



Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
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Restoration Investments Work Group
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ODF Staff: Jeff Burns, Ryan Gordon, Alex Rahmlow, Derek Gasperini, Al De Vos, Jason Pettigrew and Megan Ehle

The work group made a switch to a different virtual platform due to connectivity issues. Once the work group was able to rejoin Jeff walked the group through the [public comment document](#).

Discussion that arose:

Chandra entrusts that the ODF staff will take the finalized Request for Proposal (RFP) to inform the language in the application (match up, tease out intent, etc), and appreciated the public engagement process. Eric mentioned the letters of support can be useful in identifying true community support, but can also be time-consuming for applicants, and sometimes difficult to obtain (e.g., sometimes agency partners may not have authority to sign a letter).

Kassie asked how/if this process will/might address affects to cultural resources by wildfire including suppression and restoration efforts?

Pete mentioned the criteria about best reliable science, and different groups/entities will have different perspectives and interpretations.

Jeff led the group through a discussion to address the mechanics of the grant process and utilized the [Application Flow Chart](#) as a visual.

Discussions that arose:

Chris Dunn mentioned the language from RFP: The application must be submitted and managed by a local, state, Tribal or federal government entity or non-profit such as a watershed council, forest/rangeland collaborative or association that can provide oversight.

Pete mentioned that based on experience with the different entities working together in the past may change the efficiency and workload on sponsor.

Rex asked if 501 C3's are the only non-profits eligible, and why?

Jeff brought up the topic of project income from fuels treatment:

Funding items that might not already have funding

Stewardship Contracting

Separate arrangements on how to use those funds when on federal land

Revenue must go back into restoration activity

Chandra brought up prescribed fire and the timeline there is to accomplish within the projects.

Pete reminded the group of the chat from the information session on Oct 25th where it was mentioned to look for alternative options to prescribed burning, and what is being done to address those barriers to implement more prescribed burning. Jeff mentioned the Certified Burn Manager Program that ODF is in the process of standing up, more follow up may be needed to address the current barriers.

DEI language in the RFP was discussed , the group decided to ask on the application if the project served those historically under severed communities, or create incentive with adjusting the match if addressing the underserved communities

Rex Storm strongly suggested that road maintenance be an acceptable use of funds and reflected in the RFP language.

Jeff will take all the discussion points and feedback received and finalize the request for proposal, Jeff will send out the final version to the group.

Next steps:

Update [FRRIP webpage](#)

Schedule another Listening Session to assist with completing an application

Need for another Meeting?