



Planning Assistance to States

Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act, commonly known as Planning Assistance to States (PAS), is an authority granted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to cooperate with states, political subdivisions of states, and Federally recognized Native American tribes to provide planning assistance in any matters related to water resources. No design or construction is authorized under this program. Examples of services that can be performed under this authority include water supply studies, stormwater management studies, watershed studies, water resources and recreation planning, data collection, master drainage planning, surveying floodplain inventories, and pipe network analyses.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the Sponsor for a PAS study. Project initiation requires a letter to the District office requesting Corps assistance.

What does it cost?

- All study costs are shared at a rate of 50% Federal, 50% Sponsor. The Sponsor may contribute their share as in-kind services.
- There is a spending cap of \$5,000,000 Federal expenditure per state or tribe per fiscal year. (Individual studies are typically funded for less than.)
- Annual Federal program limit is \$45 million.
- All studies are subject to availability of Federal appropriations.

How long does it take?

PAS studies vary greatly in size and scope. Some can be completed in a few months from receipt of funds, while others may take a full 12-18 months to complete. In some cases, multi-phased studies can be completed over the course of 2 years, subject to availability of Federal funds.

Questions?

To learn more, visit www.sac.usace.army.mil/partnerships.

Questions? Email cesac-planning@usace.army.mil or call (843) 329-8050.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is in reference to the Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program. Our agency understands that the provisions of Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-251), as amended, provides authority for the Corps to provide technical assistance to enhance water-related planning efforts currently underway by States, Tribes, Territories, and other governmental organizations. We understand that technical assistance is cost-shared 50 percent by the Corps and 50 percent by the partner and that our 50 percent share must be provided from funds (not in-kind services). Our agency is requesting planning assistance for [state reason here].

[Add brief paragraph here describing the problem or need in more detail.]

Upon your review of this initial request, we would like to discuss the availability of information, required schedule, and the level of effort required to negotiate the appropriate Cost Sharing Agreement to initiate a Section 22 study for this [state study/project here]. Please contact staff person, title at email address or phone number.

Sincerely,
(NAME / TITLE OF OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST STUDY)