



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF WATER

Dear Tribal Consortium Leader:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce a new grant program that will help protect children from lead exposure in drinking water at schools and child care facilities in tribal communities. EPA is making a total of \$4,304,000 available to tribal consortia to support the *Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Tribal Grant Program*. This funding will be allocated to participating tribal consortia. Beneficiaries of the program must be members of a federally-recognized tribe.

Through participation in the program, grantees will use the EPA's *3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water* guidance to implement lead testing programs and develop monitoring, maintenance, and/or sampling plans that protect children from lead exposure both now and in the future. Enclosed is the *Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Tribal Grant Implementation Document*, which describes the programmatic requirements applicable to funding awarded through this grant program.

If your tribal consortium intends to participate in this program, please submit a letter of intent to EPA by August 31, 2020, that confirms your tribal consortium's participation in the program. Please include the following details in your letter of intent:

- Point of contact (name, email address and phone number) who will provide oversight administration and communication.
- Population and geographic regions you intend to serve.
- Estimated count of facilities you intend to serve.

Once EPA receives the notice of intent from each tribal consortium planning to participate in the program, the Agency will calculate the allotments, and participating consortia will develop project workplans. Grantees will be required to coordinate with EPA Regional points of contact, as well as other grantees, to prevent duplication of efforts. Consortia who participate in the program will then be required to submit a draft workplan, due to EPA on September 30, 2020. The workplan should be sent to EPA Headquarters and the applicable Region, who together will review and approve the draft workplan. Following approval, grantees will formally submit their final workplan and application materials via Grants.gov, by October 31, 2020.

EPA will host a webinar in August to provide more information about the 3Ts toolkit and an overview of the grant and its scope. Webinar registration and additional information on submitting a Letter of Intent are available at [www.epa.gov/safewater/grants](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/grants). Thank you for your active engagement as we work to strengthen the protection of drinking water serving tribes. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. If your staff have

questions about these programs or how to submit a Letter of Intent, they may contact [WIINDrinkingWaterGrants@epa.gov](mailto:WIINDrinkingWaterGrants@epa.gov) or Cathy Davis at 202-564-2703 or at [Davis.CatherineM@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.CatherineM@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure