



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Washington, DC 20240

Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Subject: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Ecosystem Restoration (BIL-ER), Mined Project Funding

This memorandum serves as the announcement of the availability of funding through the Office of Trust Services, Division of Natural Resources' Agriculture Branch, Tribal Abandoned Mine Land (AML). Through this competitive process, the Tribal AML project expects to fund projects with non-recurring 1-year project funding for ecosystem restoration supported by revegetation conservation efforts through Fiscal Year 2025:

1. BIL-ER Tribal AML Project – The Bureau expects to provide approximately \$6 million in BIL-ER competitive funding for projects. The attached, *Bureau of Indian Affairs – Tribal AML Project Funding, Criteria, and Application Process*, provides guidance for those interested in applying for this program.

The Central Office, OTS Agriculture Program requests your assistance in informing the Tribes within your Region of the project funding opportunity and in conducting initial processing of funding requests. Each Region will be responsible for distributing program materials to eligible entities, receiving completed funding proposals from applicants, reviewing proposals to ensure they meet eligibility criteria, and ranking proposals according to the ranking criteria and regional priority.

The regional offices must receive all applications for the Agricultural Branch BIL-ER Tribal AML Project funding by Feb 28, 2025. Regional contact information is included within the application guidance document. Please contact Thomas Mendez, BIA OTS Division of Natural Resources Branch of Agriculture by email at Thomas.Mendez@bia.gov or at (505) 270-3599 for information regarding the proposal.

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