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A. Program Description

Authority:

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act—Cooperation of agencies (16 U.S.C. §661)

Assistance Listing Number:

15.608

Background, Purpose and Program Requirements:

The Service's priorities for Year 2 Klamath BIL program are those that are described in the following strategic plans. Applicants should review these plans to ensure their pre-proposal align with the conservation goals and objectives identified in these strategic plans. These plans are available for review at the Service's [Klamath BIL project webpage](#):

Klamath Basin Integrated Fisheries Restoration and Monitoring Plan (IFRMP)

- IFRMP Draft Restoration Action Agenda for 2023-2024
- Klamath Basin NWR Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCPs)
- Upper Klamath Basin Watershed Action Plan
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Strategic Plan

In an effort to be as inclusive as possible, and to invite any and all ideas that would help advance the restoration of the Klamath Basin, the Service may still consider your proposal if it cannot be linked to one of the plans above. In these cases, applicants must reference or cite the science-based rationale for doing the work and clearly describe the project's measurable objectives.

For the Service's Year 2 BIL funding opportunity, special consideration will be given to restoration projects proposed on tribal lands or those that may affect tribes and/or their lands.

Recognizing that Year 2 BIL funding is also intended to support local economies, the Service encourages proposals that utilize expertise and labor from within the various Klamath Basin communities.

B. Federal Award Information

B1. Total Funding

Estimated Total Funding

\$15,000,000

The Service anticipates that approximately \$15M will be available under this funding opportunity through the Service's Year 2 Klamath BIL funding opportunity in 2023.

Proposals that are awarded at or above \$3,000,000 will require special insignia denoting the project is being funded through infrastructure bill programs. The Service can provide information about these logos/insignia upon request.

Landscape Scale Proposals over \$5M

The Service will also consider proposals above \$5M if it can be demonstrated that the work will result in meaningful “landscape scale” restoration in significant parts of the Klamath Basin. Pre-proposals for projects totaling more than \$5M should have broad support, multiple “co-sponsors” and clearly describe how the work will benefit Klamath Basin communities, reduce conflicts, and provide direct and immediate benefit to the Klamath Basin ecosystem.

These types of high-impact, high-value projects have the potential to advance Klamath restoration in significant ways, and the Service and other state and federal agencies invite Klamath Basin stakeholders to consider submitting proposals of this nature, as well. While the Service, by itself, may not be able to fund projects over \$5M in 2023, there may be opportunities to leverage funding with other federal and state agencies.

B2. Expected Award Amount

Maximum Award

\$5,000,000

Minimum Award

\$100,000

Between 5 and 30 awards are expected to be made under this funding opportunity. A total of 32 projects were funded in 2022. For more information on past awards, please find additional information on the project webpage: [Klamath Basin Project Awards | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#).

B3. Expected Award Funding and Anticipated Dates

Expected Award Funding

Expected Award Date

October 31, 2023

B4. Number of Awards

Expected Number of Awards

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B5. Type of Award

Funding Instrument Type

G - Grant

C. Eligibility Information

C1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants

- 01 – County governments
- 02 – City or township governments
- 06 – Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- 07 – Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- 12 – Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- 13 – Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- 20 – Private institutions of higher education
- 21 – Individuals
- 22 – For profit organization other than small businesses
- 23 – Small businesses

Additional Information on Eligibility

C2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

No

Percentage of Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

C3. Other

* For-profit entities submitting proposals should review [2 CFR 200.400 -- Policy guide](#) (g) which states, “The non-Federal entity may not earn or keep any profit resulting from Federal financial assistance, unless explicitly authorized by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. See also [§ 200.307](#).”

Foreign Entities or Projects:

State Sponsors of Terrorism: This program will not fund projects in [countries determined by the U.S. Department of State to have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism](#) and therefore are subject to sanctions restricting receipt of U.S. foreign assistance and other financial transactions.

Office of Foreign Assets Control Sanctions: This program will not fund projects in countries subject to [comprehensive sanction programs administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Asset Control](#) without proper licenses.

In-Country Licenses, Permits, or Approvals: Entities conducting activities outside the U.S. are responsible for coordinating with appropriate U.S. and foreign government authorities as necessary to obtain all required licenses, permits, or approvals before undertaking project activities. The Service does not assume responsibility for recipient compliance with the laws, regulations, policies, or procedures of the foreign country in which they are conducting work.

Excluded Parties:

The DOI conducts a review of the SAM.gov Exclusions database for all applicant entities and their key project personnel prior to award. The DOI cannot award funds to entities or their key project personnel identified in the SAM.gov Exclusions database as ineligible, prohibited/restricted or otherwise excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain Federal assistance and benefits, as their ineligibility condition applies to this Federal program.

D. Application and Submission Information

D1. Address to Request Application Package

4Step-1 -- Pre-Proposal Template and Application Process

NOTE: DO NOT UPLOAD PRE-PROPOSALS IN GRANTS.GOV

Pre-Proposal Templates are due by 11:59 p.m. on April 14, 2023. Pre-proposals should number no more than five pages, not including any letters of support. They should be sent as a PDF file to KlamathBIL@fws.gov.

