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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:

Background: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is soliciting proposals for restoration activities in the Klamath Basin of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Proposals must demonstrate how the proposed restoration will improve conditions and achieve habitat restoration for waterfowl and/or native fish and wildlife species, and other aquatic species throughout the Klamath Basin.

The headwaters of the Klamath River start in Oregon in the arid mountains east of the Cascade Range in southern Oregon. Downstream of the headwaters, these waters support one of the largest lake-wetlands complexes in the western U.S. The Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex (which comprise six National Wildlife Refuges in total) has been referred to as the “Everglades of the West” because of its biological diversity and importance to the Pacific Flyway as a staging area for millions of waterbirds on their spring and fall migrations.

Downstream of Upper Klamath Lake, the Klamath River flows through steep forested mountains of Northern California where it eventually meets the sea near the town of Klamath, CA. The Klamath River once supported the third most productive salmon run on the West Coast of the United States. Today, Klamath Basin fisheries are in decline including spring-run and fall-run Chinook salmon, and there are several species of fish on the Endangered Species list such as Lost River and shortnose suckers, bull trout, and coho salmon and other Tribal trust species.

This funding opportunity is intended for projects and activities that support or will help improve river, riparian, lake, and wetland habitats, which historically supported millions of fish, waterfowl, and other native wildlife. The Service invites project proposals that fall within the entire Klamath Basin drainage from the headwaters to the mouth of the Klamath River.

Klamath Basin stakeholders have a long history of working together on restoration activities, and have also undertaken the enormous challenge of resolving major natural resource conflicts in the Klamath Basin.

Applicants are, therefore, encouraged to submit project proposals that seek out and/or build upon opportunities for collaboration with other conservation partners in the Klamath Basin. As such, the Service is encouraging project proposals to include letters of support from project partners, stakeholders, and other contributors describing their support and any role they may have in assisting with the project.

Endorsement letters will help the Service judge whether projects are widely supported. The

Service encourages project proposals to include letters of support from local Tribes, Counties and other local governments, States or State Agencies, and other conservation partners. Special consideration will also be given to restoration projects proposed on tribal lands or those that may affect tribes and/or their lands.

DOI is committed to equity and environmental justice in program delivery and explicitly seeks to ensure that all projects provide direct, meaningful benefits consistent with Justice40 and other related initiatives. Applications will be considered accordingly.

Program Requirements: All proposals must clearly address how projects will directly, and measurably, contribute to the accomplishment of the priorities listed below. In each of these areas, the Service encourages collaboration with other stakeholders as much as possible in the Klamath Basin. For 2022, available funding will be directed to proposals that address one or more of the following priorities:

- Aquatic habitat restoration projects to improve conditions for native fish and other aquatic species. Project proposals must clearly document how the proposed project will improve habitat for target species.
- Projects that result in improved conditions for waterfowl and/or other native wildlife in the Klamath Basin. Project proposals must clearly document how the proposed project will improve habitat for waterfowl and/or other native wildlife species and their habitat.
- Water quality improvement projects throughout the Klamath Basin. Project proposals must clearly document how the proposed project will result in improvements to water quality, including how water quality improvements will be measured.
- Klamath River science and data collection to inform future restoration actions and management considerations. Project proposals must clearly describe the significance of the proposed science and data collection activities and, specifically, how it will advance the restoration of native fish and wildlife species in the Klamath Basin.
- Effectiveness monitoring to inform adaptive management processes. Project proposals must clearly describe the significance of the proposed monitoring activities, and how it will advance the restoration of native fish and/or waterfowl and other wildlife species in the Klamath Basin.
- Voluntary restoration of fish, waterfowl and other native wildlife habitat on private lands in the Klamath Basin. Project proposals must clearly document how the proposed project will improve habitat for target species.
- Securing water for the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Project proposals must clearly document how the proposed project will improve conditions for the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex.
- Securing water for other prominent areas and sub-basins throughout the Klamath River drainage. Project proposals must clearly document how the proposed project will improve conditions for the target species.
- Climate adaptation strategies that result in improved conditions for native fish and wildlife species in the Klamath Basin. Project proposals must clearly document how specific climate adaptation strategies will result in improved conditions for Klamath Basin fish, waterfowl and wildlife.

