



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

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Dear Tribal Chairperson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$2,500,000 to fund tribal Clean Air Act (CAA) grants for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26), October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. These grants are to support the development of tribal air pollution control capacity and programs. Activities conducted under these grants may include:

- Identifying, investigating, and mitigating air pollution sources
- Developing air pollution control regulations and ordinances
- Providing community education and outreach on air quality issues
- Conducting needs assessments and outreach on indoor air and asthma issues
- Participating in local, regional, and national air quality initiatives
- Monitoring ambient and indoor air quality

Federally recognized tribes in Region 9 are eligible to apply for funding, and all activities must be related to air pollution, air pollution control, and/or indoor air. This year's Funding Announcement (FA) is posted on our website at: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/pacific-southwest-region-9-tribal-clean-air-act-funding-announcement-and-guidance>. You may also contact one of the tribal air grant project officers listed below to request a hard copy of the FA. The deadline to submit a proposal is **February 24, 2025, by 6:00 p.m. PST**. An electronic copy of your proposal as a PDF document must be submitted to [R9tribalairfunding@epa.gov](mailto:R9tribalairfunding@epa.gov). Proposals submitted after 6:00 p.m. PST on February 24, 2025, will not be reviewed or considered for funding. If you have any questions about submitting electronically, please contact Kate Harper at (415) 947-4150, or [harper.kathryn@epa.gov](mailto:harper.kathryn@epa.gov).

Specific instructions on what to include in your proposal are included in the FA under "Proposal Submission Information." **Proposals that do not address the Funding Factors (pages 4 to 6 of the FA Guidance) will not be reviewed.**

As in past years, we anticipate that we will not have enough funding to meet demand. Consequently, it is possible that some tribes with existing air grants may not receive funding for FY26, and tribes selected may be offered less than they request.

As detailed in the FA, Region 9 will generally prioritize funding based on the severity of air pollution on the reservation, the size and population of the reservation, and the demonstrated history of the tribe's ability to contribute to addressing any air pollution concerns. Please note that many initial air quality assessment activities are eligible for funding under the EPA Tribal General Assistance Program (GAP); for more information, please contact your EPA GAP project officer.

**Your proposal must be submitted as a PDF document to [R9tribalairfunding@epa.gov](mailto:R9tribalairfunding@epa.gov) on or before 6:00 p.m. PST on February 24, 2025, to be considered for funding.**

Funding decisions will not be announced until May or June, 2025. Tribes selected for an award will receive a letter with instructions requesting them to submit an official grant application via [grants.gov](https://grants.gov). Grant awards will be made by September 30, 2025.

For more information or to request a hard copy of the FA, please contact one of the following Region 9 Tribal Air Coordinators and Tribal grant project officers:

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We thank you for your interest and look forward to receiving your proposal.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tribal Environmental Director