



Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Executive Committee Meeting
March 12, 2019, 10:00AM -11:00AM
Conference Call

Executive Committee Members:

Jeff Dickison, Squaxin Tribe
Commissioner Tye Menser, Thurston County
Commissioner Kevin Shutty, Mason County
Derek Young, Pierce County Council

Additional Attendees:

Dan Calvert, PSP
Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic
Mary Byrne, Ross Strategic

Meeting Summary

I. Updates

- SIL Update
 - 22 awarded NTAs that include South Sound (2 local, 20 regional)
 - FY 2019 Local and Regional Budget: \$5,248,575
 - 2 South Sound local NTAs:
 - Thurston Shellfish Growing Areas OSS Pollution Prevention: \$300,000
 - Expand South Sound Shore Friendly Programs: \$200,000
- Elizabeth McManus also provided a brief update on legislative updates, including policy bills related to Net Ecological Gain, Regulating Shoreline Armoring, and Growth Management.

II. Up to \$50,000 in additional LIO coordination capacity for next year

- The Alliance has the opportunity to allocate up to \$50,000 in additional LIO coordination capacity funding for 2021. The current contract amount is for about \$75,000. At this point, it is unclear whether the additional \$50,000 would be awarded annually.
- PSP provides the following information on the additional funds for capacity:

LIO Contract	Standard Baseline	\$75-100K	Task 1: Administrative	Convene, organize, communicate
			Task 2: Coordination	Coordinate with LE, MRC, elected officials, regional groups, NTA owners, direct funding decisions with SILs, etc.
			Task 3: Performance Management	Performance of LIO Plan (progress reporting, synthesis, etc.)
			Task 4: LIO Plan	Adaptively manage LIO Plan —outlined with very specific outcomes and objectives (climate change, ongoing programs)
	Tailored Enhanced	Any additional funds over \$50-75K	Task 5: LIO Initiatives: Implementation	Implementation of actions that support and/or enable NTAs, remove barriers, and fill gaps as described in the LIO Plan

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1. Provide stipends and/or travel reimbursements to LIO and LE committee members for participation in regional decision making groups that are approved by the Partnership (e.g., SIAT, AACG, ISWG, etc.)
 2. Engage on policy with local decision-makers and elected officials
 3. Provide seed money for launching 2018-2022 NTAs of highest priority to the LIO and the region
 4. ECO Net(s) reengagement
 5. Lead removal and/or reduction of identified priority LIO Plan barrier
 6. Support priority NTAs through grant writing support, PS Info page updates, and more
 7. Advance LIO & LE integration
 8. Engage in structured decision making
 9. Other well-aligned LIO Plan advancement ideas

Discussion:

- Elzabeth McManus provided the following suggestions for how money could be used:
 - Seed money for actions of high priority.
 - Support for implementation of actions (e.g., convening support, bringing together people who work on same types of thing, bring together groups across watershed, etc.)
 - Invest more in ecosystem priority updates (coastal catchment, etc.) and use that work to identify protection and restoration.
 - We could also reach out to project sponsors and see what would be useful to them.
- Jeff Dickison encouraged the Executive Committee to allocate the additional funds towards local implementation.
 - This money could be effective seed money for actions of high priority. Jeff noted that he would prefer to support on-the-ground implementation vs. process-oriented items. Jeff suggested that the following items would be effective use of the additional funds:
 - Provide seed money for launching 2018-2022 NTAs of highest priority to the LIO and the region
 - Support priority NTAs through grant writing support, PS Info page updates, and more

III. Allocation of \$100,000 in AHSS directed funding

- Like other Puget Sound Local Integrating Organizations, the Alliance for Healthy South Sound has the opportunity to recommend \$100,000 in funding under the EPA National Estuary Program to one local near term action (NTA) project this year. Recommendations must be made by April 30th this year. The Alliance Technical Team will review South Sound NTA projects that are submitted for consideration and make a funding recommendation to the Alliance Executive Committee. The Executive Committee decision about which project to recommend will be submitted to the appropriate state agency for consideration. We expect the state agencies to concur with our recommendation.
- Recommendation process:
 - All NTA project sponsors can apply for the \$100,000 in funding via survey
 - The Technical Team will consider all projects that applied. Draft scoring process and criteria based on the Technical Team's 9/26/18 meeting and updated at the Council's

3/3/20 meeting. The 2018 process can be found and downloaded on the AHSS website ([link](#)).

- The Technical Team recommends project(s) to the Executive Committee
- The Executive Committee recommends a project to PSP by April 30th.
- Other considerations:
 - FFY2020 projects should aim for completion by the end of December 2022. PSP will be working with sub-recipients to get under contract in the Fall of 2020 to ensure a 2-year project duration if needed
 - HSIAT has come up with 97 priority NTAs. There are several AHSS LIO NTAs on this list. If an LIO selects one of these 97 NTAs for their LIO \$100,000 direct award for FFY2020, the Habitat SIAT commits to investing up to an additional \$100,000, depending on the 2-year funding need of the NTA.

IV. Wrap up and Next Steps

The Executive Committee will meet again on April 16th from 10:30-11:30am to determine a NTA to propose for \$100,000 in NEP funding.