All pre-proposals received will undergo an intake review to ensure the project proposals are consistent with Klamath restoration goals and objectives found within one or more of the strategic plans listed in Section A.

Applicants are required to use the following template when submitting pre-proposals:

- *Project Title:* (Provide a single line title)
- *Applicant:* (Organization/Name, project contact, email, phone number)
- *Project Location:* Where does this project take place? Identify the nearest town, county, GPS coordinates, and land ownership.
- *Abstract Summary:* Abstract summaries are limited to 750 words or less. Project Abstract summary must be in plain language that the public can understand without viewing the full project proposal. It should include a brief, simple description of the project purpose, activities to be performed, deliverables and expected outcomes, and intended beneficiaries. Describe how the proposals connects to one of the strategic plans listed above. If a proposal cannot be linked to one of the strategic plans above, please describe how your proposal advances Klamath restoration and be sure to include the science-based rationale in support of the proposals. **Do not include personally identifiable, sensitive, or proprietary information in this section, as the Service may share your proposal with others in order to coordinate funding, obtain additional perspectives, and gauge the level of support for the proposal.**
- *Objectives:* Numerical list of the primary physical and biological objectives; include target species. Please consider using SMART Objectives (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely).\

Examples:

- Improve non-natal rearing habitat on xx miles of stream for juvenile Coho salmon by (date)
- Increase the stream's habitat complexity and floodplain connectivity on xx acres by xx date.
- Increase stopover habitat for migratory waterbirds on xx acres of wetlands by xx date.
- *Project Type:* (On-the-ground; feasibility; design and permit; research and monitoring).
- *Shovel-ready:* (Yes/No – Shovel ready means projects have all design plans and permits in place and work can be initiated within 6 to 9 months from when funds are made available).
- *Tasks/Outcomes:* (List the measurable treatment or monitoring outcomes, including method and dimensions, as applicable).

Examples:

- Use heavy equipment to place 46 pieces of large wood in 2,000 feet of stream
- Plant 950 trees along both sides of 1,000 feet of stream, equaling two acres
- Construct three new PIT Tag arrays, and tag/monitor juvenile Coho for two yrs

Schedule: (Anticipated start and end dates for overall project and key milestones along the way. For purposes of this criteria, assuming funding is awarded by Sept. 30, 2023). Also include:

- Project start and end date
- Environmental compliance/permitting timeline (indicate if already completed)
- On-the-ground schedule
- Monitoring schedule

Costs/Budget:

1. Total Cost of Project: (What is the overall cost of the project?)
2. Total Funding Request to BIL Program: (Identify the amount of funding you are requesting)
3. Match (List any additional funding that is secured, or that you are applying for; list any in-kind support, and identify other agencies for which you are receiving funds or requesting funds, and note any dollar amounts that has been secured or requested).
4. Identify any subcontractors or sub recipients (Identify what work these entities will be doing and how much they are receiving).
5. Complete a similar Draft Preliminary Budget. (List only the funds being requested under the Service's BIL program, do not list any match):

Personnel	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Equipment	
Supplies	

Contractual	
Construction	
Other	
Total Direct Charges	
Indirect Charges (indicate rate)	
TOTAL	

Note on Duplication: Also, if the applicant has previously received funding for the same project or a different phase of the project, please indicate and describe how the new funding request differs from the funding previously applied to the project.

Letters of Support/Collaboration:

Endorsement letters will help the Service judge whether project pre-proposals are widely supported in local communities. The Service encourages project pre-proposals to include letters of support from local Tribes, Counties and other local governments, States or State Agencies, and other conservation partners. These letters should also describe any substantive role the additional entities will have in your project. Letters of support do not count toward the page limit for pre-proposals.

The Service will review and evaluate pre-proposals based on the criteria listed below in Section E. The Service will invite applicants whose proposals score the highest to submit full-proposals by June 14, 2023. If invited, full applications must be submitted in Grant Solutions and they will be due no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on July 14, 2023.

The Service via phone or email will notify applicants not selected to submit full proposals. The Service may also encourage applicants to follow up with other federal or state agencies for possible funding.

Step-2

This step applies only to applicants who have been invited by the Service to submit full-proposals. If invited to submit a full-proposal, applicants must adhere to the following instructions:

Program Website Link

<https://www.fws.gov/program/klamath-basin-project-awards>

D2. Content and Form of Application Submission

SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance

All applicants must submit the Standard Form (SF)-424, Application for Federal Assistance. This form is available with the announcement on Grants.gov and in GrantSolutions. The form must be complete and signed by an Authorized Representative. For all applicants except individuals and commercial entities, the Authorized Representative's signature on a standard application form submitted to the Service represents their certification that the entity's financial management system meets [2 CFR §200.302](#) financial management requirements. The non-Federal entity's financial management system must be sufficient to:

1. Permit the preparation of required reports;
2. Trace funds to a level of expenditures adequate to establish that the entity has used such funds per Federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of the Federal award;
3. Provide for the requirements in [2 CFR §200.302\(b\)](#); and
4. Comply with [§200.334](#) Retention requirements for records, [§200.335](#) Requests for transfer of records, [§200.336](#) Methods for collection, transmission, and storage of information, and [§200.337](#) Access to records.

