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Klamath River Coho Restoration Grant Program

Partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife
Foundation

Reason for Partnership

- 2012 Biological Assessment – Conservation Measure for Coho Salmon
 - \$500,000 annually
- 2018 Biological Assessment – Conservation Measure for Coho Salmon
 - \$700,000 first two years, \$500,000 next three years

Since 2016, the Grant Program has announced awards of over \$2.5 million to 21 projects. These projects have leveraged over \$2.8 in matching funds and in-kind contributions for a total conservation impact of \$5.3M.

(see handouts for awarded projects throughout grant history)



Partners

- Bureau of Reclamation
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation



Geographic Focus

- Projects must be located in the mainstem Klamath River Basin and tributaries between Iron Gate Dam (IGD) at River Mile (RM) 190 and the Klamath River mouth. With the exception of the Trinity River, all tributaries between IGD and the Klamath River mouth are eligible for funding through the Grant Program.



Program Priorities

- In order to be eligible for funding, proposed projects must directly benefit SONCC coho salmon and/or be a design, planning or monitoring project that can demonstrate that the resultant project will provide a direct benefit to coho salmon.
- Project types given the highest priority:
 - Access improvement and barrier removal
 - Habitat improvement and access to coldwater refugia
 - Instream habitat enhancement and protection
 - Water transactions and conservation projects



Eligibility

- Eligible applicants include:
 - Local, state, federal, and tribal governments and agencies (e.g., townships, cities)
 - Special districts (e.g., conservation districts, planning districts, utility districts)
 - Non-profit 501(c) organizations, schools and universities.



Proposal Process

- **Pre-Proposal**
 - Technical review committee (includes all partners)
 - Site visits
- **Full Proposal**
 - Pre-proposals that are invited back to submit a full proposal must include a quote from a qualified environmental consultant on the potential cost of any/all federal environmental compliance necessary to complete the project's objectives.



Evaluation Criteria

- Program Goals and Priorities
- Technical Merit
- Cost-Effectiveness
- Transferability
- Communication
- Funding Need
- Conservation Plan and Context
- Monitoring
- Long-term Sustainability
- Past Success
- Partnership



Other Considerations

- Budget
- Matching Contributions
- Procurement
- Publicity and Acknowledgement
- Receiving Award Funds
- Environmental Compliance Requirements



Timeline

- Example Timeline

Applicant Webinar	November 26, 2019, 11:00 AM, Pacific Time
Pre-Proposal Due Date	December 12, 2019, 8:59 PM, Pacific Time
Invitations for Full Proposals Sent	Early February 2020
Full Proposal Due Date	March 3, 2020, 8:59 PM, Pacific Time
Review Period	March – April 2020
Awards Announced	Late April 2020



Streamlining Environmental Compliance

- Use of consultants to develop near final NEPA compliance documents, perform associated cultural resource surveys, and obtain required permits.
- Application of CEC's for design projects
- Use of other federal agency NEPA compliance documentation
 - Requires early coordination!!
- Revised NEPA regulations



Why Partner with NFWF (or similar)?

- Streamlined administration and grant processing
 - RFP Process and contract award
 - Bulk processing
 - Timeliness
- Environmental compliance coordination
- Pair with other programs, if applicable



Questions/Discussion



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