

RFP 1905 ASRP
AMENDMENT 2
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- Q) *We have a clarifying question about priority areas for immediate implementation of beaver dam analogs in ASRP Grants RFP. Table 1 (page 10) of the RFP mentions Newaukum Forks and South Fork Chehalis river as high priority for BDAs. Table 4-4 in the ASRP (page 55) suggest that the tributaries are not considered immediate priorities under any scenario. We want to clarify if the BDAs were truly intended for mainstem exclusively, or was this meant to include tributaries?*
- A) The immediate implementation priority listed in Table 1 include BDAs for the mainstem Newaukum Forks and South Fork Chehalis Rivers and their associated floodplains only. While the criteria grants additional points for addressing those immediate priorities, BDAs are still a recommended restoration action in the basin and could score well in the ranking process. If your BDA proposal fits within any of the scenarios, it will receive up to 6 points for being in a Priority Area (See Criteria in Appendix C). Scenario maps can be found in the document “Geographic Areas for Project Development”.
- Q)*I have been reviewing the RFP for the ASRP Grant Round and was trying to determine whether my project is in a priority area and aligns with the priority actions. I am trying to reconcile the maps and the table on Pages 10 and 11 of the RFP. Are the immediate priority areas listed in the table Eco-Region or subwatershed names? My project idea is in the Cloquallum Creek watershed which is not listed in the table directly, but it is in the Black Hills Ecoregion. There is an immediate priority area that just states “Black” and could not determine if it meant the ecoregion or the subwatershed. My follow up question is, if the project is not in the immediate priorities area, does it just miss the 6 points but it would potentially fit as a high-priority area?*
- A) The Immediate Priority Areas listed in Table 1 “Immediate Implementation Priorities” of the RFP are river reaches, creeks, rivers and their immediate floodplains, or specific regions within a subwatershed. Our apologies for the

inconsistency with the geographic designations listed in other parts of this document. Where Table 1 lists Immediate Priority Areas as “Black”, this refers to the mainstem and directly associated floodplain areas only. Cloquallum Creek is not an Immediate Implementation Priority Area listed in Table 1. However, Cloquallum Creek and some of its tributaries are located in Scenario 2. Projects in this area could be considered for up to 4 points as being in a “high priority area” (See Criteria in Appendix C) . Maps of the areas included in the Scenarios can be found in the document “Geographic Areas for Project Development”, Figure 6.

Projects meeting the criteria for immediate implementation priority areas and actions would receive up to an additional 6 points. If the project does not fit as an “immediate implementation priority,” it would lose those 6 points, but it could still receive 6 points for being a high priority action in a high priority area, along with points in all of the other criteria categories (See Appendix C).

Q) For a project development proposal would I use the 'Design or Inform' tab of the budget spreadsheet? Also, for the category on this sheet, should I write in 'Project Development'?

- A) Yes, please use the “Design or Inform” tab on the budget spreadsheet and label the intent of your project as such. In this case it would be labeled “Project Development.”

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INFORMAL QUESTIONS:

Q) How much money will be allocated to each project type?

A) The Steering Committee will make the recommendation on how many projects to fund in this grant round and how much funding to allocate. Project Development grants will be evaluated against each other using different criteria than other project types.

The Steering Committee will recommend how much money to allocate to Project Development work vs restoration and protection work.

Q) Why isn't research an eligible project type?

A) There is a separate allocation of funding for research as part of the Aquatic Species Restoration Plan.

Q) In the RFP's Table 1 (Immediate Implementation Priorities) are smaller tributaries included in the priority areas listed?

A) Smaller tributaries are not consistently included. The Priority Areas listed in Table 1 of the RFP are river reaches, rivers and their immediate floodplains, or specific regions within a subwatershed unless a specific smaller stream is listed, such as Elk Creek. Our apologies for the inconsistency with the geographic designations listed in other parts of this document. Note that even if a project does not meet the criteria as an "Immediate Implementation Priority" it could still receive points in many other categories. Table 4.4 in the ASRP depicts areas included in ASRP Scenario 1, 2 and 3, which are considered to be priority areas. Table 4.4 can be used to identify priority areas, which include tributaries in some cases.

Q) Are the actions listed in the first line of Table 1 the only priority actions for the Newaukum & Skookumchuck?

A) No. Please look at the "Immediate Priority Action" column first. The "Immediate Priority Area" column refers to recommended areas for that action to take place in. The actions in Table 1 are only "immediate implementation priorities" which includes both an area and an action in combination. There are many recommended actions listed in the Ecological Diversity sections of the ASRP. Please read the ASRP sections on the Newaukum and Skookumchuck to find a list of priority actions.

Q) Where do we get information about groundwater recharge areas so that we can take the "immediate priority" action of protecting groundwater recharge areas?

A) Project development funds are available to help scope projects that meet this and other "immediate implementation priority" recommendations.

Q) Are projects on industrial forest land where only part of a larger project is required by law (through the state's RMAP program) eligible for ASRP funding?

A) RMAP projects are not eligible for funding, but if a project is larger than what is required by RMAP, the sponsor should bring forward matching funds that cover at least the portion of the project that is required by RMAP.

Q) How long will a project development grant last? How many years do we have to spend the funds? When will our RCO contract expire?

A) Project development grants are designed to last up to 12 months, and ideally lead to one or more project proposals ready to submit to the next annual ASRP grant round . Per RCO policies, the grant period can be extended with approval if the project warrants it.

Q) Where should we develop “nodes” on the mainstem Chehalis as described in the ASRP document? What exactly is a “node”?

A) A node is a single site where a large area of floodplain and off-channel habitat can be reconnected and/or restored. A node could also include riparian restoration and in-channel restoration, but is intended to focus on floodplain habitats. Specific locations on the mainstem Chehalis have not been identified as this will be informed by landowner willingness, as well as onsite potential for floodplain or off channel habitat reconnection and restoration.