If this application requests more than \$100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Representative's signature on or submission of the SF-424 form in GrantSolutions also represents their certification of the statements in 43 CFR Part 18, Appendix A-Certification Regarding Lobbying.

When completing the SF-424 Application form, enter only the amount requested from this Federal program in Box 18a, Estimated Federal Funding. Include any other Federal sources of funding in Box 18e. Estimated Other Funding and identify any such sources and amounts in the required Budget Narrative (see below). For individuals applying as a private citizen (i.e., unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization you may own or operate in your name), do NOT include your Social Security Number on this or any other document to be submitted with your application! When completing the SF-424 Application form, individuals must enter in Box 8b. Employee/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN) the substitute number "444-44-4444." Individuals may register in SAM.gov but are not required to have a SAM.gov registration. For individuals without a SAM.gov registration enter in Box 8c. the substitute Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) "KA5HQCLKUVW1".

If invited to submit a full-proposal follow the SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance.

Project Abstract Summary (OMB Number 4040-0019)

Applicants must complete and submit the Project Abstract Summary form. The Project Abstract Summary form must provide a brief award description. The description must be in plain language that the public can understand without viewing the full application proposal. It should include a brief, simple description of the project purpose, activities to be performed, deliverables and expected outcomes, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipient activities, if known at the time of submission.

Do not include personally identifiable, sensitive, or proprietary information in the award description as this is available to the public. Use only English characters, numbers, punctuation, and standard symbols. Use of non-English, non-standard characters (also referred to as special or extended ASCII characters) will result in the award description failing to be reported correctly to USASpending.gov. Award descriptions are limited to 4,000 characters or less. Applicants should check the length of the award description and proofread for proper grammar and spelling.

For applicants applying through Grants.gov: Applicants must download and complete the Grants.gov "Project Abstract Summary" form from the full text announcement. To submit the Grants.gov "Project Abstract Summary" form with the application, applicants must add the form as an attachment to the Grants.gov "Attachments" form that is included in the application package.

For applicants applying through GrantSolutions-Grants Management Module (GS-GMM): Applicants must enter the information in the Project Abstract Summary screen. Do not

upload a document in place of entering the information directly into GS-GMM Project Abstract Screen.

Project Narrative

Full proposals must include the following information. Much of this information can be updated from pre-proposal submissions. However, please be sure to make any updates or refinements. Please limit page length to not more than five pages. Applicants are required to use the following template when submitting full-proposals:

- *Project Title:* (Provide a single line title)
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- *Maps/Schematics:* If applicable, please include any maps/schematics of the project.
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SF-424A, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs

Applicants must complete and submit the SF-424A Budget Information form for Non-Construction Programs or Projects. All required application forms are available with this announcement on Grants.gov or in GrantSolutions. Federal award recipients and subrecipients are subject to Federal award cost principles in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 200. Applicants must show funds requested from this Federal program separately from any other Federal sources of funding. In “Section A – Budget Summary” on the SF-424A form enter the funding requested from this Federal program in the first row. Identify any other Federal funding sources and amounts in the required Budget Narrative (see below). In the SF-424A “Contractual” category total, do not combine estimated subawards and contractual costs. Use the “Contractual” category to reflect estimated contractual costs only. Enter estimated subaward costs in the SF-424A “Other” category. Provide a separate description and total estimated costs for both contractual and subaward costs in the required Budget Narrative (see below).

SF-424C, Budget Information for Construction Program

Applicants must submit the appropriate SF-424C Budget Information form for Construction Programs or Projects. All required application forms are available with this announcement on Grants.gov and in GrantSolutions. Federal award recipients and subrecipients are subject to Federal award cost principles in 2 CFR 200. Applicants must show funds requested from this

Federal program separately from any other Federal sources of funding. Identify any other Federal funding sources and amounts in the required Budget Narrative (see below).

SF-429 Request to Acquire, Improve, or Furnish Real Property

Applicants seeking approval to acquire real property under an award must complete and submit the SF-429, “Real Property Status Report (Cover Page)” and the SF-429-B, “Real Property Status Report Attachment B (Request to Acquire, Improve, or Furnish)”. These forms are required if the real property is acquired with Federal funds, with recipient cost share or matching funds, or as an in-kind contribution under the award. The SF-429 forms are not available with this announcement on Grants.gov; they are available on the [Grants.gov Post-Award Reporting Forms page](#). Please submit these completed forms as attachments to your application.

Budget Narrative

Applicants must include a budget narrative that describes and justifies requested budget items and costs. In your budget narrative, describe how the SF-424 Budget Information, “Object Class Category” totals were determined. For personnel salary costs, generally describe how estimates were determined by identifying what type of staff will support the project and how much time they will contribute to the project (in hours or workdays). Describe any proposed [items of cost that require prior approval](#) under the [Federal award cost principles](#), including any anticipated subawarding, transferring, or contracting out of any work under the award. Provide a separate description and total estimated costs for both contractual and subaward costs. If equipment previously purchased with Federal funds is available for the project, provide a list of that equipment and identify the Federal funding source. Identify any third-party cash or in-kind contributions that a partner or other entity will contribute to the project and describe how the contributions directly and substantively benefit completion of the project. For in-kind contributions, identify the source, the amount, and the valuation methodology used to determine the total value. See [2 CFR §200.306](#) for more information. Please note the prohibitions on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment in [2 CFR 200.216](#). The Department of the Interior’s [Unmanned Aircraft web page](#) provides a list of approved unmanned aircraft and related equipment and software.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Per the Financial Assistance Interior Regulation (FAIR), [2 CFR §1402.112](#), applicants must state in their application if any actual or potential conflict of interest exists at the time of submission.

a. Applicability.