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 Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for 2022. This funding will be directed to priority projects in the Klamath Basin that will help improve conditions for native fish, waterfowl and/or other native wildlife, and their habitats, as described above.

- Generally, we anticipate grants of less than \$250,000 will be focused on restoration at a single site. Project partnerships are encouraged and letters of support are encouraged.
- Proposals requesting \$250,000 to \$2,000,000 should be accompanied by letters of support. These letters should have descriptions of how broad-based partnerships will be engaged in implementing comprehensive restoration and conservation actions related to the project. Proposals may include projects at multiple sites.
- Project proposals greater than \$2M will also be considered and should document (e.g. through support letters) endorsement from multiple stakeholders including, but not limited to, Klamath Basin Tribes, County governments, and other local governments, the State of Oregon and California, and/or appropriate state agencies, conservation partners, and local landowners affected by the proposed project. Project proposals over \$2M are strongly encouraged to involve multiple project partners from throughout the Klamath Basin.

For all project proposals submitted, the Service may allow multi-year projects, and/or coordinate funding with other sources from within and outside the Service. For multi-year projects the proposals should describes the project scope of work and performance objectives for the entire multiyear project, or at a minimum, for the first funded increment.

The anticipated start dates and periods of performance for new Federal awards will be on or before September 30, 2022. Preferred project proposals are projects in which on-the-ground restoration can be completed within 18 months of the date of the award, though longer term projects will also be considered. Projects other than “on-the-ground” restoration will also be considered. All projects should be completed within 5 years from the date of the award.

We will accept applications to renew or supplement funding for existing projects.

Awards may be provided through grants and co-operative agreements.

B2. Expected Award Amount

Maximum Award

\$2,000,000

Minimum Award

\$50,000

B3. Expected Award Funding and Anticipated Dates

Expected Award Funding

Expected Award Date

September 01, 2022

B4. Number of Awards

Expected Number of Awards

B5. Type of Award

Funding Instrument Type

G - Grant

CA - Cooperative Agreement

C. Eligibility Information

C1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants

99 – Unrestricted (i.e. open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in the text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"

Additional Information on Eligibility

All potential applicants are eligible.

C2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

No

Percentage of Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

C3. Other

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

Program Website Link

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 private citizens, 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.

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" and in Box 8c, For organizational DUNS substitute number "123456789". For UEI substitute the number "000123456789".

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

In 10 pages or less, please make sure your written proposals include a Project Narrative. The Project Narrative should follow the template below.

Project Narrative Template:

- Project title;
- Description of entity(ies) undertaking the project;
- Statement of need; (what problems are solved or what conditions are addressed by implementing the proposed project).
- Project goals and objectives that clearly support the program requirements identified in “Section A” above.
- Timetable or milestones from start to finish.
- Information to support environmental compliance review requirements (ESA section 7 and NEPA). Information to support project compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Information to support any other project compliance requirements or permitting. In addition, projects proposed on tribal lands or those that may affect tribes and/or their lands should consider how the appropriate Tribal historic preservation officers (or other appropriate tribal officials) will be engaged in the project.
- Description of stakeholder coordination or involvement; including a description of the role other stakeholders will undertake in the project.
- Required project monitoring and evaluation plan with specific performance metrics, including a description of the assessment tools to be used;

- Information on key project personnel including qualifications of the project leads, (PM or PI, Co-Manager(s), or Co- Investigator(s) and other personnel, including designated contractors, consultants, and cooperators).
- Budget showing projected costs, itemized costs, and anticipated future funding needs;
- Details and supporting documentation on the project location, including maps.
- Letters of Support – Letters of support are strongly encouraged. The Service aims to use project funding to help reinvigorate collaborative efforts in the Klamath Basin, as much as possible. As such, the Service is encouraging project proposals to include letters of support from project partners, stakeholders, and other contributors describing their support and any role they may have in assisting with the project. Endorsement or support letters will help the Service judge whether projects are widely supported. The Service encourages project proposals to include letters of support from local Tribes, Counties and other local governments, States or State Agencies, and other conservation partners. Letters of support should also reference landowner or site manager support, acknowledgements or permissions (e.g. certifying site access).

