

## § 1000.42

been selected from the applicant pool as described in subpart B of this part;

(b) Planning grants may be available to Tribes/Consortia requiring advance funding to meet the planning phase requirement of the Act; and

(c) Financial assistance may be available to Tribes/Consortia to plan for negotiating for non-BIA programs, as described in subpart D and §§ 1000.42–1000.45 of this subpart.

### AVAILABILITY, AMOUNT, AND NUMBER OF GRANTS

#### **§ 1000.42 Will grants always be made available to meet the planning phase requirement as described in section 402(d) of the Act?**

No, grants to cover some or all of the planning costs that a Tribe/Consortium may incur, depend upon the availability of funds appropriated by Congress. Notice of availability of grants will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER as described in § 1000.45.

#### **§ 1000.43 May a Tribe/Consortium use its own resources to meet its self-governance planning and negotiation expenses?**

Yes, a Tribe/Consortium may use its own resources to meet these costs. Receiving a grant is not necessary to meet the planning phase requirement of the Act or to negotiate a compact and an AFA.

#### **§ 1000.44 What happens if there are insufficient funds to meet the Tribal requests for planning/negotiation grants in any given year?**

If appropriated funds are available but insufficient to meet the total requests from Tribes/Consortia:

(a) First priority will be given to Tribes/Consortia that have been selected from the applicant pool to negotiate an AFA; and

(b) Second priority will be given to Tribes/Consortia that require advance funds to meet the planning requirement for entry into the self-governance program.

#### **§ 1000.45 How many grants will the Department make each year and what funding will be available?**

The number and size of grants awarded each year will depend on Congress-

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sional appropriations and Tribal interest. By no later than January 1 of each year, the Director will publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER that provides relevant details about the application process, including the funds available, timeframes, and requirements for negotiation grants, advance planning grants, and financial assistance as described in subpart D of this part.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

#### **§ 1000.46 Which Tribes/Consortia may be selected to receive a negotiation grant?**

Any Tribe/Consortium that has been accepted into the applicant pool and has been accepted to negotiate a self-governance AFA may apply for a negotiation grant. By March 15 of each year, the Director will publish a list of additional Tribes/Consortia that have been selected for negotiation along with information on how to apply for negotiation grants.

#### **§ 1000.47 What must a Tribe/Consortium do to receive a negotiation grant?**

If funds are available, a grant will be awarded to help cover the costs of preparing for and negotiating a compact and an AFA. These grants are not competitive. To receive a negotiation grant, a Tribe/Consortium must:

(a) Be selected from the applicant pool to negotiate an AFA;

(b) Be qualified as eligible to receive a negotiation grant in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice discussed in § 1000.45;

(c) Not have received a negotiation grant within the 3 years preceding the date of the latest FEDERAL REGISTER announcement;

(d) Submit a letter affirming its readiness to negotiate; and

(e) Formally request a negotiation grant to prepare for and negotiate an AFA.

#### **§ 1000.48 What must a Tribe do if it does not wish to receive a negotiation grant?**

A selected Tribe/Consortium may elect to negotiate without applying for a negotiation grant. In such a case, the Tribe/Consortium should notify OSG in writing so that funds can be reallocated for other grants.

## ADVANCE PLANNING GRANT FUNDING

**§ 1000.49 Who can apply for an advance planning grant?**

Any Tribe/Consortium that is not a self-governance Tribe and needs advance funding to complete the planning phase requirement may apply. Tribes/Consortia that have received a planning grant within 3 years preceding the date of the latest FEDERAL REGISTER announcement are not eligible.

**§ 1000.50 What must a Tribe/Consortium seeking a planning grant submit in order to meet the planning phase requirements?**

A Tribe/Consortium must submit the following material:

(a) A Tribal resolution or other final action of the Tribal governing body indicating a desire to plan for Tribal self-governance.

(b) Audits from the last 3 years that document that the Tribe/Consortium is free from material audit exceptions. In order to meet this requirement, a Tribe/Consortium may use the audit currently being conducted on its operations if this audit is submitted before the Tribe/Consortium completes the planning activity.

(c) A proposal that includes:

(1) The Tribe's/Consortium's plans for conducting legal and budgetary research;

(2) The Tribe's/Consortium's plans for conducting internal Tribal government and organizational planning;

(3) A timeline indicating when planning will start and end, and;

(4) Evidence that the Tribe/Consortium can perform the tasks associated with its proposal (i.e., resumes and position descriptions of key staff or consultants to be used).

**§ 1000.51 How will Tribes/Consortia know when and how to apply for planning grants?**

The number and size of grants awarded each year will depend on Congressional appropriations. By no later than January 1 of each year, the Director will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice concerning the availability of planning grants for additional Tribes. This notice must identify the specific details for applying.

**§ 1000.52 What criteria will the Director use to award advance planning grants?**

Advance planning grants are discretionary and based on need. The Director will use the following criteria to determine whether or not to award a planning grant to a Tribe/Consortium before the Tribe/Consortium is selected into the applicant pool.

(a) Completeness of application as described in § 1000.50.

(b) Financial need. The Director will rank applications according to the percent of Tribal resources that comprise total resources covered by the latest A-133 audit. Priority will be given to applications that have a lower level of Tribal resources as a percent of total resources.

(c) Other factors that the Tribe may identify as documenting its previous efforts to participate in self-governance and demonstrating its readiness to enter into a self-governance agreement.

**§ 1000.53 Can Tribes/Consortia that receive advance planning grants also apply for a negotiation grant?**

Yes, Tribes/Consortia that successfully complete the planning activity and are selected may apply to be included in the applicant pool. Once approved for inclusion in the applicant pool, the Tribe/Consortium may apply for a negotiation grant according to the process in §§ 1000.46-1000.48.

**§ 1000.54 How will a Tribe/Consortium know whether or not it has been selected to receive an advance planning grant?**

No later than June 1, the Director will notify the Tribe/Consortium by letter whether it has been selected to receive an advance planning grant.

**§ 1000.55 Can a Tribe/Consortium appeal within DOI the Director's decision not to award a grant under this subpart?**

No, the Director's decision to award or not to award a grant under this subpart is final for the Department.