1. This section intends to ensure that non-Federal entities and their employees take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements.
2. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by sub recipients, the conflict of interest provisions in [2 CFR §200.318](#) apply.

b. Notification.

1. Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with [2 CFR §200.112](#).

2. Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Financial Assistance Officer in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that have been reported by sub recipients.
- c. *Restrictions on lobbying.* Non-Federal entities are strictly prohibited from using funds under a grant or cooperative agreement for lobbying activities and must provide the required certifications and disclosures pursuant to [43 CFR §18](#) and [31 USC §1352](#).
- d. *Review procedures.* The Financial Assistance Officer will examine each conflict of interest disclosure on the basis of its particular facts and the nature of the proposed grant or cooperative agreement, and will determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, develop an appropriate means for resolving it.

Enforcement. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the government may be cause for termination of the award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in [2 CFR §200.339](#), Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also [2 CFR §180](#)).

Uniform Audit Reporting Statement

All U.S. states, local governments, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations expending \$750,000 USD or more in Federal award funds in the applicant's fiscal year must submit a Single Audit report for that year through the [Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System](#), in accordance with 2 CFR 200 subpart F. U.S. state, local government, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, and non-profit applicants must state if your organization was or was not required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year. If your organization was required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year, provide the EIN associated with that report and state if it is available through the [Federal Audit Clearinghouse](#) website.

Certification Regarding Lobbying

Applicants requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funding must certify to the statements in [43CFR Part 18, Appendix A-Certification Regarding Lobbying](#). If this application requests more than \$100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Official's signature on the appropriate SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance form also represents the entity's certification of the statements in [43 CFR Part 18, Appendix A](#).

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Applicants and recipients must not use any federally appropriated funds (annually appropriated or continuing appropriations) or matching funds under a Federal award to pay any person for lobbying in connection with the award. Lobbying is influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any U.S. agency, a Member of the U.S. Congress, an officer or employee of the U.S. Congress, or an employee of a Member of the U.S. Congress connection with the award. Applicants and recipients must complete and submit the [SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities"](#) form if the Federal share of the proposal or award is more than \$100,000 and the applicant or recipient has made or has agreed to make any payment using non-

appropriated funds for lobbying in connection with the application or award. The SF-LLL form is available with this Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov. See 43 CFR, Subpart 18.100 for more information on when additional submission of this form is required.

Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement

Applicants must provide a statement indicating if there is any overlap between this Federal application and any other Federal application, or funded project, in regard to activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel. If no such overlap or duplication exists, state, “There are no overlaps or duplication between this application and any of our other Federal applications or funded projects, including in regard to activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel”. If any such overlap exists, provide a complete description of overlaps or duplications between this proposal and any other federally funded project or application in regard to activities, costs, and time commitment of key personnel, as applicable. Provide a copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity and identify when that proposal was submitted, to whom (entity name and program), and when you anticipate being notified of their funding decision. When overlap exists, your statement must end with “We understand that if at any time we receive funding from another source that is duplicative of the funding we are requesting from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in this application, we will immediately notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service point of contact identified in this Funding Opportunity in writing.”

D3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Registration:

This requirement does not apply to individuals applying for funds as an individual (i.e., unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization you may own, operate, or work within), or any entity with an exception to bypass SAM.gov registration with prior approval from the funding bureau or office in accordance with bureau or office policy. All other applicants are required to register as a financial assistance recipient in SAM.gov prior to submitting a Federal award application and obtain a [Unique Entity Identifier \(UEI\)](#). A Federal award may not be made to an applicant that has not completed the SAM.gov registration. If an applicant selected for funding has not completed their SAM.gov registration by the time the program is ready to make an award, the program may determine the applicant is not qualified to receive an award. Federal award recipients must also continue to maintain an active SAM.gov registration with current information through the life of their Federal award(s). Entities already registered in SAM.gov should review their registration to confirm that they are registered as a financial assistance recipient, which requires completion of the SAM.gov “Financial Assistance General Certifications and Representations”. See the “Submission Requirements” section of this document below for more information on SAM.gov registration.

Applicants can register on the [SAM.gov](#) website. The “Help” tab on the website contains User Guides and other information to assist you with registration. The Grants.gov “[Register with SAM](#)” page also provides detailed instructions. Applicants can contact the supporting Federal Service Desk for help registering in SAM. Once registered in SAM, entities must renew and revalidate their SAM registration at least once every 12 months from the date previously registered. Entities are strongly encouraged to revalidate their registration as often as needed to

ensure their information is up to date and reflects changes that may have been made to the entity's IRS information. If applicable, foreign entities who want to receive payment directly to a U.S. bank account must enter and maintain valid, current banking information in SAM.

