Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG)

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Summary

- Initiated in 1990
- Provides funds to carry out projects to develop and refine comprehensive wetland programs
WPDG Authority

The authority for the grant program is Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) which restricts the use of these grant funds to improving wetland programs by conducting or promoting the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution.
What It Really Means

► Improve the Wetland Program

► What you can do:
  ▪ Research
  ▪ Investigations
  ▪ Experiments
  ▪ Training
  ▪ Demonstrations
  ▪ Surveys
  ▪ Studies

► To reduce, prevent, or eliminate water pollution
Eligible Applicants

- States
- Tribes
- Local government agencies
- Interstate agencies
- Intertribal consortia
- Universities that are agencies of the state
Funds Available

- Region 7 has received approximately $1.1 million per year to award
- Grants or cooperative agreements
- Typically range of awards are between $100,000 and $500,000
Non-Federal Match

- Non-federal matching funds of at least 25% is required
  - Cash
  - In-kind
- Performance Partnership Grants (PPG) – must be selected under competition grant process and in accordance with 40 CFR 35.535.
WPDG Emphasis

► Comprehensive wetland program development
► Core Elements of an Effective State and Tribal Wetlands Program Framework, also called Core Element Framework
  - Monitoring and Assessment
  - Voluntary Restoration and Protection
  - Regulatory Approaches including 401 Certification
  - Wetland-Specific Water Quality Standards

http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/initiative/estp.html
### Successful Applicant Listing

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<td>EPA Region 7 is soliciting Proposals for Wetland Program Development Grants (CFDA 66.401) to provide eligible applicants an opportunity to conduct projects that promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. Project implementation must be within the states of EPA Region 7 specifically Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and/or Nebraska.</td>
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<td>Notice of Request for Proposals for Projects to be Funded from the EPA Region 7 Strategic Agricultural Initiative Grant (CFDA 66.716 - Surveys, Studies, Demonstrations, Educational Outreach, and Special Projects). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 is soliciting proposals to promote transition to reduced-risk pest management practices in agriculture within the area served by Region 7. This area includes Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and nine tribal nations. The Strategic Agricultural Initiative (SAI) program supports grants for education, outreach, demonstration, and implementation of reduced-risk pest management practices.</td>
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Examples of Past Grants

► Kansas Water Office
  - develop a comprehensive standardized process for identifying, assessing and prioritizing wetland and vulnerable aquatic resources in the state of Kansas
  - watershed planning efforts in existing and future Watershed Restoration Protection Strategies (WRAPS)
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- Evaluating the role of Rainwater Basin wetlands in groundwater quality improvement, and analyze the effects of sediment removal on wetland functions.

Mid-America Regional Council
- To provide a three-year training and policy development initiative in the Kansas City region on watershed planning and wetland conservation and restoration with an emphasis on the role of green infrastructure and wetland mitigation strategies in planning for regional sustainability.
Helpful Tips on the Request for Proposals (RFP)

► Read RFP very carefully!!!!

► Important Sections
  ▪ Section I – Funding Opportunity Description
  ▪ Section IB – Environmental Results and Linkage to Strategic Plan
  ▪ Section III – Eligibility Information
    ▪ Section IIIIC – Threshold Criteria
  ▪ Section IV – Application and Submission Information
    ▪ Section IVC – Content of Application Submission
  ▪ Section V – Application Review Information
    ▪ Section VA – Selection Criteria
Helpful Tips on Writing Proposal

- Make no assumptions
- Be very concise and clear
- Address criteria in the RFP
WPDG Website

► Wetlands Website
  - http://epa.gov/wetlands/

► WPDG Website
  - http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/grantguidelines/

► Wetland Grants Database

► Enhancing State and Tribal Wetland Program Framework
Grant Websites

► Region 7 Grant Homepage
  ▪ [http://www.epa.gov/region07/economics/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region07/economics/index.htm)

► Region 7 Grant Opportunities
  ▪ [http://www.epa.gov/region07/economics/r7_grant_opportunities.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region07/economics/r7_grant_opportunities.htm)

► EPA Grants Webpage
  ▪ [http://www.epa.gov/ogd/grants/how_to_apply.htm](http://www.epa.gov/ogd/grants/how_to_apply.htm)

► Tips on Writing a Grant Proposal
  ▪ [http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/tips.htm](http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/tips.htm)

► CARE Grant Writing Tutorial
Other Resources

► 5-Star Restoration Grant Program
  ▪ [http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/)

► Nonpoint Source Program 319
  ▪ [http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/)
Questions?

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