



Puget Sound Action Agenda – Management Conference Support for Implementation Strategies and Additional Activities

Request for Proposals - Fact Sheet

Purpose: Provide process support, guidance and coordination to the Puget Sound National Estuary Program (NEP) Management Conference to develop Implementation Strategies for the Action Agenda Vital Signs and related activities.

Eligible Applicants: Federal agencies, WA State agencies and local units of government, Special purpose districts, Universities, Tribes, and NGOS in the Puget Sound basin in the United States.

Estimated Funding: \$2,800,000 to \$3,400,000 annually for 5 years

Number of Grants: 1

Amount per Grant: \$14,000,000 - \$17,000,000 total federal funds. Required match: 1:1 of federal funds.

Length of Grant: 5 years

Anticipated Announcement: April 11, 2016 with 42 days open period. See Grants.gov and EPA **Puget Sound NEP-Funding and Grants** at <https://www.epa.gov/puget-sound/funding-and-grants-puget-sound>.

Request for Proposals: On April 11, 2016 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) issued a competitive grant announcement, soliciting proposals under the **Puget Sound Action Agenda – Implementation Strategies and Actions for Vital Sign Recovery Assistance Program**.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) announces the availability of funding to provide support and coordination assistance to the Puget Sound National Estuary (NEP) Management Conference and the Action Agenda Strategic Initiative Leads and their Teams and the Tribal Lead Organization to develop Implementation Strategies to achieve environmental results and progress related to the Puget Sound Action Agenda Vital Signs. Implementation Strategies can be described as roadmaps that provide the detailed and science-based plans for achieving the 2020 Puget Sound Vital Signs recovery targets. Vital Sign indicators are the specific set

of measures in the Action Agenda that are used to track progress toward recovery goals for Puget Sound. The Puget Sound NEP Leadership Council adopted 21 Vital Sign indicators to more precisely track the goals and set 18 recovery targets that articulate desired conditions for 2020. Vital Sign indicators and recovery targets address both the condition of the Puget Sound ecosystem and pressures on the system.

For a complete description see www.psp.wa.gov/vitalsigns/

Eligible Entities-

Federal government or Washington State government agencies, public and private institutions of higher education located in the United States. Units of local government organized under Washington State law and located within the Greater Puget Sound basin Special purpose districts, as defined by Washington State law at RCW 36.93.020,

including but not limited to, irrigation districts, and water and sewer districts that are located in or govern land and water resources within the greater Puget Sound basin; and conservation districts located in or governing land and water resources within the greater Puget Sound Basin.

Watershed planning units formed under RCW 90.82.040 and RCW 90.82.060, local management boards organized under RCW 90.88.030, salmon recovery lead entities organized pursuant to RCW 77.85.050, regional fisheries enhancement groups organized pursuant to RCW 77.95.060 and Marine Resource Committees organized pursuant to RCW 36.125.010 and RCW 36.125.020 if they are located within or their jurisdictions include waters and/or lands within the greater Puget Sound basin. intrastate organizations such as associations of cities, counties or conservation districts in the greater Puget Sound basin.

Nonprofit non-governmental entities, federally recognized Indian Tribes located within the greater Puget Sound basin and any consortium of these eligible Tribes. We strongly encourage eligible applicants to consider working as collaborators; one eligible entity must be named as the principle applicant.

**Eligible Activities-
Support the Puget Sound
Management Conference in
Action Agenda updates -
incorporating development and
use of Implementation
Strategies.**

Support the Puget Sound Strategic Initiative Leads work to develop and maintain Implementation Strategies and support the Puget Sound Management Conference for deployment of Implementation Strategies to achieve Action Agenda objectives and make progress on the Vital Sign indicator targets for Puget Sound.

Coordinate with the EPA funded Tribal Lead Organization to help align tribal priority projects with Vital Sign Implementation Strategies and Action Agenda updates. **Science, monitoring, and adaptive management in support of Implementation Strategies.** Engage and support the scientific and monitoring community to ensure their involvement with the development, maintenance and adaptive management of Implementation Strategies.

**Strategies to address the
negative impacts of
climate change and to
increase Puget Sound
ecosystem resiliency.**

Facilitate and advance the planning and development of activities or processes to address the negative impacts of climate change and to increase Puget Sound ecosystem resiliency.

**Other activities in support of
the Puget Sound NEP
Management Conference.**

Related activities that support the Puget Sound National Estuary Program (NEP) Management Conference may include but are not limited to: Working with Local Integrating Organizations, Marine Resource Committees, Salmon Recovery Groups, local watershed groups and other local entities to align local activities with Vital Sign Implementation Strategies and regional recovery goals; Stewardship coordination, social science and Eco Net involvement with Implementation Strategies; and considering transboundary activities where appropriate to help achieve environmental protection outcomes or management objectives.

A complete copy of this Request for Proposals (RFP) and instructions for applying can be found at: [Puget Sound funding](#).