D4. Submission Dates and Times

Due Date for Applications

07/14/2023

Application Due Date Explanation

NOTE: DO NOT UPLOAD PRE-PROPOSALS IN GRANTS.GOV or GrantSolutions Grant Management Module (GMM), send Pre-Proposals directly to, KlamathBIL@fws.gov.

If invited to submit full proposals, applications must be uploaded in GrantSolutions.

The following tentative schedule has been provided by the Service's Klamath BIL program to help guide applicants in developing timelines for their pre-proposals and full proposals. Dates and times may change.

- **April 14, 2023** – Pre-proposals due, **Send Pre-Proposals directly to, KlamathBIL@fws.gov**
- **June 14, 2023** – FWS invites full proposals based on highest ranked scores
- **July 14, 2023** – Full Proposals Due, announcement will close at midnight (00:00) ET
- **Early August** – Announce Awards
- **October/November** – Obligate funding to recipients

D5. Intergovernmental Review

An intergovernmental review may be required for applications submissions from a U.S. state or local government prior to submission. Applicants must contact their State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to comply with the state's process under [Executive Order 12372](#). The State Single Point of Contact list is available on the [OMB Office of Federal Financial Management website](#).

D6. Funding Restrictions

Indirect Costs: Individuals

Individuals applying for and receiving funds separate from a business or non-profit organization they may operate are not eligible to charge indirect costs to their award. If you are an individual applying for funding, you must not include any indirect costs in your proposed budget.

Indirect Costs: Organizations

The Federal awarding agency that provides the largest amount of direct funding to your organization is your cognizant agency for indirect costs, unless otherwise assigned by the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). If the Department of the Interior (DOI) is

your organization's cognizant agency, the Interior Business Center (IBC) will negotiate your indirect cost rate. Contact the IBC by phone 916-930-3803 or using the [IBC Email Submission Form](#). See the [IBC Website](#) for more information.

Organizations must have an active Federal award before they can submit an indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant agency. Failure to establish an approved rate during the award period renders all costs otherwise allocable as indirect costs unallowable under the award. Recipients may not shift unallowable indirect costs to another Federal award unless specifically authorized to do so by legislation.

Required Indirect Cost Statement to be submitted by Organization:

U.S. state or local government entities receiving more than \$35 million in direct Federal funding must include the following statement in their application and attach a copy of their most recently negotiated rate agreement:

- We are a U.S. state or local government entity receiving more than \$35 million in direct Federal funding. We submit our indirect cost rate proposals to our cognizant agency. Our current indirect cost rate is [insert rate]. Attached is a copy of our most recently negotiated rate agreement/certification.

U.S. state or local government entities receiving \$35 million or less in direct Federal funding must include the applicable statement from this list:

- We are a U.S. state or local government entity receiving \$35 million or less in direct Federal funding. We prepare and retain for audit an indirect cost rate proposal and documentation per 2 CFR 200, Appendix VII. Our current indirect cost rate is [insert rate], which is charged against [insert a complete description of the direct cost base used to distribute indirect costs to the award].
- We are a U.S. state or local government entity receiving \$35 million or less in direct Federal funding. We have not prepared an indirect cost rate proposal and documentation per 2 CFR §200, Appendix VII and elect to charge the de minimis rate of 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs as defined in 2 CFR §200.1. We understand we must use this methodology consistently for all Federal awards until we choose to establish a rate per 2 CFR §200. We understand we must notify the Service in writing if we establish a rate that changes the methodology used to charge indirect costs during the award period. We understand that additional Federal funds may not be available to support an unexpected increase in indirect costs during the project period and that such changes are subject to review, negotiation, and prior approval by the Service.

All other organizations must include the applicable statement from this list and any related documentation in their application. Please note, an organization with a current negotiated (including provisional) rate may not elect to charge the 10% de minimis rate of Modified Total Direct Costs during the period covered by their current negotiated rate.

- We are an organization with a current negotiated indirect cost rate. In the event we receive an award, we will charge indirect costs per our current negotiated rate agreement. Attached is a copy of our current rate agreement.
- We are an organization with a negotiated indirect cost rate that has expired. Attached is copy of our most recently negotiated rate agreement. If we receive an award, we will

submit an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency within 90 calendar days after the award date. We understand we must provide the Service a copy of our approved rate agreement before charging indirect costs to the Federal award.

