



**FY24 CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDING  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
TO THE NATIONAL TRIBAL CAUCUS OF  
EPA'S NATIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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Tribes need significant resources to address climate change. While it is difficult to determine exactly how much Climate Change funding would be needed to fund all Tribal Air Programs (TAPs) given the wide variety of Climate Change issues that Tribes are facing, the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) recommends the following option to begin the discussion and advance the process. The following FY24 Climate Change Funding Recommendation supplements NTAA's FY24 Budget Recommendation made to the NTC for TAP funding on February 28, 2022 [found here on NTAA's website](#).

Some Tribes have been proactive in developing and implementing both adaptation and mitigation strategies through related funding, available from several federal agencies. Examples include Tribal funding for climate adaptation planning and one-time funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). However, these existing resources do not support the critical need to sustain and enhance TAPs. There is a critical and immediate need to hire Tribal staff for TAPs. The growing challenges of climate change to Tribes should not result in any loss of existing TAP activities. Some Tribes may not be in position to immediately begin a dedicated climate change program.

Therefore, NTAA recommends the following funding levels for at least one full time employee (FTE) hire for climate change tasks and a significant infusion of resources for Tribal climate change programs within TAPs:

- It is possible that a minimum of 120 Tribes (the number of Tribes with current EPA air quality management grants) may be interested in seeking a climate change program.
- We further assume that at a minimum of one program professional and requisite support will be required at an average initial annual cost of \$80,000 - \$100,000 per FTE per Tribe per year.
- The resulting request will offer Tribes the ability to hire staff within air programs to initiate climate change programs at \$9.6-\$12 million per year.
- Additionally, NTAA recommends increasing the level of funding of Tribal climate change program funding to an additional \$19.2 to \$24 million in subsequent years to continue to offer new TAPs the opportunity to tackle climate change as well as provide funding for sustaining existing programs for previously funded Tribes.

To learn more about Tribal air programs and NTAA's work, visit NTAA's website at [www.ntaatribalair.org](http://www.ntaatribalair.org).