

Bureau of Indian Affairs – Fish Hatchery Maintenance Program, Ranking Criteria and Application Process

DEFINITIONS

1. Eligible Fish Hatchery. Any multi-purpose or single-purpose facility owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or a Federally recognized tribe engaged in the spawning, hatching, rearing, holding, caring for, or stocking of fish and/or shellfish. Facilities owned by other federal agencies, states, and non-tribal entities are not eligible to receive maintenance funds.
2. Maintenance. Work that is required to prolong the life of a structure, building, or other facility component including: delay of physical deterioration; enhancement of original function; application of new technological advances; or replacement or acquisition of associated capitalized equipment.

Proposal Eligibility (Failure to provide this information will result in disqualification)

- Proposals must provide the information requested on the hatchery facility description form and the contact information (phone, e-mail, address) for the hatchery manager overseeing the project.
- Proposal budget cannot include tribal indirect rate. *Tribal indirect rate comes from a separate account and should be requested at the time you develop the budget with BIA contracting officials (if selected for funding).*

RANKING CRITERIA

1. Health, Safety and Security. Project merits in eliminating hazardous working conditions, correcting safety and security problems, and protecting property;
2. Water Quality. Project merits in ensuring compliance with applicable effluent discharge standards;
3. Economic Value. Project merits related to the development of tribal resource management capabilities, creation of jobs for tribal members, generation of tribal income, and development of tribal self-sufficiency and reservation economies. Project merits in assisting tribes develop their fisheries management expertise and capabilities and in reducing their dependence on Federal fisheries assistance programs. -Project merits in benefiting more than one tribe and relatively many tribal members;
4. Rights Protection. Project merits in protecting the exercise of Indian fishing rights and in fulfilling tribal resource management responsibilities and commitments resulting from court order, statute, treaty, or other binding instrument;
5. Resource Value. Project merits in restoring, mitigating for, or otherwise enhancing depleted stocks and other stocks of significance, notably, anadromous salmonids, Great Lakes stocks, and species listed as threatened and endangered;
6. Tribal Youth. Project merits in providing summer employment or other positive learning experiences to tribal youth (ages up to and including 25). The focus should be on tribal youth interested in careers in natural resources. Youth positions should be viewed as both a source of labor and as an opportunity to mentor tribal youth, encourage them to pursue an education, and expose them to careers in natural resources management. The seasonal hiring of tribal youth will be an allowable expenditure for hatchery maintenance funding.

PROCEDURES AND PRODUCTS

Bureau-wide application of the definitions and criteria will facilitate project priority comparisons between facilities and areas and allows for the establishment of a meaningful national project ranking system.

Two standard forms will be used:

Facility Description Form. Complete an attached Facility Description form for each eligible facility for which funds are requested. **Each hatchery requesting funds must complete all parts of this form in order to be eligible for hatchery maintenance funding.**

Maintenance Project Proposal. -Utilize the attached Maintenance Project Proposal form and the attached ranking criteria to describe and rank each proposed project. Categorize individual project merits associated with each of the five ranking criteria as high, moderate, or low, and provide additional supporting justification in the space provided. Use one form for each individual proposed project. Do not combine individual projects for a given hatchery on a single form unless absolutely required due to their interrelated nature. Ensure recommended projects adhere to the definition of maintenance established herein. On a separate sheet, provide a summary listing in order of priority of all maintenance projects/costs recommended for tribes and hatchery facilities in your area.

Facility Description forms, Maintenance Project Proposal forms, and respective summary listing of maintenance project rankings should be transmitted to the Regional office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that services your area (contact info below). **Application materials are due to your Regional office (address provided below) by close of business on January 15, 2020.**

BIA Regional Contact List for Fish Hatchery Maintenance Funding Program

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HATCHERY FACILITY DESCRIPTION FORM

Respond to each item noting "non-applicable" or "information unavailable." Use additional sheets if necessary. **Please use a separate form for each Hatchery. This information supports annual appropriations for this program!**

