

Reclamation Overview:



Mission Statements:

The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

The mission of Reclamation's Native American Affairs Program is to make the benefits of the Reclamation program available to Indian Tribes and to fulfill Reclamation's Indian Trust responsibilities.



Interior Region 10 California-Great Basin:

- California to about Santa Barbara
- Most of Nevada
- Southern Oregon
- 98 Federally Recognized Tribes



Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program:

- Provides technical assistance and funding for the use, development, management and protection of water and related resources
- Funding is limited to \$400,000/NO COST SHARE
- Project duration up to 2 years
- FY2023 approximately \$4.0 million available
- FY2024 June/July 2023
- NOFO <u>www.grants.gov</u>
- ROFO "Dear Tribal" Letter



Notice of Funding Opportunity No. R23AS00016

Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2023



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Technical Assistance Projects Examples:

- Tule River Tribe Water Well and Storage (IHS partnering)
- Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Irrigation Improvement Project
- Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria – *Drinking Water* System Upgrade
- Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians – West Fork of the Russian River Bank Stabilization Project
- Pit River Tribe Culvert Replacement/Irrigation Pipe/Field Leveling
- Quartz Valley Indian
 Reservation Groundwater
 Monitoring Project
- Big Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians – Backup Drinking Water Well and Power
- Elk Valley Rancheria Water Storage Tanks Enhancements
- Klamath Tribes Stock Water Wells and Storage





WaterSmart Programs:

- https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart
- Approximately 16 different programs
- Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration currently open (June)
- Which are best for tribes:
 - Drought Response Program
 - Contingency Planning
 - Resiliency Projects
 - Emergency Response Actions
 - Small-Scale Water Projects (max project \$225,000)
- Cost-share Requirements and 638 contracting

WaterSmart Programs:

Blue Lake Rancheria – Smart Water Grid





Special Funding Opportunities:

- "Magic Money"
- Mostly related to Drought or the Inflation Reduction Act
- Larger funding thresholds
- Non-recurring funding
- Dear Tribal Letter
- Project examples:
 - Drinking water wells
 - Irrigation improvement projects
 - Water system rehabilitation



