Focused Investment Partnerships (FIP)

21-23 FIP Solicitation Informational Webinar

August 18, 2021; 1 pm – 2:30 pm

Link: Zoom Webinar

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OWEB's Long-Term Investment Strategy

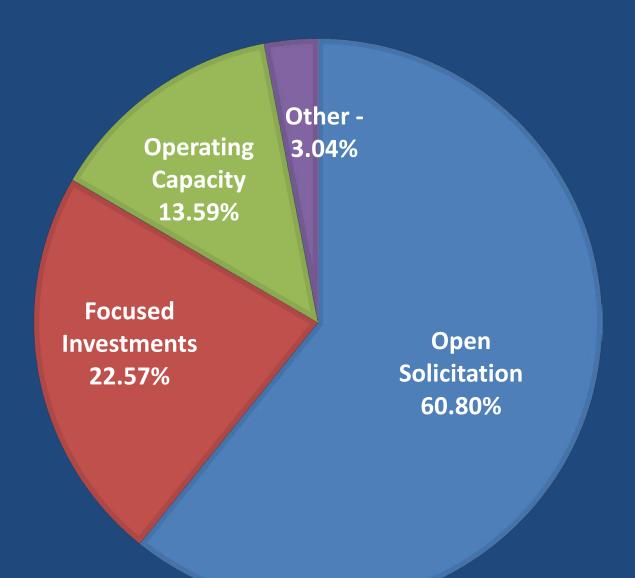
- Operating Capacity
- Open Solicitation
- Focused Investments
- Monitoring







2021-2023 OWEB Spending Plan





FIP Program Definition and Goals

A "Focused Investment Partnership" is an OWEB investment that:

- Addresses a Board-identified priority of significance to the state
- Achieves clear and measurable ecological outcomes
- Uses integrated and results-orientated approaches as identified through a strategic action plan
- Implemented by a high performing partnership

Link: FIP Administrative Rules



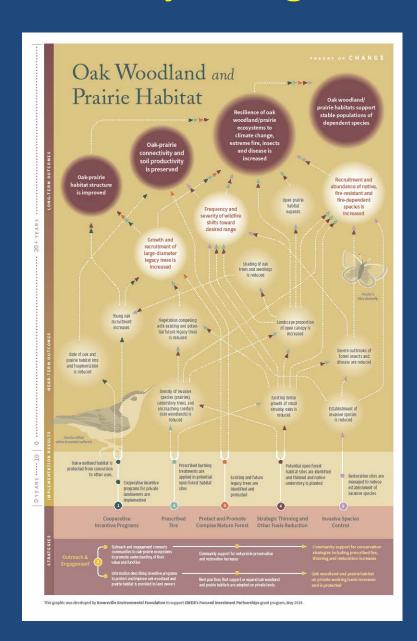
OWEB Board-Identified FIP Priorities

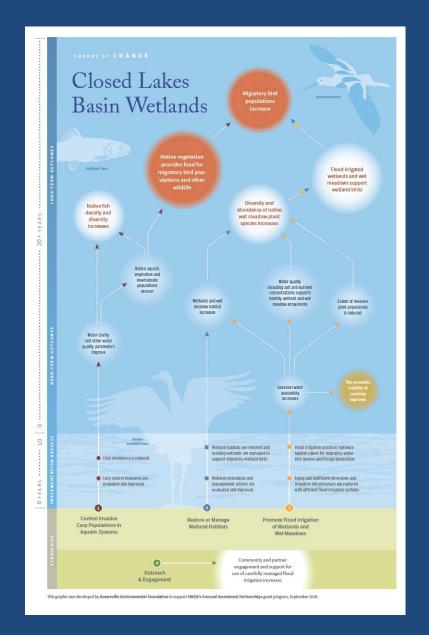
- Sagebrush/Sage-Steppe Habitat
- Oregon Closed Lakes Basin Wetlands Habitat
- Dry-Type Forest Habitat
- Oak Woodland and Prairie Habitat
- Coho Habitat and Populations Along the Oregon Coast
- Aquatic Habitat for Native Fish Species
- Coastal Estuaries in Oregon

