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APHIS Announces Funding Opportunity for Tribes and Tribal Organizations to Support Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Activities

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WASHINGTON, October 24, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will provide up to \$500,000 to Tribes and Tribal organizations to further animal disease prevention, preparedness, and response through the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP). This NADPRP Tribal Nations funding opportunity opens today and closes January 19, 2024.

In July 2023, APHIS announced the availability of up to \$17 million in funds for NADPRP. While Tribes and Tribal organizations were eligible to apply for that funding opportunity (which closed October 20, 2023), the additional \$500,000 was specifically designated for a separate funding opportunity for Tribes and Tribal organizations for animal disease preparedness and response activities.

This is the second year this funding opportunity targeting Indian Country is available, as APHIS seeks to continue to advance animal disease preparedness and response through its Farm Bill animal health programs.

Eligible applicants include federally recognized Tribes, their arms and instrumentalities, Tribal-serving organizations, and Tribal colleges and universities. APHIS will prioritize funding to project proposals aimed at:

- Delivering outreach & education on animal disease prevention, preparedness, and response,
- Increasing livestock and poultry and indigenous animal biosecurity,
- Supporting training and exercises for Tribal animal agriculture sector responders,
- Developing and implementing Tribal animal disease emergency response plans, and
- Enhancing animal disease traceability for an animal disease outbreak.

The NADPRP addresses the risk of introduction and spread of high-consequence animal pests and diseases through cooperative or interagency agreements between APHIS and Tribes, States, livestock and indigenous animal producer organizations, Tribal organizations, land-grant universities, and other eligible entities. This program enhances APHIS' animal health efforts through collaboration with animal health partners throughout the nation. Together, APHIS and its partners carry out high-value projects that enhance prevention, preparedness, detection, and response to the most damaging emerging and foreign animal diseases that threaten agriculture and food production across the United States.

The 2018 Farm Bill provided funding for these programs as part of an overall strategy to help prevent animal pests and diseases from entering the United States and reduce the spread and impact of potential disease incursions through advance planning and preparedness.

The funding opportunity announcement, including application instructions and additional information, is available on the [NADPRP website](#). Applicants can also find information on the on the [ezFedGrants](#) website or the [Grants.gov](#) website by searching CFDA number 10.025 or Funding Opportunity Number USDA-APHIS-10025-VSSP0000-24-0003. Tribes and Tribal organizations may apply for this funding opportunity, even if they previously applied to the NADPRP funding opportunity that closed on October 20, 2023.

APHIS' Office of National Tribal Liaison (ONTL) in partnership with NADPRP is offering a webinar to assist Tribal applicants with the application process. Two sessions of

the webinar, “National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) Tribal Funding Opportunity: Information for Applicants”, will be available, held on October 25, 2023, at 2:00 pm EST and November 6, 2023, at 1:00 pm EST. Each webinar will be recorded and posted to the NADPRP website for those unable to attend the live sessions.

Webinar #1

Wednesday, October 25 at 2:00

2:00 PM ET / 1:00PM CT / 12:00PM MT / 11:00AM PT / 10:00AM AKT

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/g/H Cp1g LW8Zd>

Webinar #2

Monday, November 6

1:00 ET / 12:00PM CT / 11:00AM MT / 10:00AM PT / 9:00AM AKT

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/g/H Cp1g LW8Zd>

More information on these programs is available at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/farmbill>

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