

Task 5 Information

Tailor LIO coordination to Implement the Action Agenda and Support Unique Vision and Goals of LIO

The Partnership is enthusiastic to invest and empower LIOs for the continued implementation and adaptive management of the Action Agenda and LIO Plans. Ultimately, ecosystem recovery goes beyond single actions and is addressed in ongoing programs and other avenues of local and regional influence in decision making. Sustainable ecosystem recovery and protection requires a socio-political and cultural shift that incorporates nature's contributions to people. LIOs are powerful networks that recognize the local nuance of these elements and are the heart of driving the changes necessary to pursue them. This task enables LIOs to pursue the individual goals and vision that are unique to their LIO.

In addition to the required Tasks 1-4 described above, the LIO is asked to choose two or more additional "tailored enhanced" Task 5 subtasks for advancement of the LIO Plan and Action Agenda in their geography.

This section includes subtasks that fulfill the following objectives:

- Supports an individual LIO's vision and effort for meaningful engagement in Puget Sound Recovery system including the Action Agenda and Implementation Strategies
- Supports greater coordination and efficiency to achieve real-world outcomes
- Supports the integration of salmon recovery priorities
- Aligns with Action Agenda and the Implementation Strategies

LIOs will need to work with their Partnership contract manager to develop deliverables with associated outputs and outcomes with this portion of the coordination grant. (Not to exceed \$70K/year)

All travel reimbursements and stipends must adhere to Washington OFM policies on travel^[1]. They must also adhere to the EPA general terms and conditions of the grant^[2]

Select from the following list for FFY 2023-2025 funding:

Subtask 5.01 Regional Planning and Coordinating Group Participation

Support LIO participation in regional planning and coordinating groups (e.g., Strategic Initiative Advisory Team (SIAT), Action Agenda Coordination Group (AACG), Puget Sound [Climate Advisory Team \(CAT\)](#), Pacific States – British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force and other transboundary efforts, [Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program \(PSEMP\)](#), Alternative Future Scenarios, Inclusive Knowledge Network, Puget Sound Scientific Research, Puget Sound Info Advisory Group, progress indicator advisory group(s), special group caucuses) to offer local expertise and build awareness and consideration of local priorities. This work should prioritize *but is not limited to* Action Agenda related external working groups for engagement.

During negotiations, identify group(s) and how participation will serve the LIO. Determine who will participate and what will be needed to enable participation. Estimate how many actual meetings to attend, and structure of engagement role. Include these items in final SOW to Partnership in comment section or directly in the scope of work.

- Identify and participate in regional planning and coordinating groups that are of high priority to the LIO.

Subtask 5.02 Inform and educate local decision makers on work of the LIO

- Work with LIO committee members to determine opportunities to inform and educate local, regional, and/or state-level decision makers on the work of the LIO, including the LIO Plan and the associated gaps, barriers, and ongoing programs.
- **Attend local, regional, and state-level decision-maker workgroups and/or forums to contribute and discuss LIO data gaps, barriers, needs, and LIO initiatives.**

Subtask 5.03 Catalyze implementation of high priority public engagement, awareness raising, behavior change, incentive, and/or compliance projects and programs identified in the LIO Plan and/or Action Agenda

Support or reactivate the local ecosystem recovery outreach network or similar groups. This task is intended to target the Education, Communication, and Outreach Network (ECO Net) within the LIO area or the pre-existing equivalent and to advance and catalyze implementation of LIO Plan priority public engagement, awareness raising, incentive, and/or compliance projects and programs within the LIO.

**Once available (expected by early 2023), LIOs may consult and apply the HEAL Act community engagement guidance document as a resource to support community engagement. The Partnership will share additional resources and materials as available (ex. Partnership's Community Engagement Plan).*

Bulleted items may occur independently. If separate subcontract is required, copy should be provided to the Partnership by the LIO fiscal agent.

