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Briefing Sheet: Tribal Access to Emerging Private Markets for Climate Mitigation or Forest Resilience

A Funding Opportunity from USDA Forest Service

Purpose

The Forest Service is providing at least $20 million in competitive funds from the Inflation Reduction Act **to support tribal participation in emerging private markets for climate mitigation or forest resilience** such as markets for water quality and quantity, carbon, biodiversity, and wetland restoration. Landowners often face barriers such as high start-up costs and lack of technical assistance that prevent their participation in emerging markets. **For this opportunity, applicants are invited to propose projects that overcome barriers and result in emerging market participation.**

Maximum Award

$2 million. There is no match requirement.

How to Apply

To learn more and apply, visit grants.gov and search for Opportunity Number USDA-FS-2024-IRA-FLS-02. **Applications are due September 30, 2024.**

Eligible Applicants

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- Federally recognized tribes,
- Alaska Native corporations and villages, and
- Tribal organizations as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S. Code § 5304).

Eligible Lands*

Proposed activities must benefit nonindustrial private forest land, which includes land that is rural, forested (or able to grow trees), and owned by a tribe, tribal member(s), or non-Tribal private forest landowner(s). Both trust lands and fee lands are eligible to benefit from funded projects.

Eligible Activities Include*

- Landowner outreach
- Forest management practice development and implementation
- Accessing markets and/or certification systems
- Technical assistance and training
- Data collection and monitoring

Non-Allowable Activities Include*

- Construction and capital improvements
- Purchase of equipment
- Land acquisition
- Research
- Payments to landowners

Learn More

Contact sm.fs.landownerIRA@usda.gov for questions and to request assistance from a Community Navigator. Navigators can help identify funding opportunities, provide guidance to complete applications, and offer training to manage grant compliance.

**For full details, download the Notice of Funding Opportunity from the grants.gov listing, under Related Documents.*