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Wetland Program Development Grants

The Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDGs) (RFPs are typically put out in the spring time) provide eligible applicants an opportunity to conduct projects that promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction and elimination of water pollution. WPDGs assist state, tribal, local government (S/T/LG) agencies and interstate/intertribal entities in building programs to protect, manage and restore wetlands. States, tribes, local governments, interstate associations, and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply for the Regional WPDG Request for Proposals (RFPs). Nonprofits, interstate associations and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply for the National WPDG RFPs.

WPDGs provide applicants an opportunity to develop and refine comprehensive state/tribal/local government wetland programs. These programs are meant to:

- build the capacity of state/tribal/local governments to increase the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by conserving and restoring wetland acreage and improving wetland condition; and
- use one or more of the following “Core Elements” in order to achieve this goal.

Core Elements– With the work of many states and tribes, the EPA has distilled a set of core elements, actions and activities that together comprise a comprehensive wetland program. The EPA has summarized these common core elements, actions and activities in the [Core Elements of an Effective State and Tribal Wetland Program Framework](#), also called the [Core Elements Framework](#). The CEF describes in greater detail each of the four core elements that make up an effective state/tribal wetland program. These four core elements are:

1. [monitoring and assessment](#);
 2. [voluntary restoration and protection](#);
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3. [regulatory approaches including CWA 401 certification](#); and
4. [wetland-specific water quality standards](#).

Previous Wetland Program Development Grants

The [Wetland Grants Database](#) contains further information on Wetland Program Development Grants that were awarded in past years. The Wetland Grant Database (WGD) houses grant data for Wetland Program Development Grants, a three-year demonstration pilot program (the "Pilot Grants"), grant Case Study narratives and Model Products created by the grant program.

Applicants for Wetland Program Development Grants should examine the case studies and previous awards found in the Wetlands Grant Database and consider whether there is any information from any grants similar to their current proposals that the applicant can benefit from (such as project design, deliverables, etc.).

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