

Bonneville Power Administration

Tribal Education and Capacity Building Grant Program

2019 Solicitation/Request for Applications

The Bonneville Power Administration, headquartered in Portland, Oregon, is a nonprofit federal power marketer that sells wholesale electricity from 31 federal dams and one nuclear plant to 143 electric utilities serving millions of consumers and businesses in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, western Montana and parts of California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. BPA delivers power via more than 15,000 circuit miles of lines and 260 substations to 511 transmission customers. In all, BPA markets about a third of the electricity consumed in the Northwest and operates three-quarters of the region's high-voltage transmission grid. BPA also funds one of the largest fish and wildlife programs in the world and with its partners pursues cost-effective energy savings and operational solutions that help maintain affordable, reliable and carbon-free electric power for the Northwest. More information about BPA can be found at www.bpa.gov.

Program Goals and Objectives

The Bonneville Power Administration's Tribal Education and Capacity Building Grant program provides funding assistance to federally recognized tribes to advance awareness and understanding of BPA mission.

BPA is requesting proposals that support tribal education programs in science, technology, engineering, math, and natural and cultural resource management. Proposals should be designed to strengthen the capacity of tribes, support government-to-government relationships and provide education opportunities regarding the operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System, Federal Columbia River Transmission System or integrated Fish and Wildlife Program.

Specifically, projects should advance participants awareness and understanding of electrical generation and transmission, energy efficiency, hydropower, environmental stewardship of the Columbia River basin habitat and ecosystems and cultural resource management.

Up to \$100,000 is available for grants to be completed in fiscal year 2019. Individual grants awarded will not exceed \$20,000. Tribes may submit more than one application, however, if multiple applications are ranked for selection, only the application with the higher score will be considered.

Eligibility Criteria

- Application must be submitted by a federally recognized tribe within the Bonneville Power Service Territory. Grants cannot be awarded to individuals.
- To be eligible, grant applicants must demonstrate the grant will be used for educational purposes related to a BPA program area in the BPA service territory.
- Performance period begins at time of award (approx. June 1 to Sept. 30, 2019).

- Tribes may submit more than one application, however, if multiple applications are ranked for selection, only the application with the higher score will be considered.
- Grant applicants will be excluded from consideration if found to be debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible to receive federal funding.

Instructions to Applicants

Complete the Tribal Education and Capacity Building Grant Application and submit to tribalaffairs@bpa.gov by **March 15, 2019**. Please ensure your application is complete prior to submission.

Unless publicly available or otherwise available under the Freedom of Information Act, information submitted shall be used for evaluation only and shall not be disclosed outside of BPA without the applicant's approval.

Applicants must include the following information in the attached application:

- Contact information
- Project/event description
- Statement of need
- Total project budget (with detailed breakdown of all costs)
- Amount of BPA assistance being requested
- Amounts and sources of other contributions
- Estimated start and completion dates

Proposal Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated in a timely and objective manner by a BPA selection committee. The internal panel is comprised of BPA subject matter experts and does not include Tribal Affairs staff. Grant applications will be selected on the likelihood of successfully completing the stated objectives in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated below.

Terms and Conditions of Award

BPA may fund all or part of a proposed project. Payment will be made upon award of the grant. Award recipients are required to file a progress report halfway through the project and a statement of completion at the end of the performance period. Grants are awarded on annual basis and do not provide ongoing program funding. Recipients are required to acknowledge BPA as appropriate in public materials such as press releases, web sites, handouts, signage, etc. Recipients are required to coordinate with BPA Tribal and Public Affairs staff to highlight their project via newspaper articles, video clips or other media.

Time Schedule and Point of Contact

Applications will be accepted until **March 15, 2019**. Please contact Tribal Affairs at (503) 230-7685 for questions. Send completed applications to tribalaffairs@bpa.gov.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on each of the following criteria and rated on a scale of 1-5.

- The application clearly explains the project goals and objectives.
- Application is provides a clear and reasonable approach to accomplish the project within the performance period.
- The proposed activity is clearly linked to STEM education and/or education fields (science, technology, engineering, math, and natural and cultural resource management) related to BPA programs.
- Application clearly describes how the proposed project will educate participants about the Federal Columbia River Power and Transmission System and the mission the Bonneville Power Administration.
- The application clearly describes how funds will be maximized to serve program participants and meet program objectives.
- The proposed project promotes excellence in education and provides activities that are implemented in a culturally appropriate manner.

BPA's Financial Assistance Terms and Conditions

To view BPA's financial assistance terms and conditions, please visit our website at <https://www.bpa.gov/Doing%20Business/finassist/Pages/default.aspx> and select the "BFAI 19-1 - Full Text of Parts 1-8 and Appendices."