- We are an organization that has never negotiated an indirect cost rate with our cognizant agency. Our indirect cost rate is [insert rate], which is charged against [insert a complete description of the direct cost base used to distribute indirect costs to the award]. If we receive an award, we will submit an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency within 90 calendar days after the award date. We understand we must provide the Service a copy of our approved rate agreement before charging indirect costs to the Federal award.
- We are an organization that does not have a current negotiated (including provisional) rate. In the event an award is made, we elect to charge the de minimis rate of 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs as defined in 2 CFR §200.1. We understand we must use this methodology consistently for all Federal awards until such time as we negotiate a different rate with our cognizant agency. We understand that we must notify the Service in writing if during the award period we establish a rate that changes the methodology used to charge indirect costs to the award. We understand that additional Federal funds may not be available to support an unexpected increase in indirect costs and that such changes are subject to review, negotiation, and prior approval by the Service.
- We are an organization submitting a [insert either “Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Program” or “Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit Network”] project proposal, which has an indirect cost rate cap of [insert rate; CRU is currently 15%; CESU is currently 17.5%]. In the event we receive an award, we understand that if we have a current negotiated (including provisional) indirect cost rate agreement we must charge the capped indirect cost rate to the same base identified in our approved indirect cost rate agreement. We understand we must request prior approval from the awarding program to use the [2 CFR 200.1 Modified Total Direct Costs](#) (MTDC) base instead of our approved base and that we must submit such requests with our application, including a calculation showing how use of the MTDC base results in an overall reduction in the total indirect costs recovered. If we do not have current negotiated (including provisional) rate, we understand we must charge the capped indirect cost rate against Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) as defined in 2 CFR §200.1. If we have never negotiated a rate, we understand we must use the de minimis rate of 10% of MTDC.
- We are an organization that will charge all costs directly.

D7. Other Submission Requirements

The Service uses the GrantSolutions system to manage financial assistance applications and awards. Applicants must register in and conduct any subsequent award business with the Service in GrantSolutions. To apply, your organization and organization officials must be established in GrantSolutions. To register your organization in GrantSolutions, send an email to help@grantsolutions.gov with the following information:

Subject: New Organization Request

- Organization/Individual Name

- Point of Contact first and last name, email, and phone number
- Organization Type
- SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier (not required for individuals or Service-waived entities)
- Organization Employer Identification Number (Applicants that are INDIVIDUALS DO NOT include your social security number)
- Address

Organizational details should match those in the organization's SAM.gov registration. To establish organization official accounts and user role(s), complete a Recipient User Account Request Form for each official and email it to help@grantsolutions.gov. The GrantSolutions entity user roles are: Authorizing Official (ADO); Principal Investigator/Program Director (PI/PD); Support Specialist (GSS); Financial Officer (FO); and Financial Support Staff (FSS). All roles can do the following: enter applications, amendments, and reports, view awards, and view and create notes. The ADO and the PI/PD roles can also submit applications, amendments, and reports. The FO role can also submit reports. At a minimum, registered organizations must assign someone to the ADO and PI/PD roles. For more information, see the GrantSolutions Recipient Training and FAQs web page. For GrantSolutions registration, submission, and other assistance contact their Customer Support by telephone at 1-866-577-0771 or by email at help@grantsolutions.gov.

E. Application Review Information

E1. Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate both pre-proposals and full-proposals. Reviewers will assign scores to applications ranging from 0 to 120 points based on the following evaluation criteria and respective weights specified below.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Program Priorities - Maximum Points 30

This criterion addresses the extent the proposed work addresses a major restoration need in the Klamath Basin and the degree to which the project pre-proposal advances the goals and objectives of one or more of the strategic plans used by the Service to gauge priority restoration needs of the Klamath Basin:

- Klamath Basin Integrated Fisheries Restoration and Monitoring Plan (IFMRP)
 - IFMRP Restoration Action Agenda (2022-2023)
- Upper Klamath Basin Watershed Action Plan
- Klamath Basin NWR Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCPs)
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Strategic Plan
- If you cannot connect your proposal to at least one of the plans identified above, the Service may still consider your proposals. Applicants must reference and/or cite the

science-based rationale for doing the work and clearly describe the project's measurable objectives.

Scoring: 0-30 points

0 = Proposals are not clearly linked to plans identified above, or lack clarity or details in terms of describing how the work will contribute to the Klamath Basin ecosystem and/or native fish and wildlife species.

10 = Provides clear and detailed description of how the proposal directly relates to one or more of the priorities identified in the plans listed above. Or, if not listed in a plan, the proposal describes how the project will advance Klamath Basin restoration. Proposal provides some details in terms of how the work will contribute to the Klamath Basin ecosystem and/or native fish and wildlife species.

30 = Provides clear and detailed description of how the proposal directly relates to one or more of the priorities identified in the plans listed above. Or, if not listed in a plan, the proposal documents how the project will advance Klamath Basin restoration. Applicant cites specific sections or parts of the plan, or other sources. Proposal is extremely clear and detailed in terms of how the work will contribute to the Klamath Basin ecosystem and/or native fish and wildlife species.

2. Technical/scientific Merit Maximum Points: 30

This criterion addresses whether the objectives, approach, and scope of work are clear and technically sound; the project is both feasible and appropriate for the site and can be completed on schedule given reasonably foreseeable constraints (weather conditions, field seasons, operational conditions, etc.) Reviewers will consider whether the write-up is sufficient for reviewers to understand and evaluate the technical merits of the project (project plans, designs with specific sites, activities identified).

Score: 0-30 points

0 = completely unsound and/or unlikely to meet the Project Objectives, application instructions were not followed. A score of 0 will eliminate the project proposal from being considered further.

