

USDA Forest Service offers Tribal land management grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service division is offering \$20 million in competitive grants to support federally recognized Tribes and Alaska Native corporations and villages as part of President Joe Biden’s Investing in America agenda, according to a press release from USDA.

The funding, provided through Inflation Reduction Act monies and distributed through competitive grants administered by the USDA Forest Service, will help recipients access emerging private markets for forest resilience, climate mitigation, water quality, carbon sequestration and more.

“Tribal practices support resilient forests and land management for the benefit of future generations,” Agriculture Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small said. “Thanks to funding from President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act, Tribes and Alaska Native corporations and villages will have broader access to markets that will help address the climate crisis, support Indigenous knowledge and strengthen local economies. This is just one of the many ways USDA is partnering with Tribes to reduce barriers and better serve Tribal people and communities.”

Deputy Secretary Torres Small made the announcement during a meeting of the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C., the week of Feb. 12-15.

The grants fund work on Tribal lands and help advance co-stewardship of national forests and grasslands. In fiscal year 2023, the USDA Forest Service and Tribes had more than 120 co-stewardship agreements, representing a total investment of \$68 million, more than triple the investments from fiscal year 2022.

The Forest Service also made policy adjustments, recognizing the importance of Indigenous knowledge and providing Tribes with improved access to USDA programs.

Grant proposals may be submitted through Aug. 21, 2024, at grants.gov. Grants can be used to support activities such as development of forest management plans, reforestation, establishment of demonstration sites, and biodiversity protection. The core purpose of the funds is to support participation in emerging private markets for climate mitigation or forest resilience. ■



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