Forest Collaborative Competitive Grant Programs
Building Forest Partnerships
(Infrastructure Pilot)

All-lands Forest Restoration
(Cross-Boundary)

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Forest Health Collaborative Competitive Grant Programs
Overview

- WA State Legislature provided 2017-2019 Biennium Capital Budget funding: $1.8 million

- DNR Requested $2 million in 2019-2021 Biennium Capital Budget

  - **Objective:** to support the ability of Forest Collaboratives to implement landscape-scale forest restoration and management activities in support of statewide forest health priorities.

- **Building Forest Partnerships**
  - Capacity Building

- **All-lands Forest Restoration**
  - Treatment Planning and Implementation
Collaborative Grant Program Discussion Questions

- What should the funding levels be for the two programs? (2017-2019 max. funding levels for each applicant)

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(2019-2021 funding level ideas)

- General agreement that 17-19 amounts were good and appreciated
- Increase Building Forest Partnerships to $50,000 for ~2 years, reduce All-lands Forest Restoration $$

- Should we increase the max. award amount for partnership grant?
  - Try to avoid reducing All-lands Forest Restoration funding pool
Collaborative Grant Program Discussion Questions

- Are Building Forest Partnerships dollars competitive?  
  If so, based on need, fairness or equitable?

- Should we stagger the RFP and $$ distribution?

  • No real preference
  • 60 days between RFP, All-Lands Forest Restoration first
  • RFP’s will be on the table for 60 days
Any changes to eligible activities or entities?

Building Forest Partnerships

- **Eligible Activities:**
  - Facilitation and coordination of workplans for planning areas for the 20-year Forest Health Strategic Plan
  - Organization and staff support, including facilitation, technical assistance, and networking
  - Outreach communication
  - Development of zones of agreement, action plans, and project proposals
  - Workshops and trainings
  - Technical analysis in support of project planning and implementation

All-Lands Forest Restoration

- **Eligible Activities:**
  - Vegetation treatments (thinning, prescribed fire, surface fuel chipping, etc.)
  - Landscape evaluations
  - Planning (pre-NEPA including contract NEPA)
  - Data acquisition (LiDAR), surveys, etc.
  - Aquatic evaluations and data acquisitions (no funding for aquatic treatments)
  - Post-implementation monitoring
  - **Coordination with landowners and stakeholders**

Any changes?

- Eligible activities are okay and remain the same.
- Continue to support established collaboratives that are over 2 years.
- What about funding for recreation? Tabled for now. Needs further discussion.
Any change in criteria and scoring?

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Any changes?
- Powerpoint presentation & interview for selected proposals
- Transparent scoring.
- Provide written feedback about strengths and weaknesses of each proposal.
- Collaborative representation on proposal review and selection committee.
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-Who is interested in serving on the review panel?
  - Ethics issues
  - Representation from multiple partners

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