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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 045 – 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 Extension

In light of the recent changes in federal administration, the deadline for Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) has been extended. This transition period has created a unique set of opportunities that require additional time for thorough planning and adjustment. An extension will allow all participating departments and agencies to align the territory's goals with the new administration's federal priorities, and ensure that all proposals meet the highest standards.

All American Samoa Government departments and agencies that are interested in applying for Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs must submit grant proposals to the Office of the Governor no later than **4:00pm on Wednesday, March 5th**. Grant proposals should be emailed to **[tap-map@go.as.gov](mailto:tap-map@go.as.gov)**. All applications will be reviewed and placed on the Governor's priority list of projects before they are submitted via [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by the Office of the Governor.

For further 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](mailto:sesilia.mackenzie@go.as.gov).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taito Ali'itasi Afuola-Mauga".

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