15 = intermediately sound, and/or reasonably likely to meet the Project Objectives, application instructions generally followed

30 = extremely sound and highly likely to meet the stated Project Objectives, application instructions followed thoroughly.

3. Application Package and Qualification of Applicants - Maximum Points: 20

This criterion addresses whether the applicant followed directions in submitting their pre-proposals as well as whether they possess the necessary expertise, experience, facilities, and administrative resources to accomplish the project. Reviewers will consider previous related experience and qualifications of the project's PM or PI, Co-Manager(s), or Co-Investigator(s) and other personnel, including designated contractors, consultants, and cooperators.

Scoring: 0-20 points

0 = completely unqualified and/or lacking the resources or capacity to accomplish the project. Pre-proposals application instructions were not followed

10 = intermediate level of relevant expertise and experience and adequate resources and capacity to accomplish the project, application instructions were generally followed

20 = extremely qualified and experienced, has all necessary resources and demonstrated capacity to accomplish the project, application instructions followed thoroughly.

4. Cost Effectiveness and Budget -- Maximum Points: 20

Reviewers will evaluate the budget to determine if it is sufficiently detailed and the project is cost effective. Total cost is reasonable based on costs of similar project types, and commensurate with projected benefits to target species (salmon, waterfowl, etc.). Reviewers will consider whether sufficient detail was provided to evaluate how costs were estimated.

Scoring: 0-20 points

0 = Budget is unrealistic, too broad and/or lacks significant details

5 = Budget is realistic, but specific tasks are not itemized or budget details lack clarity.

10 = Budget is realistic, offers some details, and shows some itemization of tasks,

20 = Budget is realistic, extremely detailed, extremely clear, shows itemization of specific tasks.

5. Community support and Partner Involvement: 20

Reviewers will evaluate the extent to which a project approach will utilize partnerships and collaboration among other Klamath Basin stakeholders during project implementation. Weight will be given to projects that have the support of multiple Klamath Basin Tribes, the states of Oregon and California, local governments, and other conservation partners, as appropriate.

Scoring: 0-20 points

0 = No additional partners involved

10 = Project supported by other partners but have a limited role in carry out work associated with the project. Support letters or similar documentation is provided from partners to this effect.

20 = Project has wide-spread support throughout the Klamath Basin, project will be implemented collaboratively, with significant involvement from multiple partners from throughout the Basin (e.g. multiple Klamath Basin Tribes; the State of Oregon and California, as appropriate; federal, state and local government agencies; or non-governmental organizations). Support letters or similar documentation is provided from partners to this effect.

E2. Review and Selection Process

Prior to award, the program will review any applicant statement regarding potential overlap or duplication between the project to be funded and any other funded or proposed project in terms of activities, funding, or time commitment of key personnel. Depending on the circumstances,

the program may request modification to the application, other pending applications, or an active award, as needed to eliminate any duplication of effort, or the FWS may choose not to fund the selected project.

Prior to award, the program will conduct and document a review of the proposed budget to ensure figures are calculated correctly, proposed costs are clearly linked to the project narrative and seem necessary and reasonable, no obviously unallowable costs are included, costs requiring prior approval are identified and described, indirect cost are applied correctly, and any program match or cost share requirements are addressed.

The program may not make a Federal award to an applicant that has not completed the SAM.gov registration. If an applicant selected for funding has not completed their SAM.gov registration by the time the Bureau is ready to make an award, the program may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award. The program can use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant.

Prior to award, the program will evaluate the risk posed by applicants as required in [2 CFR §200.206](#). Prior to approving awards for Federal funding in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), the Bureau is required to review and consider any information about or from the applicant found in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System. The Bureau will consider this information when completing the risk review. The Bureau uses the results of the risk evaluation to establish monitoring plans, recipient reporting frequency requirements, and to determine if one or more of the specific award conditions in [2 CFR §200.208](#) should be applied to the award.

E3. CFR – Regulatory Information

See the [Service’s General Award Terms and Conditions](#) for the general administrative and national policy requirements applicable to Service awards. The Service will communicate any other program- or project-specific special terms and conditions to recipients in their notices of award.

E4. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates

August 2023.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

F1. Federal Award Notices

The successful applicant(s) will receive an automated email from GrantSolutions notifying them that their project has been awarded. Once received the recipient can log into GrantSolutions and view their Notice of Award letter.

F2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

See the [DOI Standard Terms and Conditions](#) for the administrative and national policy requirements applicable to DOI awards.

See the [Service's General Award Terms and Conditions](#) for the general administrative and national policy requirements applicable to Service awards.

Buy America Provision for Infrastructure: Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials.

As required by Section 70914 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58), on or after May 14, 2022, none of the funds under a federal award that are part of a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. Recipients conducting infrastructure projects under the award must include related requirements all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for infrastructure work or products under this program. For the full text term applicable to infrastructure and related waiver request standards and procedures, see the Service's General Award Terms and Conditions.

F3. Reporting

Financial Reports

All recipients must use the [SF-425, Federal Financial Report](#) form for financial reporting. At a minimum, all recipients must submit a **final** financial report. Final reports are due no later than 120 calendar days after the award period of performance end date or termination date. For awards with periods of performance longer than 12 months, recipients are required to submit **interim** financial reports on the frequency established in the Notice of Award. The only exception to the interim financial reporting requirement is if the recipient is required to use the SF 270/271 to request payment and requests payment at least once annually through the entire award period of performance. We will describe all financial reporting requirements in the Notice of Award.

