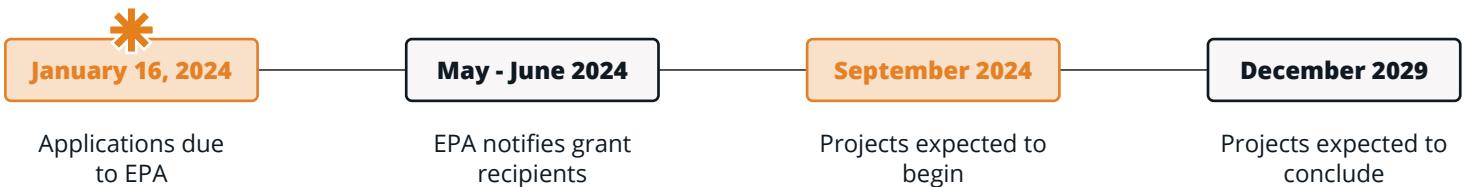# EPA EPD Grant Tip Sheet

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced a <u>program</u> to provide funding to enhance development of Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs).

Details of the grant can be found here

What are key dates?

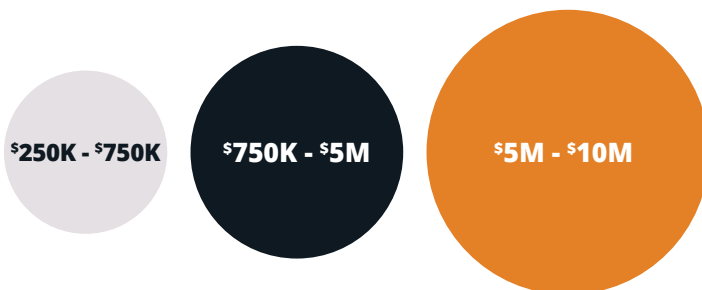| **January 16, 2024**	**May - June 2024**	**September 2024**	**December 2029**
Applications due to EPA	EPA notifies grant recipients	Projects expected to begin	Projects expected to conclude

Who can apply?

Businesses incorporated in the US that manufacture construction materials and products and states, Indian Tribes, and nonprofit organizations that support such businesses.

Applicants may partner with other eligible entities and/or may serve as a pass-through for sub-grantees. One entity can be on multiple applications. The National Ready Mix Concrete Association (NRMCA) plans to apply as a subgrantor.

Consultants, management firms, architectural and engineering firms, information technology vendors, educational institutions and local government (city, county, etc.) are excluded from applying.

What is the grant size?

The grants will be evaluated in the following ranges:

$250K - $750K

$750K - $5M

$5M - $10M

If awarded a grant, NRMCA plans to offer smaller subgrants (~$1k - $5k) on a plant-by-plant basis.

How can the grant be used?

The projects must advance development or standardization of EPD. This includes

- Helping EPD transparency, reporting and analysis
- Improving EPD data quality, platforms and integration with databases like the federal <u>LCA Commons</u>
- Creating tools and resources for development and verification of EPDs
- Enhancing Product Category Rules

Projects must be based in the US and funds cannot be used for physical construction.

How can you apply?

Federal Grant:

- Register with SAM.gov and create an account (this can take 7-10 business days)
- Create Grants.gov account
  - In Grants.gov search for the EPA EPD grant using the following Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R-OCSPP-OPPT-FY2023-001
- Create a Workspace in Grants.gov to begin the application process
- Consult the EPA Application Guide to answer questions

NRMCA Subgrant:

Contact Lionel Lemay (LLemay@nrmca.org) at NRMCA to get updates on eligibility for a plant-level subgrant.

What is required in the application?

The application will consist of many several documents and forms. The complete list is available in Section 4 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity. The two key documents are:

Project Narrative	15-page description of the work to be performed during grant performance period, plan for tracking and reporting on progress and anticipated results
Budget	Table showing entire cost, including reporting costs

What are the Evaluation Criteria?

Criterion	Description	Weight
Strategy & Approach	Project Description	7
	Advancing EPD Robustness	13
	Maximizing Resource Efficiency	11
	Prioritizing Material Categories and Material Types	12
	Geographic Diversity of EPD Development	8
	EPD Development Across Enterprises with Varied Production Volumes	5
	Advancing Equitable Workforce Development	3
	Addressing Additional Environmental Impacts and/or Benefits	3
	Ensuring Long-term Success	3
	Leveraging Expertise and Standardization Through Partnerships	5
Reporting	Report plan quality	8
	Transparency and availability of reporting	5
Programmatic Capability / Past Performance	Project completion and reporting history	3
	Organizational experience	4
	Staff experience	4
Budget	Budget	3
Subaward	Subaward Plan (passthrough applications only)	5