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. 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.

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 in SAM.gov prior to submitting a Federal award application and obtain a [Unique Entity Identifier \(UEI\)](#) which will replace Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number from Dun & Bradstreet in April 2022. 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. Applicants registering in SAM.gov prior to April 2022 may still be required to obtain a DUNS number prior to completing the registration process within SAM.gov. Federal award recipients must also continue to maintain an active SAM.gov registration with current information through the life of their Federal award(s). See the “Submission Requirements” section of this document below for more information on SAM.gov registration. **There is no cost to register with Dun & Bradstreet or SAM.gov.** There are third-party vendors who will charge a fee in exchange for registering entities with Dun & Bradstreet and SAM.gov; **please be aware you can register and request help for free.**

Obtain a DUNS Number

In April 2022, the Federal Government will stop requiring DUNS numbers. At that point, entities doing business with the government will use the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) created in

SAM.gov in place of a DUNS number. A UEI will be assigned to entities upon registering with SAM.

If an entity is applying for federal financial assistance prior to April 2022, a DUNS number may still be required as part of the SAM registration process. A DUNS Number can be requested through the Dun & Bradstreet website. The official website address is <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. For technical difficulties, go to www.dnb.com/govtduns. Please ensure that you are able to receive emails from SAMHelp@dnb.com. The Grants.gov “Obtain a DUNS Number” webpage also provides detailed instructions. Once assigned a DUNS number, your organization must maintain up-to-date information with Dun & Bradstreet. Applicants must enter their DUNS number in the “Organizational DUNS” field on the SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance form (version 3).

Register with the System for Award Management (SAM)

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

05/08/2022

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.

Application Due Date Explanation

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) rate we must charge the program’s capped indirect cost rate to the same base identified in our approved indirect cost rate agreement, per 2 CFR §1402.414. 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.
- We are an organization that will charge all costs directly.

D7. Other Submission Requirements

The Service requests applicants to apply electronically using GrantSolutions. To apply electronically the Applicant Organization and Organization Officials must be established in GrantSolutions. If your Organization and/or Organization Officials do not currently exist in GrantSolutions follow the instructions below.

New Organization Request

Send an email requesting a new organization to be with the following information to help@grantsolutions.gov:

- Organization/Individual Name
- POC first and last name
- POC email
- POC phone number
- Organization Type
- DUNS # (unless exempt)
- EIN (Applicants that are INDIVIDUALS SHOULD NOT include their social security number)
- Address

If your Organization is new or you do not have the appropriate officials in GrantSolutions you must also establish an individual account for each of the Organization Officials and assign the appropriate role. At a minimum the Authorizing Official and Principal Investigator/Program Director roles must be assigned. Individual Organization Official accounts may be requested by completing the [Recipient User Account Request Form](#) and emailing the completed form to at help@grantsolutions.gov.

If your organization already exists in GrantSolutions please verify that the correct Organization Officials have an individual GrantSolutions account.

If your Organization and Organization Officials already exists in GrantSolutions, please login using your existing username and password. If you do not remember your account information, please contact the GrantSolutions Help Desk at (866) 577-0771 or by email at help@grantsolutions.gov

For more information on how to apply please see [GrantSolutions Help](#) for instructions and videos.

Please contact GrantSolutions Help Desk if you have any questions regarding your account or GrantSolution issues at (866) 577-0771 or by email at help@grantsolutions.gov

E. Application Review Information

E1. Criteria

Reviewers will assign scores to applications ranging from 0 to 130 points based on the following evaluation criteria and respective weights specified below. Applications that best address these criteria will be most competitive.

