

Description of Grant

Recreation on Washington State-managed lands must be planned and managed to maintain ecological integrity for the benefit of future generation of tribal and non-tribal peoples, fish and wildlife. The Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and the Washington State Parks Commission are collaborating with obligations to Washington tribes.

The vision of this effort is for the tribes and state agencies to work together to co-develop recreation management tools and an adaptive management framework that effectively coordinates cooperative stewardship of natural and cultural resources and preserves protected tribal rights on state lands.

The cooperative process uses a tiered structure to plan and direct the overall effort, coordinate work tasks, develop recommendations, make decisions, report progress, and otherwise manage the flow of information. The three tiers include Leadership, Steering Committee and three functional workshops.

This is an intensive effort that relies on collaboration from all 29 federally recognized tribes in Washington State as well as the Nez Perce and Umatilla who have terrestrial tribal rights in Washington State. These subgrants are intended to provide direct capacity support to these tribal governments to offset some of the cost of their participation in this work.

Distribution of funds

The overall award amount to each tribe will be based on how many tribes submit an application by the deadline. The available funds will be distributed evenly amongst all eligible tribes. The distribution will be implemented via reimbursements. Reimbursable activities are associated with travel to attend, time to attend, time to prepare for, and eligible indirect rates association with the participation in the Leadership, Steering Committee and functional workshop meetings.

