



Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP): 2004 Requests for Proposals

EPA Region 9 is soliciting proposals for the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP). These cooperative (or grant) agreements are administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The goal of PESP is to reduce the risks and use of pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the U.S. The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), as part of the Agency's overall pollution prevention effort, is offering the following grant opportunities to interested and qualified parties. PESP supports research, public education, training, monitoring, demonstrations and studies that reduce the risks and use of pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the U.S. This is an initial solicitation dated 07/16/04.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 66.714.

Important Dates:

- July 16, 2004 – Funding availability announced in Federal Register
- August 30, 2004 – Proposals must be received in Regional Office
- September 30, 2004 – Announcement of selections
- October – Funding for selected applicants most likely to begin (due to delay in grant announcement)

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Full Text Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description:

The Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) Regional Initiative Grants are administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The goal of PESP is to reduce the risks and use of pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the U.S. The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), as part of the Agency's overall pollution prevention effort, is offering the following grant opportunities to interested and qualified parties. Special Emphasis will be on projects that address the risk reduction goals of the PESP, pesticide pollution prevention, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), IPM in Schools, children's health issues related to pesticides, or those research methods for documenting the trends toward the adoption of IPM or the reduction of risk associated with pesticide use will receive priority consideration. Other projects will be considered as they complement these goals through public education, training, monitoring, demonstrations and studies. A list of projects funded in previous years may be obtained on the Internet at: http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PESP/regional_grants.htm

II. Award Information:

OPP, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, in cooperation with the ten EPA Regional Offices, will use Section 20, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, (the Act) to make grants to States and all Federally recognized Native American Tribes for research, public education, training, monitoring, demonstrations and studies. In FY'04, there is approximately \$500,000 available for grants Nationwide. All applicants will compete for available funds. The Federal share of the project is limited to \$40,000. Matching funds are not required. However, it is strongly encouraged that projects leverage funds from other partners to make maximum use of resources.

Duration. Project duration should not exceed twenty-four (24) months from the funded date.

III. Eligibility Information:

In accordance with the Act "... Federal agencies, universities, or others as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act, ..." are eligible to receive a grant; however, because of restrictions associated with the funds appropriated for this program, the eligible applicants are limited. Eligible applicants include "states" (defined by the Act to include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States), any agency or instrumentality of a State including State universities, and all Federally recognized Native American tribes. Local governments, private universities, private nonprofit entities, private businesses, and individuals are not eligible. The organizations excluded from applying directly are encouraged to work with eligible applicants in

developing proposals that include them as participants in the projects.

General Criteria.

The following general criteria will be secondary to Regional criteria which are included in the Regional cover letter for the request for proposals and listed below.

1. Qualifications and experience of the applicant relative to the proposed project.
2. Does the applicant demonstrate experience in the field of the proposed activity?
3. Does the applicant have the properly trained staff, facilities, or infrastructure in place to conduct the project?
4. Consistency of proposal with the risk reduction goals of PESP.
5. Does the project provide for a quantitative or qualitative evaluation of achieving the stated goals? Is the project designed in such a way that it is possible to measure and document the results quantitatively?
6. Does the applicant identify the method that will be used to measure and document the results quantitatively and qualitatively?
7. Likelihood the project can be replicated to benefit other communities or the product may have broad utility to a widespread audience. Can this project, taking into account typical staff and financial restraints, be replicated by similar organizations in different locations to address the same or similar problem?

General Region 9 Criteria.

1. Implement reduced use or reduced risk control techniques and products, or which demonstrate the potential for implementation of project results.
2. Employ environmental indicators as measures of success.
3. Address a significant geographically-specific or widespread environmental concern.
4. Demonstrate potential for long-term benefits.
5. Build upon existing efforts, or leverage other significant activities or institutional efforts.

Region 9 Criteria - Agricultural projects.

Regional priority will be given to those projects that also:

1. Focus specifically on one of the Region's top priority crops/commodities including: alfalfa/forage, almonds, dairies, citrus, cotton, grapes, grazing, or rice.
2. Address multiple-components of the agro-ecosystem such as soil, water, air, plant, animal, and human resources.
3. Complement whole-farm/ranch systems, particularly biologically-intensive systems.
4. Stress involvement of local stakeholders.
5. Support innovative agricultural extension such as farmer-to-farmer education or farmer-scientist interaction and technology transfer.
6. Address the sociological or economic forces that support adoption, or those impediments that limit adoption, of environmentally sensitive production systems.

Region 9 Criteria - Non-agricultural/urban applicants.