Program Priorities Maximum Points 30

This criterion addresses whether the proposed work addresses the Priorities identified in Section A of this document. Reviewers will consider how the proposal, if selected for implementation, will:

- a. Stabilize or improve native fish, waterfowl and other wildlife species through Klamath Basin habitat restoration and improvements to river, riparian, lake, and wetland habitats
- b. For ESA listed species, make progress towards achieving down or delisting criteria by

accomplishing priority Klamath Basin habitat-related restoration and other Recovery Actions as described in current recovery plans issued by the USFWS and NMFS;

c Reduce the risk to fish, waterfowl and other wildlife species by eliminating or reducing the impacts of specific stressors or limiting factors affecting key species.

d. Complement surrounding restoration projects that may be occurring in the same general area

e. If the proposal addresses the continuation of previously funded or ongoing work, reviewers should consider whether the applicant provides an adequate justification for the continuation of the same work (e.g., what benefit would additional results have?).

Scoring: 0-30 points

0 = no importance/relevance to the stated Program Objectives and Priorities, very limited potential to contribute to priority habitat restoration activities or associated species recovery, no implementation of recovery actions

10 = moderately important/relevant, reasonably likely to make some meaningful contribution to priority habitat restoration activities or associated species recovery by contributing information on the species.

20 = extremely important/relevant, extremely likely to make a significant contribution to priority habitat restoration activities or associated recovery of threatened or endangered species

30 = extremely important/relevant, extremely likely to result in significant restoration of priority habitat or significant progress as it relates to a status change (i.e., delisting or downlisting) for the species or reduction of imminent extinction risk.

Technical/scientific Merit Maximum Points: 30

This criterion addresses whether the Methodology in the Project Narrative is technically sound, if the methods are appropriate for achieving the stated Project Objectives, and if the anticipated results can be achieved in the timeline specified. Reviewers will consider the sufficiency of information to evaluate the project technically, and if such information is sufficient, the strengths and/or weaknesses of the technical design relative to securing productive results, and if data collection is proposed, the inclusion of quality assurance considerations.

Reviewers will consider whether the proposal includes an effective mechanism for evaluating the project's success in meeting the stated goals and objectives, such as whether the Project Objectives are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely). Reviewers will also evaluate whether application instructions contained in this document were followed and if all required elements were submitted.

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.

Overall Qualification of Applicants Maximum Points: 20

This criterion addresses whether the applicant possesses 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. Reviewers will also consider the extent to which the applicant complied effectively with the application instructions in this NOFO.

Scoring: 0-20 points

0 = completely unqualified and/or lacking the resources or capacity to accomplish the project 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.

Project Costs Maximum Points: 20

Reviewers will evaluate the budget to determine if it is sufficiently detailed, realistic and commensurate with the project needs and timeframe. The itemized costs and the overall budget must be adequately justified and appropriately allocated. Reviewers will consider whether sufficient detail was provided to evaluate how costs were estimated.

Scoring: 0-20 points

0 = unrealistic and lacking sufficient detail

10 = adequately detailed and realistic

20 = extremely detailed and realistic

Emphasis on Partnerships and Collaboration Maximum Points: 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 will be implemented with some involvement from partners

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

Shovel Ready Projects Maximum Points: 10

Reviewers will evaluate the extent to which a project proposal is “shovel ready” while also yielding significant ecological benefits to the Klamath Basin. Shovel-ready projects are expected to be those where feasibility studies are completed, and where other baseline information is available. In addition, shovel-ready projects are those where required consultations and permits, if not in-hand, are either in progress or there is reasonable assurance provided that they can be attained quickly, and where NEPA analysis and any environmental permits and authorizations are finished or can be expeditiously completed. Shovel ready projects are also those that can be implemented shortly after funding is made available. Projects that are not shovel ready will also be considered, with points allocated as indicated below.

