

**National Tribal Air Association Operations**  
**EPA-OAR-IO-22-02**  
**Questions and Answers**  
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**Question 1**

Is the grantee responsible for the actual travel and accommodation costs of the NTAA Executive committee members or simply the administrative and logistical support associated with arranging the travel and accommodations?

**Answer 1:**

The recipient should cover the costs of travel and accommodations for any applicable meetings under this grant. Travel is further explained in Appendix B on pages 25-29. Past and current grant recipients have covered those costs.

**Question 2**

The NTAA website contains a suite of fact sheets, policy resource kits, weekly updates, and other resources for tracking and participating in air quality and climate change actions. Could you elaborate on the typical process when the content of these materials are created or updated? For instance, does NTAA staff develop initial draft content with a review from EPA staff and the grant awardee?

**Answer 2:**

EPA cannot comment on the design of past projects or potential applications. Past activities do not necessarily reflect what will or may be funded under this competition.

**Question 3**

We interpret that consultant fees identified in applications need to comply EPA's Grants Policy Issuance (GPI) 16-01: EPA Subaward Policy for EPA Assistance Agreement Recipients, and that daily consultant rates cannot exceed the amount paid to Federal employees at Level IV of the Executive Schedule. Is this requirement applicable to this grant? If so, are applicants allowed to break out salary, benefits and overhead (similar to proposed employee fringe benefits) to demonstrate that the daily consultant fee does not exceed the executive schedule?

**Answer 3:**

Correct, any grant awarded under this competition is subject to EPA's Subaward Policy and the consultant cap under 2 CFR 1500.10. This is accessed through the [Additional Clauses](#) link under Section I.E. of the RFA. The current [general terms and conditions](#) on pages 4-5 have more details about how to calculate it.