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NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Funding Agency:	New Mexico Indian Affairs Department ("IAD")
Opportunity Title:	Tribal Wildlife Funding
Total Funding Available:	$3,000,000.00
Application Open Date: **Preference Priority Date:**	September 4, 2026 September 18, 2025 at 5:00PM MST
Application Close Date:	Continuous until funding is expended
Period of Performance:	Date of executed agreement to June 30, 2027
Contact Person:	Raquel Gomez, Programs Manager Phone: (505) 469-7057 Email: raquel.gomez@iad.nm.gov

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the 2026 General Appropriations Act of the New Mexico Legislature, Chapter 67, Section 5 (146), the Indian Affairs Department was appropriated funding for tribal governments to plan, design, and implement introduction and care of wildlife on tribal lands.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support Tribal-led wildlife conservation, restoration, and stewardship initiatives that strengthen Tribal sovereignty and enhance the long-term health and resilience of wildlife and habitat on Tribal lands. Funding is intended to assist Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes (NPTs) in planning, developing, expanding, or implementing projects focused on wildlife species or habitats identified by the applicant NPT as culturally, traditionally, ecologically, or historically significant. Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to, species reintroduction and recovery, habitat improvement projects, reducing habitat fragmentation and improving habitat connectivity, species monitoring and capacity building for Tribal wildlife programs.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

IAD has established the following application requirements for NPTs for this funding:

1. Complete the attached Tribal Wildlife Application.

2. Specify how you intend to expend awarded funds on or before June 30, 2027.
3. Include an itemized budget.
4. Letter of support from Tribal Leadership.
5. **Capital projects will not be considered.**

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

Successful awards will be assessed on their ability to meet most of the criteria listed below:

1. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the wildlife conservation need, challenge or opportunity.
2. Provide an organized plan to support an emerging program or expand an existing program.
3. Provide a budget with justification related to the project plan.
4. Provide a project timeline and budgetary obligations will meet Period of Performance.

DELIVERABLES

Upon award, grantees will be required to fulfill the following deliverables:

- Participate in progress calls or meetings with a program monitor from IAD.
- Ensure project funds are expended by June 30, 2027.
- Submit quarterly reports detailing the progress and outcomes of the program. Quarterly reports should include information regarding the progress on the project and if necessary, how IAD can support the grantee in expending all funds.
- Submit requests for reimbursement with detailed invoices, receipts and other supporting documentation on a monthly basis, or as expenses are incurred. Please note that purchases or expenditures made before the date of the IAD Purchase Order will not be reimbursed.
- Submit a final report which includes an assessment of the stated need, impact made by grant funds, and challenges met during the project.
- Comply with all conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit all completed applications and supporting documents electronically to: raquel.gomez@iad.nm.gov.