Non-Construction Performance Reports

Performance reports must contain a comparison of actual accomplishments with the established goals and objectives of the award; a description of reasons why established goals was not met, if appropriate; and any other pertinent information relevant to the project results. **Final** reports are due no later than 120 calendar days after the award period of performance end date or termination date. For awards with periods of performance longer than 12 months, recipients are required to submit **interim performance** reports on the frequency established in the Notice of Award.

Construction Performance Reports

For construction awards, onsite technical inspections and certified percentage of completion data may be relied on to monitor progress for construction. Additional performance reports for construction activities may be required only when considered necessary. However, awards that include both construction and non-construction activities require performance reporting for the non-construction activities. See [2 CFR§200.329](#) for more information. The USFWS will describe all performance reporting requirements in the Notice of Award.

Significant Development Reports

Events may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates which have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, recipients are required to notify the Bureau in writing as soon as the recipient becomes aware of any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the Federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of any corrective action(s) taken or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation. The recipient should also notify the Service in writing of any favorable developments that enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

Real Property Reports

Recipients and subrecipients are required to submit status reports on the status of real property acquired under the award in which the Federal government retains an interest. The required frequency of these reports will depend on the anticipated length of the Federal interest period. The Bureau will include recipient-specific real property reporting requirements, including the required standard form or data elements, reporting frequency, and report due dates, in the Notice of Award when applicable.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Per 2 CFR §1402.112, non-Federal entities and their employees must take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by subrecipients, the provisions in [2 CFR §200.318](#) apply. Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with [2 CFR §200.112](#). Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Service Project Officer identified in their notice of award in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that reported by subrecipients. The Service will examine each disclosure to determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, work with the applicant or recipient to develop an appropriate resolution. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the government may be cause for termination of the award.

Other Mandatory Disclosures

The Non-Federal entity or applicant for a Federal award must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Non-Federal entities that receive a Federal award including the terms and conditions outlined in 2 CFR 200, Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance

Matters are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies for noncompliance described in 2 CFR §200.339, including suspension or debarment.

Reporting Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the [System for Award Management](#) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the [Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System](#)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings in accordance with [Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200](#).

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

G1. Program Technical Contact

For **programmatic technical assistance**, contact:

First and Last Name:

Klamath BIL Team Lead Matt Baun, Klamath BIL Project Officers: Greg Gray, Edward “Liston” Case

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Matt 530-340-2387, Greg 707-407-8401, Liston 541-885-2531

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G2. Program Administration

For **program administration assistance**, contact:

First and Last Name:

Dustin Calvert, Klamath BIL Program Grants Management Specialist

Telephone:

916-886-3061

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Dustin_Calvert@fws.gov

G3. Application System Technical Support

For Grants.gov technical registration and submission, downloading forms and application packages, contact:

Grants.gov Customer Support

Numeric Input Field: 1-800-518-4726

Support@grants.gov

For GrantSolutions technical registration, submission, and other assistance contact:

GrantSolutions Customer Support

1-866-577-0771

Help@grantsolutions.gov

H. Other Information

Payments

Domestic recipients are required to register in and receive payment through the U.S. Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP), unless approved for a waiver by the Service program. Foreign recipients receiving funds to a final destination bank outside the U.S. are required to receive payment through the U.S. Treasury's International Treasury Services (ITS) System. Foreign recipients receiving funds to a final destination bank in the U.S. are required to enter and maintain current banking details in their SAM.gov entity profile and receive payment through the Automated Clearing House network by electronic funds transfer (EFT). The Bureau will include recipient-specific instructions on how to request payment, including identification of any additional information required and where to submit payment requests, as applicable, in all Notices of Award.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT:

OMB Control Number: 1018-0100

Per the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) collects information in accordance with program authorizing legislation to conduct a review and select projects for funding and, if awarded, to evaluate performance. Your response is required to obtain or retain a benefit. We may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Act Statement: This information collection is authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq. The information provided will be used to administer all Service financial assistance programs and activities including to: (1) determine eligibility under the authorizing legislation and applicable program regulations; (2) determine allowability of major cost items under the Cost Principles at 2 CFR 200; (3) select those projects that will provide the highest return on the Federal investment; and (4) assist in compliance with laws, as applicable, such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. This information may be shared in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the routine uses listed in INTERIOR/DOI-89, Grants and Cooperative Agreements: FBMS - 73 FR 43775 (July 28, 2008). Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide all requested information may prevent the Service from awarding funds.

Estimated Burden Statement: We estimate that it will take you on average about 40 hours to

complete an initial application, about 3 hours to revise the terms of an award, and about 8 hours per report to prepare and submit financial and performance reports, including time to maintain records and gather information. Actual times for these activities will vary depending on program-specific requirements. Direct comments regarding the burden estimates or any other aspect of the specific forms to the Service Information Clearance Officer, USFWS, U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or by email to Info_Coll@fws.gov.