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Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 8:55:35 PM
Subject: RE: Max funding amount? TFW/UW/NEP - FY17 EPM funding available from HQ for integration work (proposal deadline is 5pm Eastern on Thursday, 6/8)

Erica – can you send me an invite for a call anytime after 9am Pacific time tomorrow? I have to leave the office now – sorry I was unable to get back to you before I left.

Romell

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Hi Romell,

I have a few more questions. Do you have any availability today?

Best,

Erica

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Subject: RE: Max funding amount? TFW/UW/NEP - FY17 EPM funding available from HQ for integration work (proposal deadline is 5pm Eastern on Thursday, 6/8)

Hi, Erica:

Yes, I was a little concerned that my note might be confusing, so I apologize for that. You can call me if you are still confused after reading this:

There is no minimum or maximum amount you can write a proposal for (well, the limit is the $130,000 potential total pool amount, but no one is going to get that much!). Think of the money we are dispersing to Regions for grants as if it were a single grant instead of several smaller ones (some of the money may go into Regional contracts, but put that aside). The $25,000 is the grant competition policy limit for non-competitive grants. So that is the total national limit for "new" grant work (i.e. work that we would have to amend an original grant workplan to cover). It is not a per Region limit. A Region could apply for up to $25k for "new" work, but given that we can and likely will get several Regions trying to do new work through amended grants, it is unlikely that we would fund any one Region the full $25k to add to one of its grants for new work.

That said, if you are funding activities in the original grant workplan, then the $25,000 limit in the grant competition policy does not apply because the grant has already been competed, or in the case of NEP grants, already been allowably non-competitively allocated 320 funding. So maybe a grant was not fully funded, or the grantee underestimated total costs for tasks in the grant workplan and needs more money to carry out one or more of the tasks, or a task in the

grant workplan is written generally enough that a trash component can fit under that task without actually amending the grant – in cases like these, you could add more than $25k to the grant if need be (and therefore write a proposal requesting more than $25k).

I hope that is clear, but if not, give me a ring tomorrow.

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Hi Romell,

We are interested in putting forward a project for the Santa Monica Bay NEP and have a question.

I want to make sure I understand your "important note" below. What is the max amount we can apply for? For example, if we apply for $50,000, $25,000 of that must be for existing work in a grant workplan?

Important note: in order to not run afoul of the grant competition policy, we can only allow only $25,000 total (of the approximately $130,000 we are making available, not per grant) to go for new grant work not already articulated in an existing grant workplan. Beyond that $25,000 amount, any money added to a grant must be for existing work in a grant workplan (i.e. you cannot amend the grant to do additional work because you are getting more funding).

Thanks for your time.

Best,

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Importance: High

Hi, everyone:

For those of you who were not on last Wednesday's TFW call, my name is Romell Nandi, and I officially joined the TFW team as of yesterday. Part of my TFW purview will be to keep track of Regional TFW efforts so that the team at HQ can more effectively help you accomplish what you are trying to do, and to better track how the TFW program is progressing nationally.

Yesterday, May 30, was the first day of our newly reorganized Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds. TFW, Urban Waters (UW), and the National Estuary Program (NEP) are the three constituent programs of the newly created "Partnership Programs Branch" (PPB) under Branch Chief Surabhi Shah. One of the goals of PPB is to better integrate our three constituent programs because we believe that doing so will lead both to programmatic efficiencies, and (hopefully) to better environmental outcomes. That said, we are still figuring out what it means to integrate these programs. Although there will still be activities and initiatives that are independent to each program, we are looking for ways to advance this integration.

As mentioned on the TFW call last Wednesday, one of the ways we are going to try to advance integration is for HQ to send FY17 EPM funding to Regions for Trash Free Waters projects that also carry out activities in UW sites (Federal Partnership or small grant recipient sites: see https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners/about-urban-waters-federal-partnership and https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/map-urban-waters-small-grants#tab-3 for UW locational information) or NEPs (i.e. CCMP study areas) in your Region.

Details for soliciting HQ funding:

We have up to $130,000 in total funding available. We have no formal upper or lower bounds on funding for individual projects; instead we will consider possible funding for each proposal in light of the funding requests for other proposals, and will also consider partial funding of projects. We may also contact you if we have any questions about your proposal.

Criteria we want all proposals to meet:

•□□□□□□□□ Integration of TFW projects in UW Federal Partnership or small grant recipient areas and/or NEP CCMP study areas.

•□□□□□□□□ Projects that have a vehicle ready to use the reprogrammed money.

Non-mandated factors we will consider:

•□□□□□□□□ Demonstration of existing coordination with UW ambassadors, UW small grant recipients, and/or NEP programs.

•□□□□□□□□ Demonstration of wider stakeholder engagement.

•□□□□□□□□ Transferability: can this project be replicated elsewhere (extra credit for any ideas on how to do that!)?

•□□□□□□□□ Is the project in your TFW Regional work plan already?

•□□□□□□□□ Is the project in one of the ten areas described in the attached draft TFW program integration place-based opportunities areas (described by Emma Maschal on last TFW call).

•□□□□□□□□ Prioritizing trash prevention over cleanup events.

I apologize for the short-turn-around, but our management has requested that we get the money out as soon as possible. **So please send me project plans and funding requests by 5pm Eastern on Thursday, June 8th at the latest.** The money will be conveyed through reprogramming - no other options are available for conveying the money. I need particular information in order to do the reprogramming, so please send me as part of your proposal:

•□□□□□□□□ Description of project (try your best to limit to no more than two pages while addressing the mandatory and any non-mandatory criteria you choose to, above – you do not need a budget breakdown unless you want to send one)

•□□□□□□□□ Dollar amount requested

•□□□□□□□□ Program contact name and phone number

•□□□□□□□□ If you are adding the funds to a contract or grant (with name of contractor or grantee)

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There is no limit to the amount of available money that can be put into contracts.

I will inform you via email no later than June 16 if your project has been chosen for funding or not. If your project is chosen for funding, then when the reprogramming has been completed, I will send you a screenshot with the reprogramming number so you know when your Region has received the money.

Feel free to call me or email me with any questions you may have. Thanks.

Romell Nandi

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