

## **REQUEST for Pre-Application PROPOSALS**

*for the*

Siuslaw Collaborative Watershed Restoration Program (SCWRP) Fund  
**FY2018 Projects**

*Pre-Application Submission dates: June 1- August 1, 2017*

*Full Application Submission dates: August 1 - September 18, 2017*

### **Fund Availability**

Cascade Pacific RC&D (CPRCD) is now accepting Pre-Applications (USFS Technical Specialist Wyden Funding Pre-Application Funding Review *form*) for projects located in the Alsea, Hebo, Marys Peak, Smith-Umpqua-Dunes, and Siuslaw Stewardship areas (see map at

[http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/multilist\\_1/documents-forms/documents-forms](http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/multilist_1/documents-forms/documents-forms)).

Approximately **\$400,000** is available annually from the Siuslaw Collaborative Watershed Restoration Program (SCWRP) Fund. Projects must support and promote watershed and community health, and benefit the National Forest. Project amounts should generally not exceed 20% of the anticipated retained receipts amount above. It is recommended that projects are scalable. A 25% match in funding or in-kind contributions is *recommended*.

### **Project Objectives**

- Promote sustainable use and enhancement of natural resources in the Alsea, Hebo, Marys Peak, Smith-Umpqua-Dunes, and Siuslaw Stewardship areas.
- Promote natural resource management based on recent data and sound science.
- Benefit public lands and resources administered by the Siuslaw National Forest.

### **Eligible Projects**

The SCWRP Fund can support a wide variety restoration projects which include, but are not limited to:

- Riparian planting, fencing, protection, and release of seedlings
- Aquatic structures, in-stream structures to improve aquatic habitat
- Culvert repair or replacement for fish passage or sediment reduction
- Wetland restoration, tidal and fresh water
- Noxious weeds eradication or control
- Road drainage, road decommissioning
- Water quality improvements
- Storm water drainage
- Wildlife habitat improvement, foraging/meadow improvement, snag creation
- Thinning, non-commercial stand improvement, non-commercial riparian conversion

### **Prohibited Projects**

In general, the Fund is limited to on the ground projects. The following activities cannot be funded:

- Indirect administration
- Analysis/Research, Surveys, Inventories or Evaluation
- Monitoring, Maintenance
- Education, signage
- Technical design or NEPA Planning
- Capital improvements e.g. permanent structures such as bridges, concrete abutments, etc. Culverts and box culverts are permitted.

**Threshold/Eligibility Questions** (All answers must be “Yes” for the project to be eligible).

In general, the application/project:

- Yes  No Benefits the National Forest?  
 Yes  No Is within the boundaries of the applicable Stewardship Group area?  
 Yes  No Meets the requirements of the Stewardship Guidelines?  
 Yes  No Improves water quality, or fish or wildlife habitat?

For a COMPLETE list of ACCEPTABLE and PROHIBITED projects and activities download the Stewardship Project Eligibility Requirements and Guidelines for OFF-FOREST Projects at:

[http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/multilist\\_1/documents-forms/documents-forms](http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/multilist_1/documents-forms/documents-forms)

**Pre-Application Process**

Applicants with eligible projects may download the Pre-Application at the website listed above. The Pre-Application must be reviewed by the appropriate Siuslaw National Forest Staff and endorsed by the applicable Stewardship Group. Applicants must consult with the Siuslaw NF Staff identified for their category of project and receive affirmative answers to the threshold questions (part B) of the Pre-Application and those listed above on this RFP. All of these instructions are listed on the Pre-Application.

NEW REQUIREMENT! The Pre-Application now includes a section for all projects to be reviewed by a USFS Cultural Resource Specialist prior to approval of FINAL application.

**Final Application Selection Criteria**

After the Pre-Application review process is complete Applicants can submit a full Stewardship Fund Application. Final Applications will be reviewed and considered based on the following criteria:

- The application provides a contextual overview and describes current conditions and resource management issues;
- The application clearly defines (a) problem(s) and (b) root causes of the problem(s);
- The project and each element are clearly described;
- The project has clearly defined *measurable* objectives;
- The project designer is experienced and qualified;
- Project planning and design take into consideration extreme events and alternatives;
- The applicant has considered alternatives and selected the most effective and reasonable alternative;
- Permits and Licenses required to implement the project are correctly identified in the final application;
- The proposed project schedule/payment plan in the final application is well thought out and realistic;
- The project clearly and adequately addresses Project Implementation inspection;
- Final Reporting and Post-Project Inspection are covered by the appropriate entities;
- Costs detailed in the Budget are well explained; and
- Unit quantities and project management costs are reasonable, appropriate and consistent with local market rates.

**Submission Process – ALL APPLICATIONS must be EMAILED**

- Approved Pre-Applications must be emailed to [courtney@cascadepacific.org](mailto:courtney@cascadepacific.org) by 5pm August 1, 2017
- All required forms including the Pre-Application, Timeline, Maps, Final Application, and more are available at: [http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/multilist\\_1/documents-forms/documents-forms](http://www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/multilist_1/documents-forms/documents-forms)
- Final SCWRP Applications & attachments must be emailed to [courtney@cascadepacific.org](mailto:courtney@cascadepacific.org) by noon (12pm) September 18, 2017.

**Questions?**

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