



LIO Implementation Committee Meeting

07/27/2017



Announcements

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2017 LIO NTA Allocation (8/1 Coordinators Meeting)

► **Criteria Used to Select Priority NTAs**

The funding parameters that will be used to approve priority NTAs are set forth by the EPA in the April 13th, 2017 [Guidance to Strategic Initiative leads for the Implementation of the Action Agenda and Funding of Activities.](#)"

- Each LIO will be able to plan for \$100,000 per year to support one priority NTA in their local area. When prioritizing an NTA for direct funding LIOs should use EPA's "Puget Sound Factors to Consider" (pg. 4), to inform their selection. NTAs must have the following characteristics:
 - Be an existing, ranked NTA within the 2016 Action Agenda
 - Meet technical standards necessary to establish identifiable outputs and projected outcomes
 - Meet all the same requirements as any other NTA funded by the SI Leads



EPA's Factors to Consider

1. Ranking

2. Relationship to critical/priority path in Implementation Strategy

- ▶ Activities for which other sources of funding do not exist or do exist
- ▶ Cross-Cutting and Synergistic Opportunities (per recommendation from the Leadership Council) (e.g., between NTAs; between salmon recovery projects; with ongoing programs)
- ▶ Bang for the buck/cost effective for results:
- ▶ Pilot/Priming/Planning investments that can be replicated or expanded with other sources of funding if successful (e.g., Floodplains by Design)
- ▶ Agency directives from Congress/OMB/ EPA initiatives
- ▶ Priority science and monitoring needs identified in the Biennial Science Work Plan as these support developed Implementation Strategies and related Vital Sign environmental outcomes.
- ▶ Significant gaps in necessary activities to move recovery forward (as documented in the 2016 Action Agenda).
- ▶ Non-capital projects (or elements of projects) that have fewer dedicated funding sources (per recommendation from the Leadership Council)



Options for LIO Allocation

LIOs may choose from the following three options for the direct funding of eligible LIO identified priority NTAs:

- **Option 1/Implementation:** Fund one NTA that needs up to \$100,000 to be implemented.
- **Option 2/Phased Increment:** Fund one NTA that can be phased and incrementally funded over the course of a few years using each year's \$100,000 allotment (i.e. Phase 1 (2016-17) = \$100,000, Phase 2 (2017-18) = \$100,000). OR identify that they would like to recommend directing funding to the NTA that they identified in 2016.
- **Option 3/Pooled NTAs:** Teams of LIOs can recommend jointly funding one NTA by pooling each of their \$100,000.



LIO NTA Gap Analysis

For 2016-17, the SI Leads recommended fully funding two stormwater projects, partially funding one shellfish project, and partially funding one habitat project.

The Sno-Stilly LIO chose two NTAs to receive their direct funding allocation. They were able to fully fund one habitat NTA and partially fund another.

Funded NTA's (NEP and other sources)

PSP ID #	Abbreviated Title	NTA Owner	Award Amount
Stormwater Strategic Initiative			
0159	Mountains to Sound K-12 Education Pilot	Stillaguamish Tribe	\$54,168 (partial – region)
0218	Puget Sound Starts . . . At My School!	Snohomish CD	\$97,200 (full – region)
0311	Fisherman's Harbor Stormwater Quality*	City of Everett/Port of Everett	partial – outside NEP
Habitat Strategic Initiative			
0310	Integrated Floodplain Management	Snohomish County	\$250,000 (full – region)
0169	MRC, Snohomish Estuary Cleanup*	Snohomish County MRC	\$50,000 (partial – local)
0071	Living with Beavers Program	Snohomish CD	\$50,000 (partial – local)
0133	Watershed Ed for Decision Makers	Sound Salmon Solutions	partial – outside NEP
Shellfish Strategic Initiative			
0306	Financing Options for Healthy OSS	Snohomish County	\$100,000 (partial – region)
			TOTAL \$601,368



Selection Criteria

- First: Select an option
- Second: Criteria
- Previous criteria
 - Addresses gaps
 - “Bang for the buck”
 - LIO scores
 - Geographic diversity
 - Projects which may not continue (“die”) without funds
- Do we want to keep this criteria or revise it?
- Suggest non-capital stormwater or shellfish NTAs be considered.

Local Customization Guidance

- ▶ **Local Context Key**
 - ▶ **Not applicable**
 - ▶ **Applicable, no additional info**
 - ▶ **Applicable, see local context**
 - ▶ **Addressed, no NTAs needed**

EXAMPLES

Has your LIO prioritized this action? (High, Med, Low)?

Is there a geographic focus within your LIO for this Regional Priority?

What information or resources should be used?

Who are the necessary actors or participants?

What else do NTA owners need to know or address for their NTA to be successful in your LIO area?



Process



- ▶ First: the Habitat priorities all pretty much follow the same pattern: Enable, Design, Implement - and so our local context is very repetitive in those areas.
- ▶ Second: How we are handling salmon projects - Point out everywhere where we want to direct the NTA owner to follow that guidance.
- ▶ Third: generally highlight that we are pointing out where our strategies align with each approach, and directing the NTA owner to engage Sno-stilly and relevant partners wherever applicable. Would be good to “beef” this up a bit.



Timeline



- ▶ Public comments due (solicitation and regional priorities): *extended August 4th*
- ▶ Local Context (customization) Due: *extended to August 30th*
 - ▶ *Draft still due 7/31*
- ▶ *August 24th IC meeting: final comments on Local Customization (email recommendation to Executive Committee)*



DRAFT 2018 NTA Solicitation

- ▶ As we announced last week, we are currently taking public comment on the [Draft Solicitation for Near Term Actions \(NTAs\) for the 2018-2022 Action Agenda](#). Today we updated Appendix A of the Draft Solicitation to include the Regional Priorities for the Chinook Salmon Vital Sign. These priorities were not complete when we first published the Draft Solicitation, on July 6, 2017. We welcome your comments on the Regional Priorities, as well as on any other material in the Draft Solicitation. The public comment period for the Draft Solicitation closes on August 4, 2017.
- ▶ The Salmon Recovery Council will discuss the draft Chinook Salmon Regional Priorities at their regularly scheduled meeting on July 27, 2017. If you have comments that you would like the Salmon Recovery Council to consider, please submit them via the [online comment form](#) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. You are also welcome to attend the meeting and comment in person if you wish. The meeting will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the following location:
- ▶ Edmonds Center for the Arts
410 Fourth Ave. N.
Edmonds, WA 98020
- ▶ Details on all Salmon Recovery Council meetings are available on our [website](#).
- ▶ If you are unable to use the online comment form or attend the Salmon Recovery Council meeting, you may instead send comments to the Partnership by email to AAcomment@psp.wa.gov or by postal service mail to the following address:
- ▶ Puget Sound Partnership
ATTN: Jennifer Pouliotte, Environmental Planner
326 East D Street
Tacoma, WA 98421



LIO Comments

- ▶ Have received the following comments:
 - ▶ Affirm partner comments: positive adjustments responsive to feedback, continue to seek improvements and provide assistance to NTA owners, and support an efficient process given funding uncertainty.
 - ▶ Request additional clarity regarding alignment with regional priorities versus regional priority approaches
 - ▶ For SSF: suggest revisiting recovery targets as part of IS development
 - ▶ Role of LIOs in the review of NTAs: suggest “required” coordination (i.e. “good faith effort”) between “regional” NTA owners and LIOs to reinforce role of LIO as “gatekeepers” of NTAs
- ▶ Additional comments?
- ▶ *Due 8/4: Need by COB Tuesday 8/2 (send for Committee 1-day review 8/3?)*