1. Hatchery name: _____
2. Tribe: _____
3. Hatchery location (reservation, city, state, address): _____
4. Ownership status of the hatchery facility: _____
5. Ownership status of the land on which the hatchery is situated (Tribal or non-tribal?): _____
6. If hatchery is on tribal land, describe land status (trust, allotment, fee): _____
7. Hatchery operator (If non-tribal, name entity): _____
8. Hatchery Manager contact information (name, title, office address, phone, e-mail): _____
9. Water source (ground or surface): _____
10. Year(s) of construction: _____
11. Authorization(s) and funding sources(s) for hatchery construction: _____
12. Estimated total investment in total hatchery facilities and equipment: _____
13. Current operations funding source(s): _____
14. List of tribes whose members derive benefits from hatchery products: _____
15. List non-Indian entities that derive benefits from hatchery products: _____
16. Assessment of contributions of hatchery products to Indian and Non-Indian fisheries: _____
17. Estimated value of hatchery fish to Tribal economy: _____
18. Estimated annual value of hatchery output (fish released in dollars): _____
19. Current fish species produced: _____
20. Purpose of the Hatchery (Recovery, Subsistence, Sport fishing, other): _____
20. Annual estimated target production output (output = number released) (include species and size class): _____
21. Capacity limitations: _____
22. Location where fish are released (tribal waters, non-tribal waters, or both): _____
23. Is tribal fishing license required for public access?: _____
24. If yes, does the Tribe sell licenses to the public?: _____
25. Number of Employees (seasonal, part-time, and full-time): _____

Prepared by: _____

HATCHERY MAINTENANCE PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM (Duplicate this form for each project)

Hatchery Name: _____

Project Description: _____

Project Cost: _____

Project Ranking: Number: _____ of a total of: _____ recommended projects in area

Project Merits relative to established ranking criteria:

<u>Ranking Criterion</u>	<u>Relative value</u>		
	<u>High</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Low</u>
Health, safety and security	_____	_____	_____
Water quality	_____	_____	_____
Economic value	_____	_____	_____
Rights Protection	_____	_____	_____
Resource value	_____	_____	_____

Supporting justification for project and project ranking: _____

Prepared by: _____

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Endangered Species Program, Ranking Criteria and Application Process

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility is limited to Federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments and Native American Organizations authorized by Indian tribal governments (Tribes and inter-tribal organizations authorized under P.L. 93-638).

Successful applicants must commit to providing an annual report to the Regional BIA point-of- contact (listed below) by September 1st of each year until the project is completed.

Reports should include:

- Project Status
- Expected completion date
- Objective achievement

A final report to your Regional Bureau contact (listed below) is required within 90 days of project completion. Reporting helps support future appropriations.

Proposal Eligibility

- Proposals must provide the contact information for the Tribal project manager overseeing the project. Failure to provide this information will result in disqualification.
- Proposal budget cannot include tribal indirect rate. Tribal indirect rate is drawn from a separate account and should be requested at budget development meetings with BIA contracting officials (if selected for funding).
- All proposals must be signed (at a minimum) by the equivalent of the Director of Natural Resources to signify that the Tribe is aware of the funding and program requirements.

Project Eligibility

- Participants are encouraged to utilize the 638 contract in order to facilitate reporting and support of FW&R program funding.
- Successful applications will be limited to projects that are directly related to the restoration, management, and/or economic development of "tribal trust resources" (see definitions below).

In addition to the above requirement, only those projects that meet at least one of the following two criteria will be considered for funding:

1. Projects involving species protected by the Endangered Species Act (as amended 1973) (ESA). This includes ESA Candidate species.
2. Projects involving tribally important species and/or habitat(s) where such species or habitat(s) are identified in an official and approved tribal document, management plan, or Tribal Resolution

that lists the tribally important species and/or habitat(s) and describes the tribal interest in focusing attention on those species/habitat(s).

3. The maximum funding request is \$120,000 per application. The funding request cannot include the tribal indirect rate.
4. An eligible entity may submit multiple applications.

