPA hosted a Funding Opportunity Information Session on October 07, 2024. This document includes most of the questions asked during this session. The remaining questions will be added soon.

Please review all questions. If you have any additional questions, please email childers.pat@epa.gov by **November 8, 2024**. Questions marked **NEW** or **UPDATED** have been added or revised since the last posting of the questions and answers document.

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Question 1: How can potential grant applicants learn more?

Answer 1:

<u>Watch the Informational Webinar</u>: EPA hosted a webinar to discuss this NOFO. Participants had the opportunity to have their questions answered by EPA in a public forum. The answered questions are included in this document as well. <u>American Indian Air Quality Training Program Informational Webinar-20241007_153109-Meeting Recording.mp4</u>

- Review the <u>Question/Answer document</u> on the <u>website</u>: Applicants are encouraged to review the
 questions and answers document for further information about this grant program and NOFO,
 available at <u>American Indian Air Quality Training Program | US EPA</u>. EPA will respond to questions from
 applicants regarding:
 - o Threshold eligibility clarification criteria;
 - Administrative issues related to the submission of the application;
 - Requests for about any of the language or provisions in the announcement; and,
 - Compliance with regulatory requirements and EPA guidance for competition for procurement of professional services and equipment purchases and entering into proper subawards.
- <u>Email a Question to EPA</u>: Applicants may email questions to <u>childers.pat@epa.gov</u> Questions must be submitted via email before November 9, 2024. EPA will answer relevant questions and post them in the Question/Answer document the following week while the NOFO is open at: <u>American Indian Air</u> Quality Training Program | US EPA. All applicants are encouraged to check the document regularly.

Question 2: Do workshops in the grant proposals have to be in-person?

Answer 2: No, workshops must be interactive engagements, but can be in-person, virtual, or a combination of

the two approaches.

Question 3: On page 23, the NOFO states: "Applicants should budget for TAMS staff consisting of 1 co-director, 1 administrative assistant, and at least 4 technical specialists." Can flexibility be provided by EPA on the number of staff that the applicant provides to support the activities of the TAMS Center?

Answer 3: The statement in the NOFO is a recommendation and not a requirement. Applicants may propose alternative staffing and should explain how their staffing plan will successfully support the TAMS Center.

Question 4: Are there specific requirements related to Alaska in the NOFO

Answer 4: While there are no specific training requirements for Alaska native villages in the NOFO, training for these villages either in person or virtual can be included in the NOFO and would be considered towards meeting the goal of the NOFO.

Question 5: How many Workshops must be at the EPA TAMS Learning Center in Las Vegas, Nevada?

Answer 5: A minimum of 8 of the 15 workshops per year shall be held at the EPA TAMS Learning Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.