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# National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS)

States and tribes working together with EPA to achieve environmental outcomes through priority setting and grant planning

#### What is NEPPS?

Established in 1995, the National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS) is designed to improve efficiency and effectiveness of EPA partnerships. NEPPS offers states, tribes, and territories the opportunity to set joint priorities, strategically leverage resources, and assess environmental conditions. Performance Partnership Agreements (PPAs) and Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs) are two tools that can be used to accomplish these goals.

## What are Performance Partnership Agreements?

Performance Partnership Agreements (PPAs) outline jointly developed goals between EPA and a state agency. These negotiated agreements document the strategies to be used in meeting these goals; the roles and responsibilities of the State and EPA; and the measures to be used in assessing progress. PPAs align a State's priorities with EPA's priorities and should be based on assessments of

environmental conditions and program implementation needs to ensure outcome-oriented results. Additionally, a PPA may be used as, or part of, a workplan for a PPG.

### **Agreements with Tribes**

Similar agreements between EPA and tribes can be made through EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs). These jointly developed plans outline how each tribe and EPA will work together to support the tribe's environmental goals. ETEPs are also a planning and communication tool for the tribe and EPA that provides a road map for future decision-making.

### **Benefits of NEPPS**

- Fosters joint, cross-media planning and long-term priority setting between EPA and states or tribes to achieve results
- Promotes results-oriented environmental programs
- Reduces administrative burden of managing multiple grants

# GRANTS BY EPA OFFICE IN A PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT

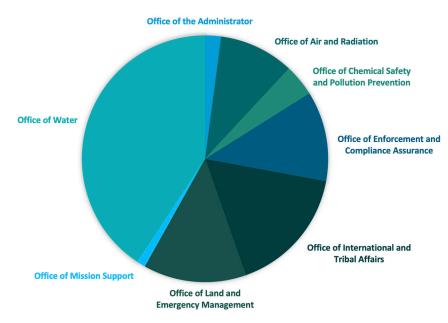


Chart displays the makeup of all PPGs awarded in fiscal years 2016-2019 by contributing EPA Offices.

## **What are Performance Partnership Grants?**

In order to increase overall grant performance, Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs) allow states and tribes to combine separate streams of funding from 19 eligible categorical grants into one multi-program grant, with a single budget and workplan. PPGs allow states and tribes to direct resources to where they are needed most and to generate innovative solutions to environmental problems. PPGs allow recipients to meet cost-share requirements as a whole under a PPG rather than by individual grant program.

### Who can receive PPGs?

States, territories, and federally recognized tribes or intertribal consortium that are eligible to receive funds from more than one categorical grant can combine those funds to enter into a PPG.

# How to apply for PPGs?

In order to receive a PPG, entities must be receiving more than one eligible grants. Entities that wish to apply for a PPG should contact their EPA regional office to express interest and submit an application through www.grants.gov.

## What environmental grant programs are eligible for PPGs?

EPA Office	CFDA Number	Environmental Grant Program
Office of the Administrator	66.204	Multipurpose Grants to States and Tribes
Office of Air and Radiation	66.001	Air Pollution Control Program Support (CAA §105)
	66.032	State Indoor Radon Grants
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention	66.707	TSCA Tile IV State Lead Grants Certification of Lead- Based Paint Professionals
	66.708	Pollution Prevention Grant Program
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance	66.700	Consolidated Pesticide Enforcement Cooperative Agreements
	66.701	Toxic Substances Compliance Monitoring Cooperative Agreements
Office of International and Tribal Affairs	66.926	Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP)
Office of Land and Emergency Management	66.817	State and Tribal Response Program Grants
	66.801	Hazardous Waste Management State Program Support
	66.812	Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes
	66.804	Underground Storage Tank Prevention, Detection, and Compliance Program
Office of Mission Support	66.608	Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program and Related Assistance
Office of Water	66.432	State Public Water System Supervision
	66.433	State Underground Water Source Protection
	66.472	Beach Monitoring and Notification Program Implementation Grants
	66.419	Water Pollution Control State, Interstate, and Tribal Program Support
	66.460	Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants
	66.461	Regional Wetland Program Development Grants