

Final distribution of the funds will be dependent upon the number of qualified applicants, Tribal populations served by each grant, and other factors, as deemed appropriate by EPA (i.e., the evaluation criteria as stated in Unit III.K.). Tribes may use a portion of the grant funds for contractor support for these activities; however, contractor support may not account for more than 25% of the amount of the grant, except where contract services include blood-lead analysis, training, and/or lead-based paint inspections and risk assessments).

J. Post Award Requirements

EPA's quality assurance requirements must be complied with before any environmental or health-related measurements or data are initiated under this grant. These requirements are addressed in 40 CFR 31.45 relating to quality assurance/quality control. Information on EPA quality assurance requirements may be downloaded from the EPA Quality Staff web site at www.epa.gov/quality. For further guidance on preparation of the quality documentation, and specific EPA Regional approval requirements, please contact the appropriate EPA Regional Lead Contact as listed in Unit III.C.2.v.

The grantee must provide EPA with written progress reports within 30 days of the end of each quarter and a report at the end of the project period.

K. Evaluation Criteria

EPA will review all proposals for quality, strength, and completeness against the following criteria. The Agency will use the proposals to select projects to be funded under this grant program. EPA reserves the right to reject all proposals and make no awards. The lead outreach (educational) awareness and baseline assessment activities grant proposals will be reviewed and evaluated separately. The maximum rating score for each grant proposal will be 105 points (five bonus points for in-kind services). Based upon the evaluation results, a Tribe or Tribal Consortium that submits grant proposals for both the lead outreach (educational) awareness and baseline assessment may receive a grant for one or both activities.

1. *Lead outreach (educational) grant proposal criteria—i. General (20 points).* The overall description of implementing the Tribal lead outreach (educational) awareness program in the proposal must address the goals of this notice of funding availability as detailed in Unit III.A. It must include reasonable and attainable goals and an approach that is clearly detailed. The proposal must describe the method that will be used to determine the effectiveness of the

project. The proposal must provide detailed information on all lead-based paint or lead-related outreach/educational activities for which the Tribe has received funding from any Federal, State, or local government.

ii. *Outreach activities (40 points).* The grant proposal should fully describe the proposed educational outreach efforts for Tribal Indian communities. The messages in the grant proposal should be consistent with EPA/HUD/CDC lead-based paint program policies, guidelines, regulations, and recommendations. The following elements will be specifically evaluated:

- Types of existing lead educational material to be used and/or reproduced (i.e., reports, pamphlets, brochures, video tapes, CD ROMs, etc.); types, if any, of lead awareness (educational) outreach materials that will be developed.
- Method of distribution of materials throughout the Tribal population.
- How the messages will be delivered, e.g., lecture, written material distribution, one-on-one interviews.
- Printing, special video taping, advertising (billboards, posters, flyers), collaboration with radio or television, or other methods used to reach the Tribal Indian population regarding the outreach effort.
- Percentage estimate of the number of Tribal families who will receive the lead awareness information; efforts that will be employed to target hard-to-reach Tribal communities to inform families about childhood lead poisoning and screening, if applicable; the number of people/families/medical personnel/etc., who will be reached.
- An indication as to whether the proposed outreach materials and activities are suitable for the target audience (i.e., appropriate language comprehension and cultural identification).

iii. *Project management (30 points).* The grant proposal should describe the staff positions, roles, and responsibilities, and their qualifications. The following elements will also be evaluated: Resumes of key personnel; Tribal experience in or potential to conduct activities such as those described in the "Outreach Activities" section; previous experience managing similar projects; and availability of references; access to properly trained staff and facilities to conduct the project; schedule for completing the project; and the extent of activities to be performed by a contractor.

iv. *Budget (10 points plus 5 bonus points).* The evaluation will be based on the extent to which the proposed budget is reasonable, clear, and consistent with

the intended use of the funds. Although matching funds are not required, up to five bonus points will be given to grant proposals indicating financial contributions and/or in-kind services provided to the project.

2. *Baseline assessment proposal criteria—i. General (20 points).* The overall description of the Tribal lead baseline assessment program will be evaluated. The grant proposal must address the goals of this notice as detailed in Unit III.A. It must include reasonable and attainable goals and an approach that is clearly detailed. The proposal must include a statement which describes how the effectiveness of the project will be determined. The grant proposal must provide detailed information on all lead-based paint or lead-related activities for which the Tribe has received funding from any Federal, State, or local government.

ii. *Baseline assessment activities (40 points)*

• *Blood-lead screening activities.* The grant proposal will be evaluated on the description of the sampling, collection, handling, and analysis activities; the data collection and tracking system, quality control measures; the description of the facility/facilities where the blood-lead sampling will occur (i.e., school, library, health department facility, clinic, private building, mobile van, etc.); and the estimated number and a percentage estimate of the number of Tribal children to be screened in the project. The evaluation will also be based on the description of the method that will be used to solicit maximum participation of Tribal children; the methods, (i.e., printing, video taping, collaboration with radio or television, etc.) to be used to reach the Indian population regarding the blood-lead screening effort; efforts to be used to ensure patient confidentiality; and a description of how the CLIA standards will be met.

• *Inspection/risk assessment of Tribal housing.* The proposal will be evaluated on the description of residential/child occupied properties that will undergo lead-based paint inspection and/or risk assessment; the selection criteria used to identify the properties; the description of methods used to reach Tribal population regarding lead paint inspections and/or risk assessment efforts; the description of inspection, risk assessment, and sampling and analysis procedures; the qualifications of inspection personnel; and the description of reporting procedures. All inspections and risk assessments must be conducted according to the work practice standards