

Dear Alaska Tribal Environmental Professionals,

It is my pleasure to inform Tribes and Inter-tribal Consortia in Alaska that EPA Region 10 will allocate **an additional \$10, 000 to increase base funding for FY24 GAP grants.** This funding is possible due to a number of factors, but it is mainly due to unspent GAP funds during the pandemic. Over many engagements, I and other EPA leaders have heard of the tremendous obstacles that face tribal environmental programs in Alaska. Though this is not a guarantee of increased GAP funding in the future, we are happy to be able to offer it this year. The funds may be used toward any cost eligible under GAP.

Who is eligible for the increase?

The increase will be provided to Alaska GAP grantees **in good standing** that do not have a high balance and to those grantees **new to GAP** as well. Grantees in good standing are defined as those who are managing ongoing GAP grant projects and making forward progress both financially and programmatically. This definition of eligibility is consistent with the review criteria in this year's [funding announcement](#).

What is the next step?

The next step is to work with your EPA GAP Project Officer to revise your detailed budget for their review. If the additional funds necessitate a change to the work plan, please submit a new work plan along with a new budget. New items (such as personnel, travel, equipment) will require a new work plan. If you are simply increasing the budget for something already in your work plan, a new work plan is not required.

How does this affect FY24 negotiations?

Most FY24 GAP negotiations are still ongoing. These changes should be included as part of those negotiations. There may also be other budget and workplan revisions your GAP Project Officer will ask for in the coming weeks. Please be diligent in responding to those requests to get a good quality package completed in partnership with EPA. We would like to make this process as seamless and positive as possible!

What if I already completed FY24 negotiations?

If your FY24 submittal has already been negotiated and you find yourself on your way toward award, congratulations! Not to worry, you are still eligible for this increase. EPA will process a separate supplemental increase to your FY24 grant. If you wish to apply for the additional funds, please submit a detailed budget for \$10, 000 to your EPA Project Officer, along with a revised work plan if new activities are proposed. These changes will also require a new FY-424a. Once EPA processes the award, you will receive an Assistance Amendment detailing the increase.

On behalf of the hard-working staff in my office, we look forward to working with your organization to provide a high level of customer service in FY24 and beyond to meet our joint environmental protection goals. Please contact your EPA Project Officer if you have any questions. Also, as I've said before, if you have specific feedback – good for bad – on your EPA project officer, please follow up with me using my contact information below.

Sincerely,



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