

priority to those that have been selected from the applicant pool to negotiate an annual funding agreement. We will give second priority to tribes/consortia that require advance funds to meet the planning requirement for entry into the self-governance program. We will give third priority to tribes/consortia that require negotiation/planning funds to negotiate for DOI non-BIA programs.

(f) 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 Congressional appropriations and tribal interest. Each year, we will publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER which provides relevant details about the application process, including: The funds available, timeframes, and requirements for negotiation and advance planning specified in this part.

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§ 1001.8 Selection criteria for tribes/consortia to receive a negotiation grant.

(a) Who may be selected to receive a negotiation grant? Any tribe/consortium that has been accepted into the applicant pool in accordance with §1001.5 and has been selected to negotiate a self-governance annual funding agreement is eligible to apply for a negotiation grant. Each year, we will publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER with all relevant details as to how tribes/consortia which have been selected can apply for negotiation grants.

(b) What must a tribe/consortium do to receive a negotiation grant?

(1) To receive a negotiation grant, a tribe/consortium must:

(i) Be selected from the applicant pool to negotiate an annual funding agreement;

(ii) Be identified as eligible to receive a negotiation grant; and

(iii) Not have received a negotiation grant within the 3 years preceding the date of the latest FEDERAL REGISTER announcement described in §1001.7.

(2) The tribe/consortium must submit a letter affirming its readiness to negotiate and formally request a negotiation grant to prepare for and negotiate

a self-governance agreement. These grants are not competitive.

(c) May a selected tribe negotiate without applying for a negotiation grant? Yes. In this case, the tribe should notify us in writing so that funds can be reallocated for other grants.

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§ 1001.9 Selection criteria for tribes/consortia seeking advance planning grant funding.

(a) Who is eligible to apply for a planning grant that will be awarded before a tribe/consortium is admitted into the applicant pool? Any tribe/consortium that is not a self-governance tribe and needs advance funding in order 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 described in §1001.7 are not eligible.

(b) 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:

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

(2) Audits from the last 3 years which document that the tribe meets the requirement of being free from any material audit exception;

(3) A proposal that describes the tribe's/consortium's plans to conduct:

(i) Legal and budgetary research, and
(ii) Internal tribal government and organization planning;

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

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

(c) How will tribes/consortia know when and how to apply for planning grants? Each year, we will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of the availability of planning grants for additional tribes as described in §1001.7. This notice will identify the specific details for applying.