EPA Region 8's CWA 106 Program Funding Allocation Process

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Background on Clean Water Act Section 106 Program

- Can be used to understand baseline conditions
- Determine waters that do not support the designated uses
  - Criteria exceedances
  - Biological assessment
- Identify pollutant causes and sources
- Monitor, assess and identify water quality problems

CWA 106 Funding: How does it get to your Region?

EPA HQ develops a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year (which runs October 1 to September 30)

Congress considers the President's budget requests and passes appropriations bills

Appropriations bills enact federal agency budgets into law upon the President's signature

The appropriation bill that includes funding for EPA becomes the blueprint for EPA's budget activities during the fiscal year

EPA HQ sends determined CWA 106 Allocations to each Region

CWA 106 Funding: Regional Availability Determinants

- Funds are allocated, by formula, among the nine EPA Regions that have federally recognized tribes.

- The formula calculates both a base allotment and a variable allotment:

  - Base Allotment –$65,167 per TAS-eligible tribe in the Region.
  - Variable Allotment – Allocation based on three characteristics of federally recognized tribes in the Region: 1) Land Area, 2) Population, 3) Surface water Area.

CWA 106 Funding: TAB+WD Allocation Collaboration

Tribal WQ Team Funding Comment Form
For FY2024 Grant Proposals

Tribe: _____

WQ Team members: _____
TAB TPM: _____

Tribal Funding Request: _____

Direct Costs: _____

Indirect Costs: _____

Total: _____

Last Year's Award: _____

WQ Lead & TAB TPM **Recommended** Funding Amount: $ total ($ direct costs, $ indirect costs)
$ Recommendation: _____

General Comments:

Overall comments supporting the WQ Team recommended funding amount.

Program Strengths/Past Performance:

WQ Team comments highlighting program strengths and past performance, reflection of progress reporting for current FY.

Program Weaknesses/Past Performance:

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EPA technical assistance needs:

Paired with WQ Team assessment of tribal 106 program weakness and past performance. EPA technical support needed moving forward to successfully complete proposal.

Work plan Comments:

Any feedback on workplan scope that's relevant to bring up during the CWA 106 Allocation meetings.

Budget Comments:

Any feedback on proposed budget that's relevant to bring up during the CWA 106 Allocation meetings.

Region 8 CWA 106 Allocation Process

Funding Proposals Received

Region 8 Receives HQ Funding

R8 Conducts internal Allocation Meetings

Funding Allocation Notices Sent to Grant Recipients

TPMs, WQ Lead & Tribes Negotiate Workplans and Budgets

Grants.gov Application

Grants received and work begins October of new FY

Questions?