

FBD GRANT APPLICATIONS: IT/SLS PROCESS

ECOLOGY'S APPLICATION TIMELINE

- January 14th: FbD Pre-applications due. Purpose of the pre-app is to determine eligibility.
- February 14th-18th: Applicants and partners provide presentations on proposals
- April 29th: Full applications due

IT/SLS PROCESS

Due to the tight timing (FbD app process reduced by 3 months), the timing of the holidays and similarity of proposals supported by SLS and other partners during the FbD 2021-2023 round, the following process is proposed

- January 14th: Submitted pre-app provided to SLS partners and SC members at time of submission.
- January 31st: SLS partners and SC members provide concerns/highlight questions or information needs on the pre-app in prep for February presentations
- February 14-18th: Project applicant with IT and broader SLS support present to Ecology. Synthesis of Ecology comments provided to SLS
- IT members and the project proponent will work individually or in small groups with those who have expressed concern, have questions or need additional information in order to support an application.
- March 2nd: ITs attend SLS meeting and present package to SLS partners and SC for any final feedback or discussion and to provide any insights provided by Ecology as a result of the presentations in February
- March 30th: IT members and ultimately the project proponent will make final decisions about any remaining issues.
- April 6th: The ITs will seek a letter of support at the April 6th SLS Steering Committee meeting.
- April 15th: SLS and other partner's letters of support for final submittal (if supported).
- April 27th: Submittal of application (early given technology and other challenges)

STEERING COMMITTEE ROLE

- Encourage timely and respectful review and input on FbD application.
- Encourage all Steering Committee members to be prepared for and attend the March SLS meeting.
- Provide input to the IT on the integrated package of projects from agriculture, salmon recovery, and flood risk reduction perspectives.
- Provide time at a March SLS Partners meeting to solicit broader input on the project package.
- Provide a letter of support for the grant application on behalf of SLS.
- Coordinate a powerful advocacy approach with partners and leadership to help secure funding for the FbD program and specifically the Snohomish and Stillaguamish packages with the Legislature.

QUESTIONS

- What is the Steering Committee's decision-making process for signing SLS letters of support?
- Can you agree to the process and role described? In particular:
 - Proactively leading input at the March meeting
 - Advocacy with the Legislature
 - The timeline (i.e. is April the right time to ask for a Letter of Support?)