



Restoration Partnership Project Solicitation Common Questions

- 1) What are the types of restoration projects the RP is looking for? **Answer:** There are several categories of restoration projects described in the Restoration Plan, such as restore wetland processes and function, including plant diversity and hydrology, to uncontaminated but degraded wetlands; protect and improve lake water quality in Coeur d'Alene Lake and other Basin lakes to benefit injured aquatic resources; restore habitat function and processes in stream and riparian habitats injured by mine waste; and restore and facilitate recreational and other opportunities associated with the use of restored natural resources. The Restoration Plan has a full list of project priorities, criteria and types.
- 2) Is there a minimum or maximum dollar threshold for projects? **Answer:** There is no minimum or maximum due to the scope and scale of projects and whether they meet the goals and objectives of the Restoration Plan and whether the project meets the Criteria.
- 3) Who can apply? **Answer:** Anyone who has an applicable project idea in the Restoration Planning Area.
- 4) Can multiple entities apply? **Answer:** Yes, partnerships are encouraged.
- 5) Can project proponents submit multiple Project Ideas/Applications? **Answer:** Yes as long as implementation schedules allow for multiple projects.
- 6) What is the Restoration Planning Area? **Answer (from the Plan):** The Coeur d'Alene Basin is the Planning Area and refers to the Coeur d'Alene Lake watershed and Upper Spokane River Subbasin in Idaho. The Trustees will consider projects outside of the Basin only when they occur in the portion of the Hangman Creek watershed located within the exterior boundary of the Coeur d'Alene Reservation in close proximity to tribal population centers, and compensate for natural resource services lost to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in the Basin as a result of Mine Waste Contamination. As used in the Plan, the term "Hangman Creek Watershed" refers to the area that drains into the mainstem of Hangman Creek and its tributaries located within the exterior boundary of the Coeur d'Alene Reservation.
- 7) Is there a time limit or duration for how long project implementation can span? **Answer:** Not necessarily due to the scope and scale of projects and whether they meet the goals and objectives of the Restoration Plan and whether the project meets the Criteria. For example, some projects might need to be implemented in phases where construction schedules may vary from project to project.

- 8) Am I responsible for permitting requirements if they are necessary? **Answer:** The applicant is responsible for getting all required permits, however, the Trustee Sponsor can assist in navigating the process if needed.
- 9) Do I need community support for my Project Idea? **Answer:** It isn't a requirement, but project ideas that demonstrate community support will rank higher through the Selection Criteria and if the Idea meets the goals and objectives of the Restoration Plan.
- 10) Do the project proponents need to provide funding upfront for the project? **Answer:** Not necessarily, once the Trustee Council approves a full application for a project, the Trustees will select one of their governmental representatives as a sponsor and that sponsor will work with the applicant on their project needs for funding allocations.
- 11) Can salary, fringe, and indirect costs be included in the Project Idea and Full Application proposals for project administration? **Answer:** Yes, if the administrator of the project is conducting all supportive needs for project implementation.
- 12) Can I buy equipment? **Answer:** We don't typically purchase equipment with the settlement funds as they are intended to be used for on the ground implementation but this will be looked at on a case-by-case basis (*See Policies and Procedures on the website).