Definitions

Tribal Trust Resources - natural resources, either on or off Indian lands, retained by, or reserved by or for Indian tribes through treaties, statutes, judicial decisions, or executive orders and are protected by a fiduciary obligation of the U.S.

Required Project – a project that calls for the utilization of tribal trust resources, and is also REQUIRED to undergo *Section 7 consultation* per requirements of ESA. This includes activities required for compliance with a FWS or NMFS approved Habitat Conservation Plan designed to comply with ESA.

Ranking Criteria

Priority consideration will be given to projects involving “tribal trust resources” (see definition above) **in the context of economic enterprise/economic development, where such project also requires consultation with regulatory agencies per requirements of ESA.**

Applicants must explain how their project meets the “required” criteria. To receive priority consideration applicants must submit a convincing proposal for meeting “required” status (see definition above).

Other ranking criteria include:

- The degree of benefit to species protected by the ESA (including ESA Candidate species).
- The degree of benefit to tribally important species and/or habitats that are listed in official and approved tribal documents, management plans, or Tribal Resolution where the tribal prerogative to focus attention on those species/habitats are clearly described.
- The degree of benefit to tribal trust resources (management plans, habitat assessments, habitat restoration, species recovery, etc.).
- The degree to which the project meets the goals/objectives/requirements of approved tribal or federal/state planning documents.
- The extent to which a project engages tribal youth in natural resources management.
- Ability to provide reports that highlight project successes by September 1 each year.

Native American Fish & Wildlife Society: BIA encourages tribal membership in the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS). For more than 35 years, the NAFWS has addressed the needs of its member tribes, through conferences, training, youth education, and assisting tribal efforts to build capacity and services. The NAFWS enriches tribes through its mission: Assisting Native American and Alaska Native tribes with conserving, protecting, and enhancing their fish, wildlife, habitat, and cultural resources. Membership in the NAFWS is an allowable budget item (one membership for a two-year

period. See www.nafws.org). Further, successful applicants who are confirmed speakers at NAFWS events may be eligible for reimbursement of travel costs (per diem) by BIA.

How to Apply

Proposals should be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Regional office that services the applicant's area and are **due to the regional office (address and contact info below) by close of business on January 15, 2020.**

Proposals should be submitted in the format detailed below and should clearly address both the eligibility and ranking criteria listed above. Proposals are **limited to six pages (not including letters of support/contributions).**

- I. Introduction/Background – name of applicant, project name, project location, a brief background and description of the issue. This section should conclude with a brief statement summarizing your request.
- II. Goal/Objectives - what are the goals of the project? List measurable objectives that work towards achieving the project goals.
- III. Methodology – how you plan to accomplish the task. Include a timeline for completion of tasks. Please attach a copy of any completed management plan by which you are seeking funding for implementation.
- IV. Outcome/Results - what are the expected work products? What measurable benefits are expected? What is the expected timeline?
- V. Budget – Need a detailed line item expenditure breakdown. Do not include contract support cost (indirect cost).
- VI. Letters of support/contributions.

BIA Regional Contact List for ESA Program

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Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal Youth Initiative (TYI) Program, Ranking Criteria and Application Process

Program Information

Initiative funding for the support and development of tribal youth programs focused on science in alignment with conservation and resource management will be distributed on a competitive basis to tribes and inter-tribal organizations. The programs will provide opportunities for youth to engage in the field of natural resource management and encourage their interest in pursuing educational opportunities and careers in natural resources management.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and Native American Organizations authorized by Indian tribal governments (Tribes and inter-tribal organizations authorized under P.L. 93-638).

Successful applicants must commit to providing annual reporting to the Regional BIA point-of-contact (listed below) by September 1 of each year until the project is completed. Reports should include:

- Project Status
- Expected completion date
- Objectives achieved

Also, please submit a final report to your Regional Bureau contact (listed below) within 90 days of project completion.

Reporting helps support future appropriations!

Proposal Eligibility

- Proposals must provide the contact information for the Tribal project manager overseeing the project. Failure to provide this information will result in disqualification.
- Proposal budget cannot include tribal indirect rate. *-Tribal indirect rate comes from a separate account and should be requested upon budget development in conjunction with BIA, contracting officials (if selected for funding).*
- All proposals must be signed (at a minimum) by the equivalent of the Director of Natural Resources. This is to ensure the Tribe is aware of this project.

