

Forest Collaborative Competitive Grant Programs

Building Forest Partnerships

(Infrastructure Pilot)



All-lands Forest Restoration

(Cross-Boundary)

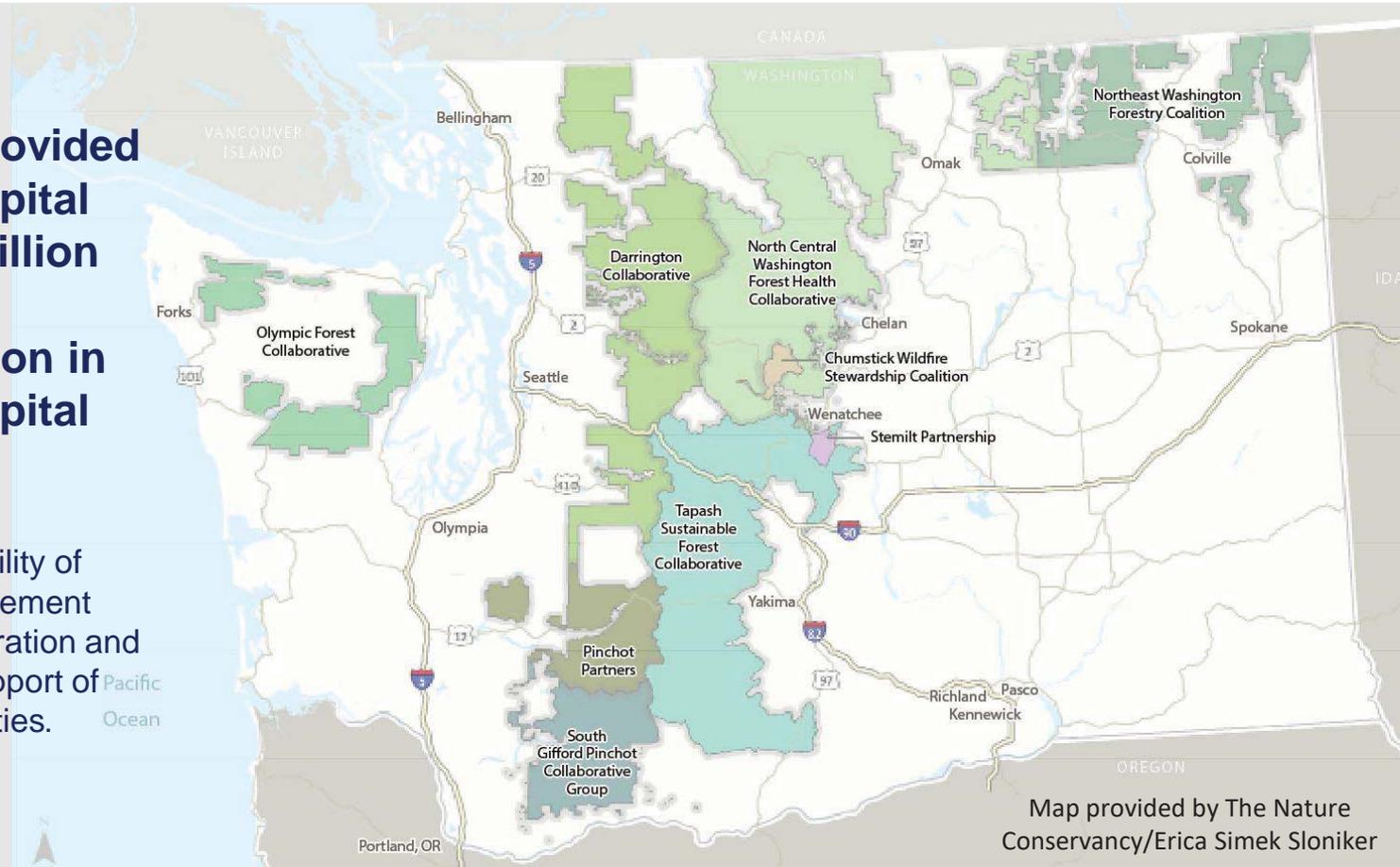
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Forest Health Collaborative Competitive Grant Programs Overview

- 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)

Building Forest Partnerships	All-Lands Forest Restoration
\$25,000	\$400,000

(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?

Building Forest Partnerships

Proposal Contents	Maximum Points	Score
Forest Collaborative Developmental Goals	40	
Activities	25	
Deliverables and Outcomes	25	
Budget	10	
Total	100	

All-Lands Forest Restoration

Proposal Contents	Maximum Points	Score
Project Proposal Description	30	
Proposed Activities	30	
Partnerships and Leverage	20	
Deliverables and Outcomes	20	
Budget	10	
Good Neighbor Authority	5	
Total	115	

Powerpoint presentation + Q&A session for selected proposals

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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