

Topic: LIO 2018 NTA Review and Development Process – For Discussion

Background:

A subcommittee met twice (two September meetings) to discuss elements of the 2018 NTA development and review process to recommend NTAs for inclusion into the Action Agenda, a funding eligibility requirement for NEP as well as other funding sources. The draft local process was then circulated throughout the LIO Implementation Committee for review and comment. A few comments were received and incorporated. The final local process is copied below:

Refer to the timeline and criteria included in the 2018 NTA Evaluation Rubric.

For Discussion-Outstanding Elements of Local Process:

Beyond the overarching process elements described above, there are also a few elements related to how we administer this process that we should discuss/start thinking about.

- Equity: Geographic Allocation of Funds
- Project Type: Prioritize Non-capital
- Funding Decisions: who makes them and how do we avoid conflicts of interest?
 - Proposal: Executive Committee makes the final funding decision with the IC recommendation in mind.
 - What is the criteria we want to use
- 2018 NTAs will not be considered for funding until the 2018 Action Agenda is adopted. Therefore, it may be beneficial to keep all 2016 NTAs active until the 2018 Action Agenda is adopted.
- NTA Review Subcommittee
 - Proposal: Structure NTA review by Strategic Initiative in order to better evaluate alignment. Utilize TAG representatives in Stillaguamish area (who needs to be added), and Tech Com in Snohomish area. Adding LIO Committee members to existing technical review subcommittees will be the most efficient/effective process.
 - Initial thoughts on the NTA Review Subcommittee: Stormwater: County representatives (SWM and PDS and King County equivalent), representatives from both Tribes, representatives from the Cities (Arlington, Everett, Stanwood, and Duvall), representatives from the Port of Everett, representatives from the SCD, and representatives from WSU extension and/or other outreach SMEs. Shellfish: Representative from Department of Health, reps from both Tribes, both County land and water divisions (i.e. SWM and PDS), and reps from the SCD. Habitat: SMEs from the Stillaguamish Technical Advisory Group and Snohomish Technical Committee.