Project Eligibility

Successful applications will focus on promoting native youth interest in natural resources management, including career opportunities in natural resources.

- Encourage 638 contract - this facilitates reporting and support of FW&R program funding

Funding requests can range from \$2,000 to \$50,000 per application.

The applicant must commit to submitting annual reports to the Regional BIA point-of-contact until the project is completed. Reports are due by September 1 of each fiscal year. Reporting helps support future appropriations.

- Project Status
- Expected completion date
- Objectives achieved

Ranking Criteria

Projects should focus on providing mechanisms whereby tribal youth (ages up to and including 25 years of age) are encouraged to work towards careers in the field of natural resources. Project participants are strongly encouraged to provide mentoring for upcoming students or to assist current students in remaining with the project through to its conclusion.

Eligible projects will be ranked according to the degree to which they meet the following criteria:

- The extent to which a project engages tribal youth in natural resources management (number/age of youth, and the degree to which the material will motivate or otherwise support tribal youth on a path to a career in natural resources)
 - provides hands-on resource management activities
 - addresses recognized local resource management issues
 - addresses recognized broad-scale resource management issues
 - demonstrates interdisciplinary approach to resource management
 - accomplishes meaningful resource conservation/management results
- **Safety:** Applicants must demonstrate the prioritization of safety. Applicants must assume responsibility for working with tribal youth and demonstrate that participants will be provided a safe learning environment. - **This criterion must be addressed in the applicants' proposal.** Describe steps that will be taken to ensure a safe environment (mentor/student ratio, supervision provided, past experience, accreditation, etc.).
- **Collaboration:** Applicants should show their investigation/pursuit of collaborating partners to maximize resources and partner participation (include letter of support for partnerships).
- **Cost Containment:** Proposals should show the extent to which applicant will provide a cost effective means of encouraging tribal youth to pursue careers in natural resources.
- **Reporting:** Applicants must commit to providing reports highlighting project successes by Sept. 1 of each year.

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How to Apply

Applicants should submit a proposal in the format detailed below. - **The proposal should clearly address the eligibility and ranking criteria listed above and should not exceed six pages maximum** (not including letters of support/contributions).

- I. Introduction/Background: Name of applicant, project name, project location, a brief background and description of the issue. This section should conclude with a brief statement summarizing your request.
- II. Goal/Objectives: What are the goals of the project? - List measurable objectives that work towards achieving the project goals.
- III. Methodology: How you plan on accomplishing the task. Include a timeline for completion of tasks. Please attach a copy of any completed management plan in which you are seeking funding for implementation.
- IV. Outcome/Results: What are the expected work products? -What measurable benefits are expected? What is the expected timeline?
- I. Budget: Need a detailed line item expenditure breakdown. Do not include contract support cost (indirect cost).
- V. Letters of support/contributions.

BIA Regional Contact List for Tribal Youth Initiative Program

Submit your proposal to the Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that services your area. - **Proposals are due to your Regional office (contact info below) by close of business on January 15, 2020.**

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Bureau of Indian Affairs – Invasive Species (IS) Program, Ranking Criteria and Application Process

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to Federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments and Native American Organizations authorized by Indian tribal governments (Tribes and inter-tribal organizations authorized under P.L. 93-638).

Successful applicants must commit to provide annual reporting to the Regional BIA point-of- contact (listed below) by September 1st of each year until the project completion.

Reports should include:

- Project Status
- Expected completion date
- Objectives achieved

Additionally, please submit a final report to your Regional Bureau contact (listed below) within 90 days of project completion. Reporting helps support future appropriations.

