

# FY 2015 THPO HPF GRANT UPDATE

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# ANNUAL AND CLOSE-OUT REPORTS

- FY 2014 Annual Reports due by **January 31, 2015**
  - Annual Accomplishments Report
  - Grants Product Summary report
  - SF425, Federal Financial Report
  - SF428A, Annual Tangible Personal Property Report (if applicable)
- FY 2013 Close-Out Reports due by **January 31, 2015**
  - Final SF425, Federal Financial Report
  - F424a, Non-Construction Budget, Final Budget Breakdown (following program-specific instructions)
  - SF428B, Final Tangible Personal Property Report (if applicable)

## **CHAPTER 7 – THPO HPF GRANT QUICK-GUIDE**

# FINAL PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Final drawdowns of FY 2013 grant funds should have been completed by **December 31, 2014**.
- All unexpended funds under FY 2013 grant must be in ASAP account for NPS recapture.
- Process for returning funds to ASAP for recapture

## **CHAPTER 11 – THPO HPF GRANT QUICK-GUIDE**

# FY 2015 THPO-HPF GRANT

- Changes to grants in FY 2015
  - OMB Circular changes
  - Grant Agreement changes
  - Programmatic Changes

# FY 2015 THPO/TRIBAL HPF GRANT PROGRAMS APPROPRIATION

- \$8,985,000 HPF appropriated in FY 2015
- \$8,780,208 appropriated for THPO grants
  - 158 THPOs in FY 2015 (not all eligible for, or accepting grant THPO grant funds)
- \$204,792+ available for Heritage Grants

# CHANGES TO THPO APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **New Timeline for THPO Applicants** – Beginning in FY 2016, new THPO applicants must have an fully executed certification by October 1, of the fiscal year in order to be included in that year's apportionment.

# 2015 HPF APPLICATIONS

- Apply thru Grants.gov (**opportunity #P15AS00019**).
- Applications due **May 15, 2015 (no exceptions)**.
- **NEW** – Application requires a budget narrative.
- **NEW** – Slight change in Grants.gov application download process. New step-by-step process in 2015 Quick-Guide.

## **CHAPTER 4 – 2015 THPO HPF GRANT QUICK-GUIDE**

# CHANGES TO OMB CIRCULARS

- New Omniscircular – combines all circulars into one document (2 CFR 200)
- Guidance in 2 CFR 200 effective as of December 27, 2014 (guidance is not retroactive to past grants).
- Single Audit threshold raised from \$500,000 to \$750,000
- Many cost categories clarified – double check charged expenses in 2 CFR 200

**[www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants\\_circulars](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_circulars)**

# CHANGES TO GRANT AGREEMENT

- **NEW** 2015 THPO HPF Grant Agreement Template.
  - New grant agreement has new and additional articles
  - No signature from tribe needed on grant agreement - drawing down funds from ASAP grant account is tribe's acceptance of all articles/requirements/conditions of grant agreement.

# CHANGES TO GRANT DEADLINES

- Commitment of Funds: All charges against grant must be incurred by the grant **expiration date** (September 30).
- Final payments must be drawn down from the grantees ASAP grant account **within 90 days of the expiration date** of the grant agreement.
- **NEW** - Annual and Final Reports must be submitted by **December 31<sup>st</sup>** of each fiscal year (reporting on grant period ending each September 30th).
- **NEW** - 2015 Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov by **May 15, 2015**.

# THPO-HPF GRANT CONDITIONS

- **Limitation on Administrative and Indirect Costs:** The THPO may not expend more than **25 percent** of the total grant award for direct costs of **administration and any indirect costs** charged by the Tribe pursuant to a current Federally-approved indirect cost rate.

# THPO-HPF GRANT CONDITIONS

- Equipment Purchases : tangible, nonexpendable personal property, having a useful life of more than one year and costing \$5,000 or more per unit. **Requires NPS written permission prior to purchase.**
- SF428A, Tangible Personal Property Annual Report **must** be submitted with each Annual Report
- New Form - SF428B, Final Tangible Personal Property Form **must** be submitted with all final reports.
- SF428C – Tangible Personal Property Disposition Form must be submitted if tribe is ready to dispose of any equipment purchased under grant prior to submitting the final report SF428B.

**Chapters 6 and 7 of 2015 THPO Grant Quick Guide**

# THPO-HPF GRANT CONDITIONS

- **Failure to Fully Expend Grant Award**

Large or repeated recaptures of HPF grant monies indicate problems in tribal oversight of grant funds and will result in NPS taking administrative action which may include withholding future HPF funding.

**\$280,400 recaptured from the close-out of FY 2012 grants.**

# CONFUSION ABOUT GRANT AGREEMENT PERIOD

- Overlapping grants.
- THPO HPF grant awarded **EACH** year.
- Each grant runs for **2 years**
- Tribe will have 2 active grants each year, 1 in its first year, 1 in its second year.
- **Each grant has either an Annual or Final set of reports due by December of each fiscal year.**

# NEPA REVIEWS

- New NEPA process discussed at HPF training in Savannah, GA, during National Trust conference.
- **NEW** – Recent guidance from NPS solicitor suggests no new changes in NEPA reviews.
- NPS will notify THPOs of any change in NEPA review. Changes would not take effect until FY 2016.

# RE-EXAMINING APPORTIONMENT

- In response to THPO comments over the past several years, NPS is beginning the process of re-examining the apportionment formula for awarding HPF funds to THPOs.
- Current formula in 2004 by NPS and then THPOs:
  - Approximately 81% of the total appropriation is divided equally among all THPOs and the remaining 19% is apportioned based on the area of Tribal lands as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act.
- New formula will also be developed in coordination with THPOs.

# OTHER GRANTS

- Heritage Preservation Grants – Project grants available through NPS. Approx. \$204,000 available to all Federally recognized tribes. <http://www.nps.gov/thpo/tribal-heritage/index.html>
- Diversity Grants – FY 2014 & 2015, Congress appropriated \$500,000 for projects addressing the heritage of underrepresented communities. Tribes are eligible to apply for grants in FY 2015. (Will be posted once available.)
- NEA – “Imagine Your Parks” is a national centennial program that will provide a total of \$1 million in grants through the NEA **to any NPS external partner** that uses the arts to connect people with the National Park System and/or its programs. *Projects are not required to take place in a national park.* Guidelines can be found on the NEA’s Art Works website.

# OTHER GRANTS

- HUD - The National Disaster Resilience Competition makes \$1 billion available to communities that have been struck by natural disasters in recent years. The competition promotes risk assessment and planning and will fund the implementation of innovative resilience projects to better prepare communities for future storms and other extreme events. Applications due in March, 2015.

# RECEIVING INFORMATION

- THPO staff and financial staff wanting to be copied on all general emails, notifications and reminders regarding HPF Grants can register their contact info at:

**<http://www.nps.gov/thpo/grants/index.html>**

(Link to database in last paragraph at bottom of page, written as “contact information here.”)