

Barriers to Efficient Cooperative Agreements with Federal Agencies

- Lack of federal policy to give preference to local economy by working with local agencies. Example: BLM has told us that their signs are provided by policy from Colorado.
- Inconsistent purchasing rules and policies
 - State processes vary from federal process
 - Administration of grant funds is significantly more difficult than working within federal agency budgeted funds
- Timeliness of contracts and communication that requires processing and review by distant offices
- Every project requires a new agreement. Annual contracts with local agencies
- Design by remote federal offices can miss site specific needs that local agencies know or can more easily determine
- Directing funds through the state adds cost and time

What local agencies can provide in a cost effective and timely manner:

Material

Equipment

Construction services

Maintenance services

Professional expertise—engineering, maintenance processes, stream restoration, hydraulics, hydrology.