1. Regional priority will be given to pesticide risk/use reduction projects which, in addition to the general criteria detailed above:
2. Demonstrate the use of least-toxic pest management (LTPM) or integrated pest management (IPM) methods in public and/or private school buildings and properties.
3. Analyze/compare the different costs associated with conventional pesticide use on school grounds vs. LTMP/IPM methods.
4. Promote and/or demonstrate the use of LTPM/IPM methods in urban public and/or private structures (residence, commercial establishments, public buildings, hospitals, etc.).
5. Promote and/or demonstrate the use of LTPM/IPM methods in public and private landscapes, gardens, parks, and/or right-of-ways.
6. Promote and/or demonstrate the use of LTPM/IPM methods on public and/or private golf courses.

IV. Initial Proposal Submission Information:

Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program Initiative 2004 Proposal Format

Proposals must be typewritten, double spaced in 12 point or larger print using 8.5 X 11 inch paper with minimum 1 inch horizontal and vertical margins. Pages must be numbered in order starting with the cover page and continuing through the appendices. One original and one electronic copy are required. The electronic copy may be e-mailed to (feder.paul@epa.gov) or submitted on a 3.5" disk, "IBM" compatible, readable in MS Word or Word Perfect WP6/7/8 for Windows. The electronic copy must be consolidated into a single file. Disks will be checked for computer viruses; proposals that are submitted with viruses will be disqualified. To be considered, both the paper and electronic copy must arrive by the due date.

Cover Page (page 1)

Use the cover page format provided (see the last page of the 2004 Proposal Format). All information requested should be provided including the brief funding information.

Executive Summary (page 2)

The Executive Summary shall be a stand-alone document, not to exceed one page, containing the specifics of what is proposed and what you expect to accomplish regarding measuring or movement toward achieving project goals. This summary should identify the measurable environmental results you expect including potential human health and ecological benefits.

Table of Contents (page 3)

A one page table listing the different parts of your proposal and the page number on which each part begins.

Proposal Narrative (pages 4 - 14 or less)

(Parts I through VI listed below are not to exceed 10 pages)

Part 1. Project Title

Part 2. Objectives

A numbered list (1, 2, etc.) of concisely written project objectives - in most cases, each objective can be stated in a single sentence.

Part 3. Justification

For each objective listed in Part II above, discuss the potential outcome in terms of environmental, human health, pesticide risk and/or use reduction or pollution prevention. If appropriate the target pest(s) and crop(s) should be explicitly stated. This section should be numbered with a justification corresponding to each objective.

Part 4. Literature Review

Briefly describe relevant information currently available. This should also include information on projects currently in progress that are relevant to or provide the basis for either the experimental design or the validation of a new approach to pest management.

Part 5. Approach and Methods

Describe in detail how the program will be carried out. Describe how the system or approach will support the program goals.

Part 6. Impact Assessment

Please state how you will evaluate the success of the program in terms of measurable environmental results. How and with what measures will humans or ecosystems be better protected as a result of the program.

Proposal Appendices

(Continue page numbering. These appendices must be included in the grant proposal. The appendices may be single spaced. Additional appendices are not permitted.)

A. Literature Cited

List cited key literature references alphabetically by author.

B. Timetable

A timetable that includes what will be accomplished under each of the objectives during the project and when completion of each objective is anticipated.

C. Major Participants

This appendix should list all farmers/ranchers, farm/ranch organizations, researchers, educators, and conservationists and others having a major role in the proposal. Provide name, organizational affiliation or occupation (such as farmer) and a description of the role each will play in the project. A brief resume (not to exceed two pages) should be submitted for each major researcher or other educator.

D. Project Budget

Provide a budget matrix similar to the blank matrix below. Identify how the requested funds are to be used and also identify how other funding will be used in this project.

Project Budget (*This page will be “Appendix D”, the last full page*)

Project Period: From:

TO:

Budget Category	Grant Funding	Other Funding	Total Funding
Personnel			
Fringe Benefits			
Travel			
Equipment			
Supplies			
Contractual			
Other (detail):			
Total			

COVER PAGE FORMAT

PROJECT TITLE:

PROJECT COORDINATOR:

Organization:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail address:

Fax:

PROJECT DURATION:

TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST:	REQUEST	MATCHING FUNDS (Not Required)	
		Non-Federal	Federal
First Year Funding:	_____	_____	_____
Second Year Funding:	_____	_____	_____
Total Funding Request:	_____	_____	_____

V. Award Administration:

The EPA Regional Offices will be responsible for distribution of the RFP along with any additional regional criteria. Proposals will be submitted to the Region. Regions will rate and rank proposals. Each region will select the highest rated/ranked proposal. Proposals rated and ranked second highest will be evaluated by a panel composed of Headquarters and Regional representatives. Funding decisions will be made based on the panel's recommendations and available funds.

VI. Agency Contacts:

Deadline. Projects must be received at the Regional Office by COB August 30, 2004. Because of internal delays in announcing this grant, funding for selected applicants will most likely not be available before October, 2004. Proposals should be mailed or shipped to:

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