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Good evening Steering Committee members,

I hope everyone had a nice holiday weekend, or week. Looking forward to seeing folks at the meeting on Wednesday.

In reviewing the meeting packet, I came up with a few notes on the policy/administration side related to utilizing funds from multiple grants on the same project. Depending on what you decide as a partnership, you might not even need this information, but I think it is good background regardless.

My notes are all based on Clean Water Fund Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) policy, and the Grants Administration Manual (GAM).

Using funds from multiple grants on one project:

- As mentioned in a previous meeting, this is ok (I just need to link the activity in eLINK eventually).
- All grants need to have executed grant agreements prior to the project starting.
- The implication here, is that in order for the partnership to utilize both FY20/21 and FY22/23 WBIF dollars on one project, the FY22/23 grant would need to be executed before work started on the project.

Phased projects:

State grants have been utilized to fund phases of large projects. (Phase one completed first, Phase two second).

- **Multiple state grants.** Sometimes the scenario has been one state grant funding phase one, and then another separate state grant funding phase two. In this scenario:
 - To be eligible, each phase of the project that is funded by state grant dollars needs to have a separate and distinct water quality benefit. (ex. Total project = 100 lb TSS reduction, Phase one = 30 lb TSS, Phase two = 70 lb TSS).
 - Each phase is initiated, completed, and certified separately as separate projects.
 - There is some risk for the project implementer, since there is no guarantee that they will get the additional grant funding.
- **Local dollars and one state grant.** Other times, the implementer might complete some part of the project first with local dollars, and then apply for state grant dollars for phase two implementation. In this scenario:

- The part of the project utilizing state grant dollars needs to have a separate and distinct water quality benefit.
- The part of the project utilizing state grant dollars cannot start prior to the grant execution.

Some possible scenarios/options for funding within this framework (in no particular order).

1. **Execution.** Work to get the FY22/23 grant executed prior to work starting on the project.
2. **Postpone.** If feasible postpone the project for a year. The partner waits till the FY22/23 grant is executed, and then applies for funding from one or both years of WBIF. (If both years, an extension to the FY20/21 grant might be needed).
3. **Phase w/both WBIF grants.** If there are distinct and separate water quality benefits associated with both project phases, then phase one could receive funding from the FY20/21 grant, and phase two apply for funding from the FY22/23 grant once executed (No FY20/21 grant extension needed in this scenario. Again, the partner carries additional risk since FY22/23 is not guaranteed).
4. **Phase w/one WBIF grant and local funds.** If there is not a distinct water quality benefit associated with phase one, then the partner could implement that phase with local dollars, and then apply for FY22/23 funds for the phase two work once that grant is executed. (This same approach could also be taken if there is a water quality benefit to both phases).
5. **Phase w/CWF competitive grant and one WBIF or local funds.** Scenarios 2 and 3 above would also apply if a partner wanted to go for a CWF competitive grant.
6. **Others?**

I realize this is a bit of a long read, however there is some potentially tricky nuance to this and while it's the first time, I definitely don't think this is the last time this will come up with continued rounds of WBIF.

If anyone has any questions or concerns on this, please do write back or give me a ring. Always happy to talk things through.

All the best,

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Hello Lower St. Croix Watershed steering committee –

I hope you all had a good 4th of July and yay to those of you that are still enjoying vacation this week!

Please find attached an agenda and materials for our steering committee meeting next week Wednesday at 1-2:30pm. There is one project request from Pine SWCD, with links to the project application materials embedded in the agenda.

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