0 = Proposed project start and completion dates are uncertain and descriptions regarding permitting and other consultations are not specified or not clear.

2 = For on the ground restoration projects, “ground breaking” is expected to begin during calendar year 2025. Single-Phase projects can be completed with 24 months of groundbreaking. For multi-phased projects, Phase 1 can be completed in that timeframe.

For non-on-the-ground projects, time-tables are clearly described. Descriptions of required permitting and other consultation requirements, if applicable, lack clarity or are uncertain.

5 = For on-the-ground restoration projects, ground-breaking begins before December 2024.

Descriptions of required permitting and other consultation requirements are presented in adequate detail. Single-Phase projects can be completed with 24 months of groundbreaking. For multi-phased projects, Phase 1 can be completed in that timeframe.

For non-on-the-ground projects, time-tables are clearly described. Descriptions of required permitting and other consultation requirements, if applicable, are presented in adequate detail.

Projects can be completed with 12-18 months.

7 = For on-the-ground restoration projects, ground-breaking occurs between December 2022 and December 2023. Descriptions of required permitting and other consultation requirements are presented in adequate detail. Single-Phase projects can be completed with 24 months of groundbreaking. For multi-phased projects, Phase 1 can be completed in that timeframe.

10 = For on the ground restoration projects, ground-breaking begins within the first 90 days (August thru November 2022) of the award start date. Single-Phase projects can be completed with 24 months of groundbreaking. For multi-phased projects, Phase 1 can be completed in that timeframe. Descriptions of required permitting and other consultation requirements are presented in adequate detail.

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.

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.

Given projects have the potential to be inter-related, we will look at the entire body of projects after the merit review to determine if there is substantial duplication/overlap that could be avoided or possible synergy among projects to be gained that would cause us to modify our rankings and/or suggest collaboration among applicants.

Following review, applicants may be requested to revise the project scope and/or budget before an award is made. Successful applicants will receive written notice in the form of a notice of award document. Notices of award are typically sent to recipients by e-mail from GrantSolutions. Acceptance of an award is defined as starting work, and/or drawing down funds. Awards are based on the application submitted to, and as approved by, the Service and Department when required.

If an application is selected for an award, the appropriate Service Regional Office will notify the applicant of the selection and outline the process for finalizing the award, including any additional information that may be required from the applicant for the satisfactory completion of compliance review. Applicants may be required to revise the project scope and/or budget before a final Notice of Award can be issued. The Notice of Award is the authorizing document for a grant and will be received through GrantSolutions upon completion of all review requirements.

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

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.

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As required by Section 70914 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), [P.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 of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this program.

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Data Availability

Per the Financial Assistance Interior Regulation (FAIR), [2 CFR §1402.315](#):

- a. All data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, valuation products or other scientific assessments in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual, resulting from a financial assistance agreement is available for use by the Department of the Interior, including being available in a manner that is sufficient for independent verification.
- b. The Federal Government has the right to:
 1. Obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, or other scientific assessments, produced under a Federal award; and
 2. Authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, or other scientific assessments, for Federal purposes, including to allow for meaningful third-party evaluation.

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.

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.

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

Recipients must notify the program immediately in writing of any conflict of interest that arise during the life of their Federal award, including those reported to them by any subrecipient under the award. Recipients must notify the program in writing if any employees, including subrecipient and contractor personnel, are related to, married to, or have a close personal relationship with any Federal employee in the Federal funding program or who otherwise may have been involved in the review and selection of the award. The term employee means any individual engaged in the performance of work pursuant to the Federal award.

Recipients may not have a former Federal employee as a key project official, or in any other substantial role related to their award, whose participation put them out of compliance with the legal authorities addressing post-Government employment restrictions. See the [U.S. Office of Government Ethics website](#) for more information on these restrictions. The Service will examine each conflict of interest disclosure based on its particular facts and the nature of the project and will determine if a significant potential conflict exists. If it does, the Service will work with the recipient to determine an appropriate resolution. Failure to disclose and resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the Service may result in any of the remedies for noncompliance described in [2 CFR §200.339](#), including 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

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G2. Program Administration

For **program administration assistance**, contact:

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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.

