

## USDA APHIS Veterinary Services

### Tribal Nations: National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) 2022 Funding Opportunity Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

USDA APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) has announced the 2022 Tribal competitive funding opportunity for the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP). Established in the 2018 Farm Bill, the NADPRP allows APHIS to collaborate with animal health partners to implement high-value projects to help prevent the introduction and spread animal diseases that threaten U.S. agriculture. Funded proposals are managed via cooperative or interagency agreements. In the 2022 NADPRP Tribal funding opportunity (USDA-APHIS-10025-VSSP0000-23-0001), APHIS VS invites eligible entities to submit proposals for projects in the topic areas listed below:

**Topic 1:** Deliver **Outreach & Education** on Animal Disease Prevention, Preparedness, and Response

**Topic 2:** Increase Livestock and Poultry **Biosecurity**

**Topic 3:** Support **Training & Exercises** for Tribal Nations Animal Agriculture Sector Responders

**Topic 4:** Develop, Enhance, and Exercise Tribal Animal Disease **Emergency Response Plans**

**Topic 5:** Enhance **Animal Disease Traceability** for a Disease Outbreak

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FAQs

### How much funding is available through this opportunity?

APHIS will make available up to \$500,000 in funds to support NADPRP Tribal projects in 2022.

### Who can apply for funds?

- Native American Indian Tribes<sup>1</sup>,
- Tribal Organizations<sup>2</sup>,
- Tribal Colleges & Universities (TCUs)<sup>3</sup>

### Can someone from the private sector apply?

No. However, a private sector entity may contribute to or collaborate on a proposal submitted by an eligible applicant and could be supported through a subaward or contract. The proposal should describe the necessity and added value to engage private sector collaborators to accomplish the proposed activities.

### How much funding does APHIS expect to award to individual applicants?

APHIS anticipates that most 2022 NADPRP Tribal awards will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

### Are there limitations on what Farm Bill Section 12101 funds can be used for?

NADPRP funds cannot be used for construction, promotional materials or incentives, or food and beverages for meetings. See the full funding opportunity announcement, the [NADPRP Guidelines for Use of Funds](#) and [2 CFR Subpart E](#), Cost Principles for details about allowable and unallowable uses of NADPRP funds.

## APPLICATION FAQs

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<sup>1</sup> Federally recognized Native American Tribal governments listed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

[Federal Register :: Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible To Receive Services From the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

<sup>2</sup> 25 CFR § 900.6 defines Tribal organization as the recognized governing body of any Indian Tribe; any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities: Provided, That in any case where a contract is let or grant made to an organization to perform.

<sup>3</sup> As recognized by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) [AIHEC: Who We Serve](#)

**When are applications due?**

Applications must be submitted in the USDA's [ezFedGrants](#) system by January 13, 2023, at 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

**Where can I find application materials?**

The full funding opportunity announcement, including the instructions for applicants, can be found on the [ezFedGrants](#) (eFG) website and the [Grants.gov](#) website by searching CFDA number **10.025** or Funding Opportunity Number **USDA-APHIS-10025-VSSP0000-23-0001**. Information is also available on the [USDA APHIS NADPRP website](#).

**What should I do first to apply for NADPRP funds?**

We urge applicants to complete these activities as soon as possible to avoid delays in the submission process:

- (1) **Register with SAM.** Instructions are available at [Register With SAM](#).
- (2) **Create a USDA Level 2 eAuthentication Account.** Go to [USDA eAuthentication home](#) and select 'Create Account' to get started.
- (3) **Establish an ezFedGrants (eFG) Account.** For help with the USDA ezFedGrants system, contact the ezFedGrants help desk at [ezFedGrants@cfo.usda.gov](mailto:ezFedGrants@cfo.usda.gov). You must have at least one Grants Administrative Officer and one Signatory Official registered in eFG to submit your application. Identity and register these individuals as soon as possible and make sure they will be available to assist you at the time you submit your proposal.

**How do I apply for funds?**

Applicants must submit all application materials electronically using [ezFedGrants](#) (eFG).

**Can I submit more than one proposal?**

Yes. An eligible entity may submit more than one proposal. However, applicants should realistically consider their ability to successfully complete multiple projects in the same time frame.

**I have several different proposal ideas for projects that support the 2022 Tribal Nations funding priorities. Should I combine them into one big proposal and application package?**

No. It's better to submit separate application packages for separate projects. This helps reviewers score each project on its individual merits and improves the likelihood of funding.

**When should the project start and end? How long will I have to complete the project?**

We recommend that cooperators plan for project start dates between May 1 and June 30, 2023, but flexibility may be allowed to accommodate specific project needs. A project's duration will depend on the nature and scope of the project, but all projects must end no later than 24 months after the start date.

**Can an application submitted in the eFG system be modified or amended after it is submitted?**

After the applicant's Signatory Official signs and submits an application in eFG, it may be modified or amended in eFG before the application due date. To modify or amend an application, e-mail [VS.NADPRP@usda.gov](mailto:VS.NADPRP@usda.gov) and ask for your application to be returned. After it is returned, only the application creator can edit the application. The application must be resubmitted prior to the application deadline to be considered.

