

Reclamation Manual

Directives and Standards

Subject: General Planning Activities (GPA)

Purpose: Sets forth responsibilities and basic requirements for water resource investigations performed as General Planning Activities.

Authority: The Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, (32 Stat. 388, 43 U.S.C. 391) and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

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1. **GPA Budget Line Item Account.** The GPA budget line item account focuses on activities that cross interregional boundaries or are not funded by an existing Geographically Defined Program, such as, Reclamation-wide tasks, interstate and international agreements, and unanticipated short-term investigations (less than 1 year). Cost sharing is not required for GPAs; however, this does not preclude managers from attempting to obtain cost sharing whenever possible. The following are typical activities that may be funded under GPAs:
 - A. Preparatory work prior to the initiation of cost-shared, multi-year investigations such as, work plans and cost-sharing agreements.
 - B. Maintenance of lines of communication and coordination of activities with other Federal and non-Federal entities.
 - C. Development of responses to Administration, Congress, and public inquiries regarding investigation activities which are not included in the current year program budget.
 - D. Review of data and reports from other entities that may affect Reclamation interests.
 - E. Participation in multi-agency activities to solve mutual problems.
 - F. Development of analytical tools and training materials and conducting staff training relevant to investigation procedures and requirements.
 - G. Resolution of general Reclamation investigation issues.
 - H. Unscheduled short-term (less than 1 year) investigation activities not funded by other investigation programs.
 - I. Provide technical assistance requested by states, statutory or state-chartered entities, legislatively authorized political subdivisions of the state, and Native American Tribes that is not funded by other investigation programs.