



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA 96799
Telephone: (684) 633-4116 | (684) 633-4121

January 31, 2025

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 026 – 25

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Department of the Interior Grant Application Deadline

The Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and the Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) have been transferred from the Department of Commerce to the Office of the Governor. In alignment with our commitment to transparent and accountable governance, this memorandum serves to inform you of this change.

This move signifies a shift in how these funding programs will be managed moving forward. By placing responsibility under the Office of the Governor, we can more directly align these programs with the Territory's priorities and community needs. This will enhance coordination between departments, ensuring that resources are allocated where they are most needed. The transfer also aims to improve the effectiveness of these grant programs and better support local initiatives.

All American Samoa Government agencies interested in applying for TAP and MAP funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs must submit their grant proposals to the Office of the Governor no later than **4:00 PM on Wednesday, February 12th**. Proposals should be emailed to **tap-map@go.as.gov**. All applications will be reviewed and included in the Governor's priority list of projects before being submitted via Grants.gov by the Office of the Governor.

For any inquiries regarding these grant programs, please contact the CIP Administrator, Sesilia Mackenzie, by phone at **633-4121** or via email at **sesilia.mackenzie@go.as.gov**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pulaali'i", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula
Governor