



Grants Committee

FIP Rulemaking Overview

June 2024



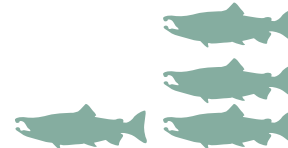
FIP Program Overview



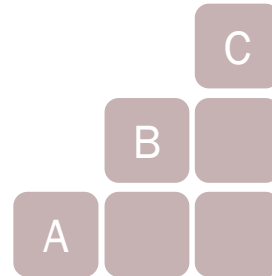
A “**Focused Investment Partnership**”
is an OWEB investment that:



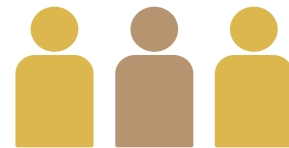
Addresses a **Board-Identified Priority**
of significance to the state



Achieves clear and measurable
Ecological Outcomes



Uses integrated and results-orientated
approaches as identified through a
Strategic Action Plan



Implemented by a
High-Performing Partnership

OWEB's Focused Investment Partnership Program



Funds a **partnership initiative** with an existing **strategic action plan (SAP)** that is ready for implementation by a **high-performing partnership** for a period of **up to 6 years**, and not exceeding **\$12 million**.



Steps in FIP Rulemaking Process



At the January 2024 meeting, the Board initiated rulemaking for the FIP program.



OWEB staff have recruited 11 RAC members who have experience with the FIP program.



Four RAC meetings have been scheduled beginning in June and ending in September 2024.



These meetings will be virtual, open to the public, and available for viewing on YouTube.

Example FIP Themes the RAC Will Discuss



Evaluation Criteria for the Initiative Level OWEB grant applications



“Overlap Rule” between FIP and OWEB’s Open Solicitation grant program

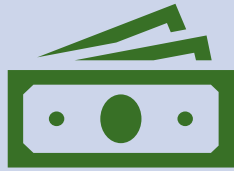


Tracking the required match at the Initiative level



Grant types in the FIP (i.e. engagement, tech assistance, resto, monitoring, land/water acquisition)

FIP Rule Themes for Grant Committee Discussion



Funding Cap



Ecological Priorities



Funding Cap Overview



Current state: \$4 million funding cap in the FIP rules was established in **2015**.



Option for future state: Replace current cap with language that the board will determine the maximum amount each biennium with the adoption of their spending plan. The intent is for the board to align the funding cap with inflation (e.g. \$4 million in 2014 = \$5.15 million in 2023).



Ecological Priorities



Background FIP rules state that the board will adopt and review ecological priorities every five years.

The rules do not describe what the priorities are. Staff recommend keeping this language in rule.

The last time the board reviewed/approved priorities was in 2020.

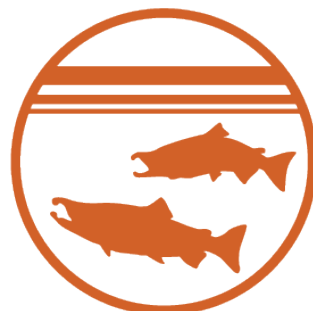
Current OWEB Board-Identified FIP Priorities



Oak Woodland and Prairie Habitat



Sagebrush / Sage-Steppe Habitat



Coho Habitat and Populations Along the Oregon Coast



Oregon Closed Lakes Basin Wetlands Habitat



Aquatic Habitat for Native Fish Species



Dry-Type Forest Habitat



Coastal Estuaries in Oregon

Ecological Priority Review Timeline



Board considers adoption of FIP rule revisions

Jan. 2025

Solicitation for FIP Cohort 5 begins with existing ecological priorities

Spring 2025

Process for reviewing ecological priorities is initiated. Will include robust engagement efforts to review and refine existing priorities and determine if new/additional ecological priorities are warranted.

Spring 2025

Board approves Cohort 5 FIP initiatives (note, if we are able to get the solicitation out in late winter/early spring 2025, we could conceivably have this in January, 2026).

Apr. 2026

Board consideration of revised/new FIP ecological priorities.

Apr. 2026



Discussion