Proposal Eligibility

- Proposals must provide the contact information for the Tribal project manager overseeing the project. -Failure to provide this information will result in disqualification.
- The proposal budget cannot include tribal indirect rate. *-Tribal indirect rate comes from a separate account and should be requested at the time you develop the budget with BIA, contracting officials (if selected for funding).*
- Proposals calling for the capture, holding, or removal of feral or wild animals must be approved by Tribal Resolution
 - All other proposals must be signed (at a minimum) by the equivalent of the Director of Natural Resources. -This is to help ensure the Tribe is aware of the project:

Project Eligibility

- Encourage 638 contract - this facilitates reporting and support of FW&R program funding.

Successful applications will focus on the management/control of invasive species on tribal trust lands, individual Indian allotment lands, or in areas managed by tribes through treaties or agreements.

Instead of focusing on the definition of "Invasive Species," this program will focus on the damage caused to Tribal Trust Resources and leave it to the discretion of the applicant to describe whether the species is "invasive" or represents an instance in which a native species is behaving as an invasive species due to altered environmental conditions. -This funding can cover all invasive species (plants/animals) outside of noxious weeds in agricultural settings.

Invasive wildlife funding will focus on the following three areas.

- 1) **Planning** funding would allow tribes to participate in local/regional/national forums and/or planning efforts by which such collaborative efforts have been established, or would allow tribes to initiate a collaborative forum, task force, or management planning effort where none currently exist.
- 2) **Prevention** funding would provide for the development of planning/management documents and or develop/implement procedures to prevent IS from impacting tribal trust resources where such species are not already established.
- 3) **Implementation** funding would assist tribes in implementing management plans or other established protocols aimed at the control, management, or prevention of IS.

Funding requests can range from \$2,500 - \$250,000 per application. Proposals addressing more than one focus area may be combined into one proposal.

An eligible entity can submit multiple applications.

Ranking Criteria

All projects should focus on alleviating or preventing IS impacts on tribal natural resources.

Eligible projects will be ranked according to the degree they meet the following criteria:

- The extent to which collaboration with other partners has been investigated/pursued;
- The extent to which a proposal provides the most cost effective means of controlling or managing IS;
- The extent to which a project is self-sustaining; requiring little, if any, future funding for operations/ongoing management;
- The extent to which a management plan attempts to eradicate the IS, reduce the IS to the lowest level possible, or prevent the invasion of IS;
- The degree of benefit to native species and other tribal natural resources;
- The degree of benefit to tribally important species and/or habitats that are listed in official and approved tribal documents, management plans, or Tribal Resolutions;
- The degree to which the project meets the goals/objectives/requirements of approved tribal or federal/state planning documents;
- The extent to which the proposal demonstrates an awareness and ability to achieve environmental compliance (NEPA, ESA) and other permitting requirements;
- The degree of cost-sharing and partnerships (include letter of support);
- The extent to which a project engages tribal youth in natural resources management (play, learn, work, serve);
- Ability to provide reports that highlight project successes (by Sept. 1st of each year).

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resources. Membership in the NAFWS is an allowable budget item (one membership for a two-year period. See www.nafws.org). Further, successful applicants who are confirmed speakers at NAFWS events may be eligible to for reimbursement of travel costs (per diem) by BIA.

All projects must focus on the reduction of invasive species populations to the lowest levels practicable. - There will be no consideration for maintenance of populations, especially for feral horse and swine populations. - BIA will not fund projects with long-term (greater than 30 days) holding, maintaining, or otherwise providing care for feral animals in holding pens or other enclosures.

This funding source is non-recurring. -Thus, the goals of any proposed project should not rely on future funding.

How to Apply

Submit your proposal to the Regional office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that services your area. - **Proposals are due to your Regional office (contact info below) by close of business on January 15, 2020.**

The proposal should clearly address the ranking criteria listed above and be limited to six pages maximum (not including letters of support/contributions).

Please submit a proposal in the following format:

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- III. Methodology – How you plan on accomplishing the task.- Include a timeline for completion of tasks. Please attach a copy of any completed management plan in which you are seeking funding for implementation.
- IV. Outcome/Results - What are the expected work products? -What measurable benefits are expected? What is the expected timeline?
- V. Budget - Need a detailed line item expenditure breakdown. Do not include contract support cost (indirect cost).
- VI. Letters of support/contributions.

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