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Frequently Asked Questions: NADPRP FY 2025 Tribal Funding Opportunity

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Find answers to common questions about the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) fiscal year (FY) 2025 Tribal funding opportunity.

Funding Opportunity

How much funding is available through this opportunity?

APHIS will make available up to \$500,000 in funds to support NADPRP Tribal projects in FY 2025.

What are the funding priorities?

In FY 2025, APHIS will consider project proposals that clearly, directly, and strongly support one of the animal disease preparedness and response topics described below. Detailed information about each topic is provided in the full [funding opportunity announcement](#) (823.07 KB). We strongly encourage applicants to read the details about each topic before submitting their application package.

1. Develop, enhance, and exercise Tribal animal disease outbreak **emergency response plans**

2. Support livestock and poultry **biosecurity** measures and programs
3. Enhance capability and capacity for **depopulation, carcass disposal, and decontamination** in a disease outbreak
4. Support **animal movement** decisions in a disease outbreak
5. Enhance **animal disease traceability** during a disease outbreak
6. Develop and deliver **training and exercises** to improve animal disease outbreak response capabilities
7. Support **outreach and education** on animal disease prevention, preparedness, and response
8. Enhance **aquatic animal disease** preparedness and response
9. Enhance **equine disease** outbreak prevention and response

For all priorities, we encourage applicants to develop proposals that:

- A. Focus on animal disease preparedness and response.
- B. Leverage existing resources through partnerships with local, State, and/or Federal Government agencies; Native American Tribal governments; Native American Tribal organizations; or Native American colleges and universities, industry organizations, professional associations, producer groups, and/or nonprofit organizations with direct and significant interest in livestock and poultry disease prevention, preparedness, and response.
- C. Address known gaps, problems, and areas of concern related to prevention, preparedness, and response for animal disease outbreaks.
- D. Build on scientifically based innovation, existing tools or techniques, and findings from projects previously funded by NADPRP.
- E. Address animal disease preparedness and response concerns and needs of Tribal communities.

Who can apply for funds?

- Federally recognized Tribes,¹ their arms and instrumentalities
- Tribal organizations²
- Tribal colleges and universities³

¹ Federally recognized Native American Tribal Governments are listed on the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior. [Federal Register: Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

² As defined in [25 CFR § 900](#)

³ As recognized by the [American Indian Higher Education Consortium](#)

Can someone from the private sector apply?

No. However, a private sector entity may contribute to or collaborate on a proposal submitted by an eligible applicant and could be supported through a subaward or contract. The proposal should describe the necessity and added value to engage private sector collaborators to accomplish the proposed activities.

How much funding does APHIS expect to award to individual applicants?

APHIS anticipates that most FY 2025 NADPRP Tribal awards will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

Are there limitations on what Farm Bill Section 12101 funds can be used for?

NADPRP funds cannot be used for construction, promotional materials, or food and beverages for meetings. See the full [funding opportunity announcement](#) (823.07 KB) , the NADPRP [Guidelines for Use of Funds](#) (325.99 KB), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) cost principles ([2 CFR Subpart E](#)) for details about allowable and unallowable uses of NADPRP funds.

Application

When are applications due?

Applications must be received through [ezFedGrants](#) by January 24, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

Where can I find application materials?

The full [funding opportunity announcement](#) (823.07 KB), including instructions for applicants, is available at [NADPRP Tribal Funding Opportunity FY 2025](#). You can also find the announcement at [ezFedGrants](#) and [Grants.gov](#) by searching CFDA number 10.025 or Funding Opportunity Number USDA-APHIS-10025-VSSP0000-25-0002.

What should I do first to apply for NADPRP funds?

All applicants should complete the following steps as soon as possible:

1. Register and maintain an account with the [U.S. Government System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#),
2. Create a [Login.gov](#) account, and
3. Establish an [ezFedGrants](#) account.

For instructions, visit [How To Apply for APHIS Funding: Getting Started](#).

How do I apply for funds?

Applicants must submit all application materials electronically using USDA's [ezFedGrants](#) system.

Can I submit more than one proposal?

Yes. Applicants may submit more than one proposal and collaborate on multiple project proposals.

I have several different proposal ideas for projects that support the 2025 Tribal Nations funding priorities. Should I combine them into one big proposal and application package?

No. Applicants should submit separate application packages for separate projects. This helps reviewers score each project on its individual merits and improves the likelihood of funding.

When should the project start and end? How long will I have to complete the project?

