

Focused Investments Partnership (FIP) Program

Required Pre-Application Consultation, 2023-25

When does the consultation period occur?

Consultations will occur **May 15 – July 14, 2023**. Each consultation will be scheduled for one hour; less time may be sufficient. Consultations will be done via virtual meeting platform arranged by OWEB.

IMPORTANT: Partnerships that do not complete a consultation during the designated period will not be eligible to apply for FIP funding for the 2023-25 biennium.

Who must participate in a consultation?

All partnerships planning to apply for FIP funding must participate in a consultation; however, not all partners are required to attend the consultation. OWEB defers to the partners to determine who will represent the partnership in the consultation.

What is the purpose of the consultation?

- 1) Discuss FIP program structure, applicant eligibility, solicitation timeline, and evaluation criteria.
- 2) Familiarize OWEB staff with the partnership, its strategic action plan, and the proposed FIP initiative.
- 3) Ensure the partnership's eligibility and awareness of FIP program requirements.
- 4) Discuss information and insights intended to help the partnership create a strong, competitive proposal.
- 5) Discuss questions the partnership may have.

The consultation is not evaluative and the discussion will not be included in the application review/evaluation process. This is an informal opportunity for the partnership and OWEB staff to discuss the FIP program and the qualities of a strong proposal.

How to schedule a consultation

Contact Ivy Clark-Henry (OWEB) to schedule a consultation: 971-718-7749; <u>ivy.clark-henry@oweb.oregon.gov</u>.

Information to provide in advance

Provide the following to Ivy Clark-Henry when scheduling a consultation:

- 1) A map of the partnership's strategic action plan geography and the proposed FIP initiative area.
- 2) A list of core partners.
- 3) A 1-page summary of the proposed actions and ecological outcomes that the FIP is proposing to address.

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