Synopsis

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Year 1 Klamath Funding Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law

US Fish and Wildlife Service

General Information

Summary

Fiscal Year

2022

FOA FY Processing Year

2022

Opportunity Category

D (Discretionary)

Opportunity Category Explanation

CFDA

15.608

Funding Instrument Type

G - Grant

CA - Cooperative Agreement

Funding Activity Category

NR (Natural Resources)

FOA History

New Opportunity

Yes

Previously Published Fiscal Year**Previously Published Funding Opportunity Number****Funding Activity Category Explanation**

Award Information

Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

No

Percentage of Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement**Expected Number of Awards****Estimated Total Funding**

\$15,000,000

Estimated Maximum Award

\$2,000,000

Estimated Minimum Award

\$50,000

Project Period | Expected Duration in Months

60

Key Dates

Estimated Post Date

03/08/2022

Application Due Date

05/08/2022

Application Due Date Explanation

Estimated Award Date

September 01, 2022

Estimated Project Start Date

September 30, 2022

Estimated Project End Date

09/30/2027

Archive Date

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Category

99 – Unrestricted (i.e. open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in the text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"

Additional Information on Eligibility (Grants.gov 4,000/GMM 2,500 character limit)

All potential applicants are eligible.

Additional Information

Description (Grants.gov) (18,000 character limit)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is soliciting proposals for restoration activities in the Klamath Basin of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Proposals must demonstrate how the proposed restoration will improve conditions and achieve habitat restoration for waterfowl and/or native fish and wildlife species, and other aquatic species throughout the Klamath Basin.

The headwaters of the Klamath River start in Oregon in the arid mountains east of the Cascade Range in southern Oregon. Downstream of the headwaters, these waters support one of the largest lake-wetlands complexes in the western U.S. The Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex (which comprise six National Wildlife Refuges in total) has been referred to as the "Everglades of the West" because of its biological diversity and importance to the Pacific Flyway as a staging area for millions of waterbirds on their spring and fall migrations.

Downstream of Upper Klamath Lake, the Klamath River flows through steep forested mountains of Northern California where it eventually meets the sea near the town of Klamath, CA. The Klamath River once supported the third most productive salmon run on the West Coast of the United States. Today, Klamath Basin fisheries are in decline including spring-run and fall-run Chinook salmon, and there are several species of fish on the Endangered Species list such as

Lost River and shortnose suckers, bull trout, and coho salmon and other Tribal trust species.

This funding opportunity is intended for projects and activities that support or will help improve river, riparian, lake, and wetland habitats, which historically supported millions of fish, waterfowl, and other native wildlife. The Service invites project proposals that fall within the entire Klamath Basin drainage from the headwaters to the mouth of the Klamath River.

Klamath Basin stakeholders have a long history of working together on restoration activities, and have also undertaken the enormous challenge of resolving major natural resource conflicts in the Klamath Basin.

Applicants are, therefore, encouraged to submit project proposals that seek out and/or build upon opportunities for collaboration with other conservation partners in the Klamath Basin. As such, the Service is encouraging project proposals to include letters of support from project partners, stakeholders, and other contributors describing their support and any role they may have in assisting with the project.

Endorsement letters will help the Service judge whether projects are widely supported. The Service encourages project proposals to include letters of support from local Tribes, Counties and other local governments, States or State Agencies, and other conservation partners. Special consideration will also be given to restoration projects proposed on tribal lands or those that may affect tribes and/or their lands.

DOI is committed to equity and environmental justice in program delivery and explicitly seeks to ensure that all projects provide direct, meaningful benefits consistent with Justice40 and other related initiatives. Applications will be considered accordingly.

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