- Fund capacity for LIO coordinator (or subcontract funds to a separate ECO Net coordinator or equivalent, not to exceed \$10,000 annually) to undertake actions that support implementation of LIO strategies addressing Education, Communication, and/or Outreach.
- Work with committees to identify outreach and education activities aligned with both the LIO Plan **AND** 2022-2026 Action Agenda (consider Action Agenda institutional strategies D and E) and provide seed funds (not to exceed \$20k/year)

Subtask 5.04 Contribute to Barriers Removal

Facilitate removal and/or reductions of LIO priority barriers to ecosystem recovery using coordination and capacity. *(LIOs can identify, further define, prioritize, and develop actions to address barriers and/or gaps through Task 4.01)*

1. Work with LIO committees to identify, evaluate, and prioritize options for addressing and removing barriers to implementation. Evaluation and prioritization efforts should include thoroughly reviewing existing local and regional barriers (reference LIO synthesis 2.0, Continuous Improvement lists) and any associated efforts to address those barriers.
2. Participate in regional efforts (if available and relevant) targeting identified priority barrier (ex: MART, Align group. others)
3. If barrier is specific to only LIO geography, determine, alongside committees, how LIO would like to address the barrier using the following options:
 - allocate capacity funds to investigate and develop solutions to the barrier. This may include funding a workshop with relevant partners, hiring a subcontractor to thoroughly investigate the root of the barrier, feasible solutions, and necessary change makers

- elevate and request support in regional forums to support barrier removal
- removing barrier itself using capacity funds. Work in close coordination with your Partnership contract manager to determine limitations of barrier removal and capacity funds. Examples may include:
 - Complete feasibility and preliminary design
 - Complete inventories and/or assessments
 - Complete planning strategy
 - Secure partnership agreements or memorandums necessary

Subtask 5.05 Pursue Funding for 2022-2026 Action Agenda Implementation

Support Action Agenda implementation by building LIO capacity to compete for project funding efficiently and effectively.

Any bulleted item may occur independently without the others. If separate subcontract is required, copy should be provided to the Partnership by the LIO fiscal agent.

- Funding for staff and/or consultant to carry out activities that can include:
 - developing a sequenced list of projects for funding
 - cost-benefit-analysis of the projects to demonstrate the value to funders/the community or other related communications materials
 - leveraging opportunities analysis to identify and target funding gaps
- strategic development of grant proposals and match the project with the appropriate funding source(s) to advance 2022-2026 Action Agenda implementation.
- Support grant coordinator for LIO geography to ensure coordinated funding, match, and to create attractive bids for contractors
- Develop and/or implement through adaptive management an LIO specific integrated funding strategy.
- Work in coordination with BIL funded PSP LIO support team (*final name TBD*)

Subtask 5.06 Incorporate Partnership supported planning tools to improve and refine local planning (examples: Structured Decision Making, Alternative Scenarios and/or other pre-approved approach in local planning)

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- Use structured decision-making (SDM) process and/or Alternative Scenarios to define and refine LIO Plan strategies and priorities. If using an alternative to SDM or Alternative Scenarios, the approach needs to be presented and approved by the Partnership in advance.
- Work with SDM team provided by the Partnership (OSU and economics contractor) to learn and apply process and best practices for structured decision-making.
- Implement SDM three-step decision-sketching process for prioritization of LIO Plan elements (e.g., define decision context, perform objectives hierarchy, refine measures, develop alternatives, and estimate consequences and evaluate trade-offs)

- Work with the Alternative Future Scenarios initiative to learn about and explore the local implications of watershed specific results, drivers of change, policy interventions, and implications for outcomes
- Incorporate Alternative Scenarios into local planning by exploring strategies that are responsive to alternative futures and identifying both strategies that are robust to a range of futures and when to adapt and utilize strategies that are unique to a particular future.

Subtask 5.07 Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ)

Understand and integrate principles and best practices of equity and environmental justice into LIO governance, structure, and/or planning.

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- Pursue and articulate EEJ in the LIO context along with barriers and proposed solutions to access and participate in decision making within LIO
- With partners, explore and implement ways of creating effective and meaningful participation in LIO activities. *Example:* Provide stipends, when needed, to representatives from marginalized or underrepresented community organizations or coalitions within the LIOs geography, to enable them to participate, in a substantive way, as members.
 - Partnership to support this work through equity and environmental justice strategic initiatives in subsequent years (ex. HEAL Act community engagement plan).