

Possible future implementation of the TRRP watershed program:

1. Solicit applications through Grants.gov.
 - a. Opportunity to clarify program.
 - b. Incorporate existing proposal template / evaluation factors.
 - c. Solicit all information needed for evaluation and possible award at once.
2. Reclamation awards grants to project proponents.

Possible Timeline:

- Complete Request for Applications this calendar year.
- Solicit applications for fiscal year 2016 (could be multiple years) in the spring of 2015.
- Evaluate applications in the spring of 2015.
- Award projects in fiscal year 2016 (could be multiple years).

Opportunity to clarify:

1. Authority.
2. Geographic scope.
3. Eligible (and ineligible) activities.
4. Eligible organizations.
5. Award process.

DRAFT Request for Applications:

- Modeled after a current federal grant program for watershed management and sediment reduction projects.
- Includes:
 - o Application information
 - Background, Authority, Restoration Approach and Funded Activities
 - Terms (e.g. “fish habitat connectivity”)
 - Categories of Funding Opportunities
 - Eligible projects.
 - Ineligible projects.
 - o Award information
 - Amounts, Targets, and Number of Projects.
 - Anticipated Project Start and End Dates.
 - Funding type.
 - Future funding.
 - o Eligibility information
 - Options: Federal governmental entities; non-federal governmental entities (state agencies, interstate agencies, federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and local governments); institutions of higher learning; nonprofit organizations, individuals, foreign organizations and governments.
 - o Application and submission information
 - o Application review and selection process
 - o Award administration