**FUNDING PRIORITY FAQs**

### **What are the funding priorities?**

APHIS will only consider project proposals that clearly and directly support one of the animal disease preparedness and response topics described below. Detailed information about each topic is provided in the full funding opportunity announcement; applicants are strongly encouraged to read the details about each topic before submitting their application package.

**Topic 1:** Projects that deliver **Outreach & Education** on Animal Disease Prevention, Preparedness, and Response

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### **For all priorities, applicants are encouraged to develop proposals that:**

- a. Focus on animal disease preparedness and response.
- b. Leverage existing resources through partnerships with local, State, and/or Federal government agencies, Native American Tribal governments, Native American Tribal organizations, Native American Colleges & Universities, industry organizations, professional associations, producer groups, and/or non-profit organizations with direct and significant interest in livestock and poultry disease prevention, preparedness, and response.
- c. Address known gaps, problems, and areas of concern related to prevention, preparedness, and response for animal disease outbreaks.
- d. Build on scientifically based innovation, existing tools/techniques, and findings from projects previously funded by NADPRP.
- e. Address animal disease preparedness and response concerns and needs of Tribal communities.

## **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FAQs**

### **Will NADPRP agreements impact APHIS VS' Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) agreements, umbrella agreements or Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) agreements with States and Tribes?**

No. APHIS VS' NADPRP agreements with States and Tribes will be distinct and separate from other APHIS VS agreements that are funded with appropriated funds, such as umbrella agreements with States.

### **What is competitive funding and how does it work in a cooperative agreement?**

In the NADPRP program, proposals are awarded based on a competitive process where a team of experts evaluate proposals using pre-determined criteria. Funding is based on the merits of the proposal and application package, and Recipients are not pre-determined. Final decisions are made by USDA.

When cooperative agreements are awarded through a competitive process, applicants must submit a complete and polished proposal because there is no opportunity for modifications or discussion with cooperators during the review process. After projects are selected, projects are funded through cooperative agreements, which means there will be substantial involvement between the Federal awarding agency and the Recipient in carrying out the activity funded by the Federal award.

### **Is cost sharing required?**

No.

### **What is the limit on indirect costs (administrative costs)?**

Applicants should refer to the [NADPRP Guidelines for Use of Funds](#) for detailed information and guidance on calculating indirect costs for their project budget and financial plan. Indirect costs are **capped** at 10% of the project's total costs

## **PROPOSAL REVIEW AND NOTIFICATION FAQs**

### **How are proposals reviewed and who reviews them? Who makes the final decision?**

Eligible proposals will be evaluated by a review team of internal and external subject-matter experts. To avoid potential conflicts of interest, reviewers may have no association with projects they are reviewing. The review team may seek counsel from additional subject-matter experts as appropriate. Proposals are scored based on the merits of the application relative to the evaluation criteria, which are listed in the funding opportunity announcement. USDA considers the review team's recommendations in making final funding decisions.

### **Will partial funding of a proposal be considered?**

Yes. Based on reviewer recommendations, APHIS may award less than the requested amount of funds to a project. In these cases, applicants may accept or decline the award that is offered. If applicants accept a reduced funding level, applicants will submit a revised application that addresses reviewer concerns and aligns with the lower award amount. APHIS will provide additional guidance to applicants in these situations.

### **When and how will I find out if my proposal is funded, and when will funds be awarded?**

APHIS will publish the Spending Plan and List of Projects resulting from this funding opportunity and notify applicants of their award status promptly after the spending plan is approved by USDA. Applicants will be notified by email and through the publication of the NADPRP spending plan on the [USDA APHIS NADPRP website](#). APHIS anticipates announcing awarded projects by the end of April 2023.

## **EQUIPMENT AND INVENTIONS FAQs**

### **What happens with equipment purchased under a funded project after the project has ended?**

It is VS' intention to have Recipients retain equipment purchased through NADPRP funded projects as long as the requirements and conditions set forth in [2 CFR § 200.313](#) and the [General Terms and Conditions for APHIS Cooperative Agreements and Grants](#) are met.

### **If I invent something unique with NADPRP funds, who owns it when the cooperative agreement ends?**

[The Bayh-Dole Act](#), Public Law 96-517, is followed when intellectual property (IP) is developed under a federal award. Bayh-Dole allows the cooperator to take ownership of their developed IP if they elect to do so. It also permits the federal funding agency (e.g., APHIS) to retain a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to use the developed technology – or have someone else use for or on behalf of the U.S. government – for government purposes.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Is there a website with more information?**

The [USDA APHIS NADPRP website](#) includes all information and links related to this funding opportunity.

### **Whom can applicants contact regarding questions about NADPRP and the 2022 funding opportunity?**

For all questions about this funding opportunity and about the NADPRP program, please send an email to [VS.NADPRP@usda.gov](mailto:VS.NADPRP@usda.gov). You may also contact the following APHIS VS program staff: Julie Wallin, NADPRP Program Coordinator, [Julie.e.wallin@usda.gov](mailto:Julie.e.wallin@usda.gov), 970-494-7258.

## **If you plan to apply for NADPRP funds, complete these steps soon!**

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