Link: FIP Webpage

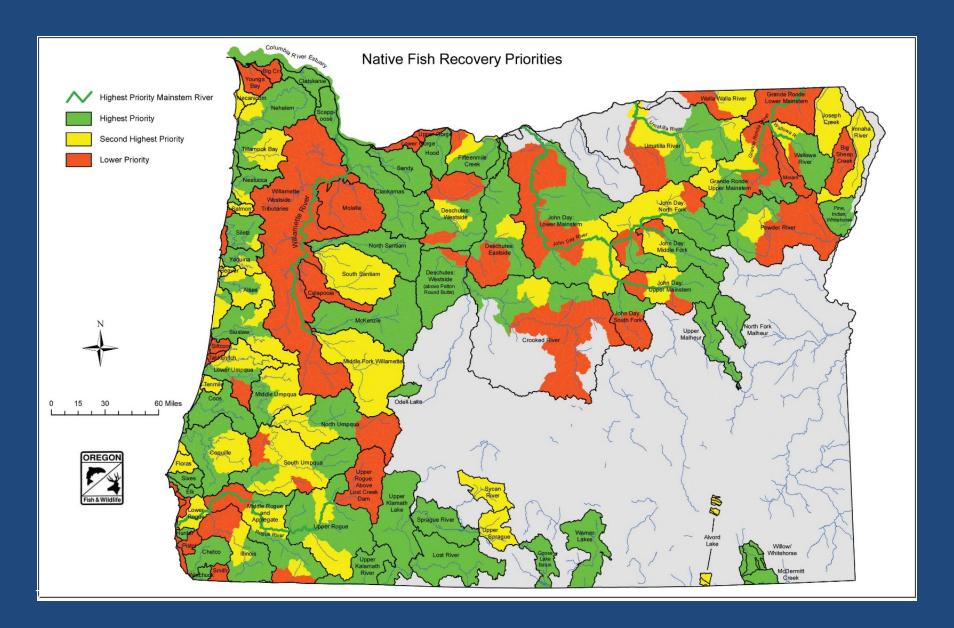


FIP Priority Ecological Theory of Change Diagrams





FIP Board-Identified Priority Maps



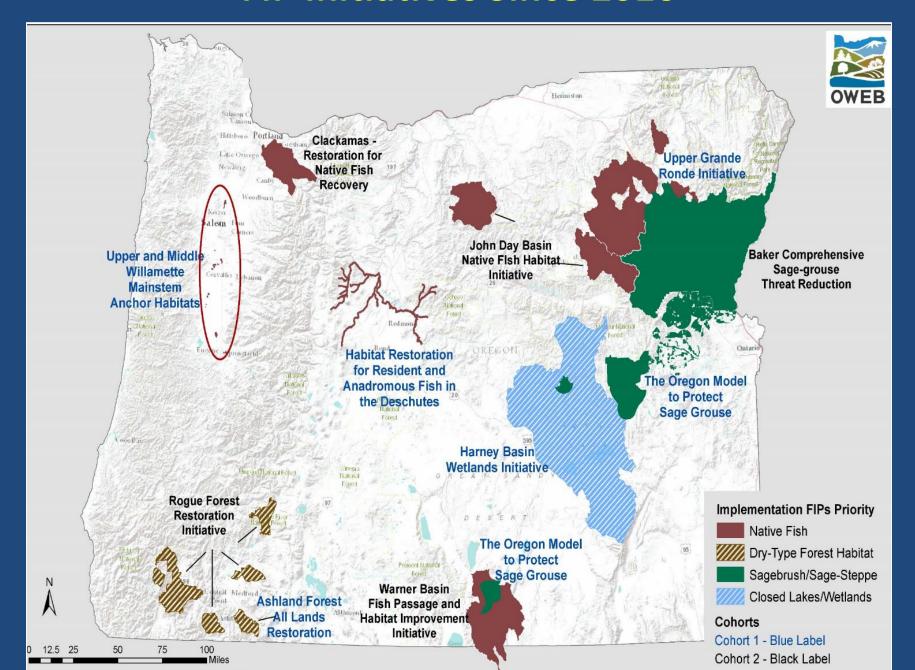
FIP Implementation Program

"An initiative with an existing strategic action plan that is ready for implementation by a high-performing partnership for a period of up to 6 years and not exceeding \$12 million."





FIP Initiatives Since 2016



How does a FIP work?

- FIP initiative preparations following award
- Project-level applications and technical review
- Tracking progress of the initiative and reporting to the OWEB board





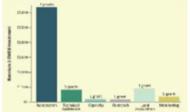
FIP Initiative Monitoring & Reporting

Focused Investment Partnership Progress Report: 2015-2017 Biennium 1
Aquatic Habitat for Native Fish Species

HABITAT
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DESCHUTES

The Deschutes Partnership is focusing on restoring habitat conditions to support the successful reintroduction of salmon and steelhead into the Whychus Creek, Metolius River, and lower Crooked River systems. Since the late 1800s, diversion of streamflow for irrigation, construction, and maintenance of irrigation infrastructure, and changes to floodplain areas and bankside vegetation have reduced the amount of habitat available to fish.

