



Strategic Investment Program FAQ

This document will be updated as additional applicant questions are submitted.

Q: I was unable to attend one of the informational webinars. Is there a place where I can view a recording?

A: Yes. You can view a recording of the Oct. 22, 2025 webinar by going to <https://www.mthoodterritory.com/grant-programs> and clicking on the link next to "Recording of Informational Webinar" under the Program Materials section.

Q: Can I view the PowerPoint presentation from the Informational Webinar?

A: Yes. A copy of the presentation is below the webinar recording link.

Q: What are examples of partners that will provide a letter of partnership

A: Letters of partners may come from partners that are involved in the project. Letters of partnership should provide specific details including the role that the partner will play in the project.

Q: Does the project need to be completed in 18 months?

A: Yes.

Q: When does the 18-month project completion timeline start?

A: The 18-month timeline starts upon funding.

Q: Are staffing costs allowed?

A: Staffing costs that are related to building the capacity of the project are allowed if it is a time-limited position with a plan for sustainability. However, staffing costs that are already budgeted are not allowable costs.

Q: When do I need to provide land management agency documentation?

A: If the project takes place on property that you don't manage or own.

Q: How are the applications evaluated?

A: The applications are evaluated by a committee of local community and industry partners using a standardized scoring rubric.

Q: Are matching funds required for this grant program?

A: Matching funds are not required for this grant program, but additional consideration is given to applications that have 10% or greater documentable cash match.

Q: Can funds that have already been received count towards cash match?

A: Yes, if the funds are designated for this project, it may count as matching funds, even if the funds have already been received.

Q: Do in-kind contributions for a project count as cash match funds?

A: No. Cash match is considered as funds on-hand for the project or confirmed awards from other funders.

Q: Are project expenditures incurred prior to application approval eligible for funding?

A: No.

Q: How many applications can an organization submit for consideration?

A: One.

Q: If my organization is working towards completion of a prior project we received funding from the Clackamas County Office of Tourism for, can we submit an application for a new project?

A: Yes, provided there are no unresolved reporting or compliance issues from your previous award.

Q: How will awards be funded?

A: 50% of approved awards will be provided up-front. Upon approval of a submitted expense report, 25% of the award will be released. The remaining 25% of the award will be made available subject to approval of applicant's final project and accounting report.

Q: The project we are planning to submit an application for requires approval by a federal land management agency. Since the federal government is currently shut down, how should we address this in the application where documentation of governing body or land management agency approval is requested?

A: Select the "Yes" response to question #21. You can provide a narrative response to question #23 explaining the shut down situation and noting that you will provide approval documentation as soon as possible after the shut down ends. We will continue to monitor the situation.