

PFA Mitigation Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Meeting Type: Virtual

Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

The purpose of this report is to inform the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC) and the public about recent developments in the PFA Grants Program and ongoing staff efforts.

The PFA Mitigation Advisory Committee has finalized the following important documents:

- ✓ [Advisory Committee Operating Procedures](#)
- ✓ [Oregon Administrative Rules](#)
- ✓ [Expenditure Framework](#)
- ✓ [Fall 2023 Grant Guidelines](#)

Agenda item: 4. Staff Report

Below is the staff report update.

1. The 2024 In-person Advisory Committee meeting for February 29 and March 1, 2024 is still scheduled. The meeting is to occur at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Headquarters in Salem, Oregon, to facilitate meeting needs. The PFA Staff Assistant is organizing the meeting.
2. This is a proposed outline of topics for MAC meetings in 2024. We invite your feedback and suggestions for additional items to discuss:
 - a. 2023 Project Selection
 - b. Solicitation Update
 - i. Revisions to application & review process
 - ii. Timing of Solicitations
 - c. Easements & Acquisition Discussions
 - d. Informative presentations to MAC
 - e. MAC Field Trip – *August or December*

Agenda item: 5. 2023 Grant Solicitation Recap

- Solicitation for grant applications closed on December 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.
- A total of 74 grant submissions were received.
- The total funding requested is \$43,323,167.95.
- For more details, please refer to the attached documents:
 - Attachment 05 - 2023 Solicitation Summary_Grant Submissions.docx
 - Attachment 06 - 2023 Grant Solicitation Raw Data.xlsx

Agenda item: 6. Grant Review Refresher – *See attached powerpoint overview*

- ODFW staff will brief the MAC on the review timeline and procedures at the upcoming meeting.
- Regional teams are prepped and assigned proposals for review using the Grant Management System.
- Five final review teams, including representatives from ODFW, ODF, USFWS, and NMFS, will evaluate the proposals.
- The MAC will make the final funding recommendation at the February in-person meeting. ODFW Staff will review this once more at the at the upcoing January MAC meeting.

Agenda item: 7. Government Ethics Presentations

- Staff from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission will present to the Committee on Conflicts of Interest & Prohibited Use of Office/Positions.
- ODFW staff has consulted the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) to inform the Committee's approach to potential conflicts of interest. Committee members with any conflict-of-interest concerns are encouraged to seek guidance via the OGEC website: <https://www.oregon.gov/ogec/public-records/Pages/Advice-and-Opinions.aspx>.
- To help prepare, please don't hesitate to forward Andy Spyrka any preliminary Conflict of Interest questions you may have, we will try to work them into the presentation.