



# 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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US EPA http://www.epa.gov/region07/economics/r7\_grant\_opportunities.htm

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			\$75,000.00 and awarding up to four (4) projects from this announcement.			
03/10/09	<a href="#">EPA-R7AWMD-09-002</a> (PDF) (24 pp, 102K) <a href="#">About PDF</a>	<b>Notice of Request for Proposals for Projects to be Funded from the Air Waste Management Division (AWMD), Indoor Air Quality Projects for Region 7</b> - CFDA 66.034 - Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstration and Special Purpose Activities Relating to the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 7 is soliciting proposals from organizations to fund indoor air quality (IAQ) projects that address the following two program priority areas: Assistance on the adoption of EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools program, and indoor asthma triggers and exposure education. Projects must occur within the states of EPA Region 7 - Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and/or Nebraska. Funding available is approximately \$140,000 for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$60,000.	<a href="#">Robert Dye</a>	05/05/09	<a href="#">Successful Applicant Listing</a>	
03/02/09	<a href="#">EPA-R7WWPD-09-002</a> (PDF) (36 pp, 214K) <a href="#">About PDF</a>	<b>EPA Region 7 is soliciting Proposals for Wetland Program Development Grants (CFDA 66.461)</b> 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.	<a href="#">Mandy Whitsitt</a>	05/05/09	<a href="#">Successful Applicant Listing</a>	
01/09/09	<a href="#">EPA-R7AWMD-09-001</a> (PDF) (24 pp, 127K) <a href="#">About PDF</a>	<b>Notice of Request for Proposals for Projects to be Funded from the Air and Waste Management Division (AWMD), Tribal Radon Projects for Region 7 - CFDA 66.032 - State and Tribal Indoor Radon Project Grants.</b> EPA Region 7 is soliciting proposals from Tribes to fund indoor radon projects. Projects must occur within one or more of the four states within EPA Region 7 - Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. There will be \$25,000 for eligible applicants through assistance agreements ranging in size from no less than \$10,000 to \$25,000 (total Federal share). EPA will make no more than two awards.	<a href="#">Robert Dye</a>	03/02/09		
01/09/09	<a href="#">EPA-R7WWPD-09-001</a> (PDF) (20 pp, 105K) <a href="#">About PDF</a>	<b>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).</b> 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	<a href="#">Heather Duncan</a>	03/13/09	<a href="#">Successful Applicant Listing</a>	

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# Wetland Grants Database

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http://iaspub.epa.gov/pls/grts/f?p=101:1:2538776016093874

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WPDG Report

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## Wetland Grants Database - WGD

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The Wetland Grant Database (WGD) houses grant data for Wetland Program Development Grants (created by EPA in 1990 under the Clean Water Act Section 104(b)(3) authority), as well as for a three-year demonstration pilot program (the "Pilot Grants"), for which a portion of the national grant appropriation could be used for program implementation. The WGD also houses grant Case Study narratives, and Model Products created by the grant program.

The data entered into the WGD allows EPA to track grant-funded activities, prospective grantees to learn from what past grantees have accomplished, and the public to read about grant-funded activities.

The WGD is administered by EPA's Wetlands Division. Any questions about the WGD may be sent to Romell Nandi of EPA's Wetlands Division at: [nandi.romell@epa.gov](mailto:nandi.romell@epa.gov)



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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 IIIC – 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

- <http://iaspub.epa.gov/pls/grts/f?p=101:1>

## ▶ Enhancing State and Tribal Wetland Program Framework

- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/initiative/estp.html>

# Grant Websites

- ▶ Region 7 Grant Homepage
  - <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>
- ▶ CARE Grant Writing Tutorial
  - <http://www.threestarenterprises.com/epa.asp>

# Other Resources

- ▶ 5- Star Restoration Grant Program
  - <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/>
- ▶ Nonpoint Source Program 319
  - <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/>



# Questions?



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