Public Law 101-408
101st Congress

An Act

To authorize grants to improve the capability of Indian tribal governments to regulate environmental quality.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the “Indian Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Act of 1990”.

GRANT PROGRAM

SEC. 2. Section 803 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 2991b) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(d)(1) The Secretary shall award grants to Indian tribes for the purpose of funding 80 percent of the costs of planning, developing, and implementing programs designed to improve the capability of the governing body of the Indian tribe to regulate environmental quality pursuant to Federal and tribal environmental laws.

“(2) The purposes for which funds provided under any grant awarded under paragraph (1) may be used include, but are not limited to—

“(A) the training and education of employees responsible for enforcing, or monitoring compliance with, environmental quality laws,

“(B) the development of tribal laws on environmental quality, and

“(C) the enforcement and monitoring of environmental quality laws.

“(3) The 20 percent of the costs of planning, developing, and implementing a program for which a grant is awarded under paragraph (1) that are not to be paid from such grant may be paid by the grant recipient in cash or through the provision of property or services, but only to the extent that such cash or property is from any source (including any Federal agency) other than a program, contract, or grant authorized under this title.

“(4) Grants shall be awarded under paragraph (1) on the basis of applications that are submitted by Indian tribes to the Secretary in such form as the Secretary shall prescribe.”.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 3. Section 816 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 2992d) is amended—

(1) by striking out “section 803A” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “sections 803(d) and 803A”, and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:
“(d) There are authorized to be appropriated $8,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 803(d).”.

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