We recommend that cooperators plan for project start dates between August 1 and September 30, 2025, but flexibility may be allowed to accommodate specific project needs. A project's duration will depend on the nature and scope of the project, but all projects must end no later than 24 months after the start date.

Can an application submitted in the ezFedGrants system be modified or amended after it is submitted?

After the applicant's Signatory Official signs and submits the application in ezFedGrants, it may be modified or amended in ezFedGrants before the application due date. To modify or amend an application, send an email to vs.nadprp@usda.gov and request that your application be "returned." After it is returned, only the application creator can edit the application. The application must be resubmitted prior to the application deadline to be considered.

Cooperative Agreements

Will NADPRP agreements impact APHIS Veterinary Services' (VS) umbrella agreements or animal disease traceability (ADT) agreements with States and Tribes?

No. APHIS VS' NADPRP agreements with States and Tribes will be distinct and separate from other APHIS VS agreements that are funded with appropriated funds, such as umbrella agreements with States.

What is competitive funding, and how does it work in a cooperative agreement?

In the NADPRP program, proposals are awarded based on a competitive process where a team of experts evaluates the merits of the proposals using predetermined criteria. Funding is based on the merits of the proposal and application package, and recipients are not predetermined. Final decisions are made by USDA. When cooperative agreements are awarded through a competitive process, applicants must submit a complete and polished proposal because there is no opportunity for modifications or discussion with cooperators during the review process.

After projects are selected, projects are funded through cooperative agreements. This means there will be substantial involvement between the Federal awarding agency and the recipient entity in carrying out the activity funded by the Federal award.

Is cost sharing required?

No.

What is the limit on indirect costs (administrative costs)?

Applicants should refer to the [NADPRP Guidelines for Use of Funds](#) (325.99 KB) for detailed information and guidance on calculating indirect costs for their project budget and financial plan. Indirect costs for NADPRP agreements are capped at 10 percent of the project's total costs.

Proposal Review and Notification

How are proposals reviewed, and who reviews them? Who makes the final decision?

Application packages that meet the minimum eligibility criteria will be evaluated by a team of subject matter experts nominated by APHIS [Veterinary Services](#) and the APHIS [Office of the National Tribal Liaison](#). To avoid potential conflicts of interest, reviewers may have no association with projects they are reviewing. In the event of a real or perceived conflict of interest, a reviewer shall recuse themselves as appropriate. The review team may seek counsel from additional subject matter experts as appropriate. Proposals are scored based on the merits of the application relative to the evaluation criteria, which are listed in the [funding opportunity announcement](#) (823.07 KB). USDA considers the review team's recommendations in making final funding decisions.

Will partial funding of a proposal be considered?

Yes. Based on reviewer recommendations, APHIS may award less than the requested amount of funds. In these cases, applicants may accept or decline the award that is offered. If applicants accept a reduced funding level, applicants will submit a revised application that addresses reviewer concerns and aligns with the lower award amount. APHIS will provide additional guidance to applicants in these situations.

When and how will I find out if my proposal is funded, and when will funds be awarded?

APHIS will publish the spending plan and list of projects resulting from this funding opportunity and notify applicants of their award status promptly after USDA approves the spending plan. Applicants will be notified by email and through the publication of the NADPRP spending plan at [National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program](#). We anticipate announcing awarded projects in spring 2025.

Equipment and Inventions

What happens with equipment purchased under a funded project after the project has ended?

It is APHIS Veterinary Services' intention to have recipients retain equipment purchased through NADPRP-funded projects as long as the requirements and conditions set forth in [2 CFR § 200.313](#) and the [General Terms and Conditions for APHIS Cooperative Agreements and Grants](#) are met.

If I invent something unique with NADPRP funds, who owns it when the cooperative agreement ends?

The [Bayh-Dole Act](#), Public Law 96-517, is followed when intellectual property (IP) is developed under a Federal award. Bayh-Dole allows the cooperator to take ownership of their developed IP if they elect to do so. It also permits the Federal funding agency (for example, APHIS) to retain a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to use the developed technology—or have someone else use for or on behalf of the U.S. Government—for government purposes.

For More Information

Visit [NADPRP Tribal Funding Opportunity FY 2025](#) for all information and links related to this funding opportunity, including the full [funding opportunity announcement](#) (823.07 KB), details about funding priority topics, instructions for applicants, templates to complete the application work plan and financial plan, and links to required forms.

If you have any questions about NADPRP or this funding opportunity, email us at vs.nadprp@usda.gov.

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