Funding



CWEB awarded \$4,397,794 in funding that leveraged \$11,785,301 in matching funds.

Benefits

- Protected critical spawning and rearing habitat
- · Restored stream habitat
- · Increased streamflow
- Eliminated fish passage barriers, allowing for greater habitat access
- Increased awareness and support for restoration through community engagement.
- Coordinated monitoring approach to measure progress and quantify outcomes

About This Report

The Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) grant program is a bold, new conservation approach that supports highperforming partnerships to strategize restoration actions and measure ecological outcomes through coordinated monitoring. In January 2016, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board awarded an implementation Focused Investment Partnership grant to The Deschutes Partnership. This report documents progress made from 2016 to 2017 to meet their strategic action plan goals. Work completed under the FIP grant program is part of a much larger on-going collaborative effort of federal, state and local agencies, private landowners, partners, and non-governmental organizations to restore native fish habitat in the Deschutes Basin.











- Theory of Change & Progress Monitoring Framework
- Reporting to the OWEB board
- Monitoring & AM
 Guidance documents



Common Questions...

FIP Overlap with other OWEB Programs

"Projects in the defined geographic area of the Initiative, and focused on the programs and actions identified in the Initiative's proposal, are ineligible for the grant types listed in OAR 695-047-0110(8) that are offered outside of the Focused Investment Partnership program."

(FIP Administrative Rules 695-047-0100(4))

Two filters to determine overlap:

- 1) Geography
- 2) Conservation action



Common Questions...

FIP Initiative Application & Match

- FIPs must demonstrate 25% match at the initiative level each biennium
- Documents required with application
- Level of detail for budgets and work plans
- Previously funded FIPs are eligible to reapply
- Updates from cancelled 2020 FIP grant cycle



Application Evaluation Criteria

- A) The extent to which the initiative addresses a Board-identified priority.
- B) The capacity to partner, engage the community, and catalyze additional investments applied to activities within the initiative geography.
- C) The performance history and composition of the partnership.

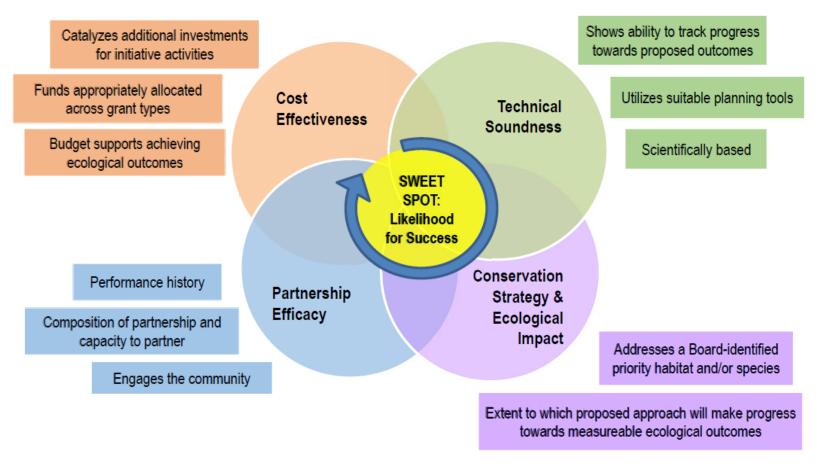
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- D) The extent to which the proposed approach will make progress toward measureable ecological outcomes.
- E) The ability to track progress towards proposed outcomes.
- F) The scientific basis and planning tools that support the proposed Initiative.
- G) The extent to which the allocation of funds across proposed grant types will support the achievement of the proposed ecological outcomes.

FIP Evaluation Criteria

Implementation FIP Bubble Diagram

Evaluation Criteria OAR 695-047-0060



2021-2023 Solicitation Timeline

August 2021	FIP solicitation opens
Sept. – Oct. 2021	Required application consultation with OWEB staff Contact: Kristi Primley (kristi.primley@oregon.gov; 971-345-7019)
January 13, 2022	Applications due to OWEB by 5 pm
April – May 2022	Technical review
June 2022	Interviews with OWEB Board Focused Investments Committee
June 2022 July 2022	OWEB Board reviews technical evaluations and FIP Committee recommendations and awards FIP initiatives for the 21-23 biennium. There will be opportunity for public comments at this meeting.

Questions?

Enter questions into the Chat.

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