

Island Local Integrating Organization 2016 NTA Direct Funding Selection Criteria

ILIO Technical Committee (TC) developed a 2016 NTA Direct Funding Selection Criteria at the August 19th workshop for recommendation to the ILIO Executive Committee (EC) on August 24th. This selection criteria and ranking process is only intended to be used for the 2016 selection process.

Overview

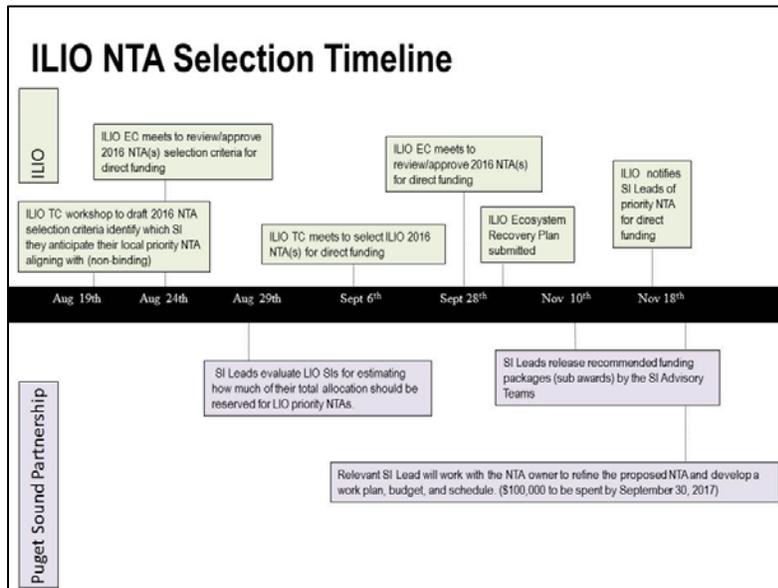
Starting in FY2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) anticipates that approximately \$100,000 will be available per LIO annually to support a priority NTA in their local area via this mechanism. Assuming Puget Sound appropriation levels remain steady, this could potentially mean that each LIO will be able to plan on approximately \$500,000 towards implementation of LIO priority NTA(s) over the next five years. EPA's Puget Sound Geographic Funds must be used to implement NTAs identified in the 2016 CCMP/Action Agenda or critical gaps identified as important to environmental outcomes as expressed in the CCMP. "Puget Sound Factors to Consider" (pg. 4), should be used to inform the selection for direct allocation. NTAs eligible for direct funding must have the following characteristics:

- Be an existing, ranked NTA within the 2016 Action Agenda
- Meet technical standards necessary to establish identifiable outputs and projected outcomes
- Meet all the same requirements as any other NTA funded by the SI Leads

LIOs may choose from the following three options for the direct funding of eligible LIO identified priority NTAs:

- **Option 1/Implementation:** Fund one NTA that needs up to \$100,000 to be implemented
- **Option 2/Phased Increment:** Fund one NTA that can be phased and incrementally funded over the course of a few years using each year's \$100,000 allotment (i.e. Phase 1 (2016-17) = \$100,000, Phase 2 (2017-18) = \$100,000).
- **Option 3/Pooled NTAs:** Teams of LIOs can recommend jointly funding one NTA by pooling each of their \$100,000.

Timeline



By or before August 29th 2016 each LIO identifies which Strategic Initiative (Stormwater, Habitat, or Shellfish) they anticipate their priority NTA aligning with and notifies the appropriate SI Lead and the LIO's Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator. The Island LIO 2016 NTAs are spread as follows: Habitat, 10; Shellfish, 1; Stormwater, 6.

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Scoring Criteria:

1. Will the current \$100,000 NEP funding allocation catalyze the project to completion?
 - 3 points – Project will be completed (final phase) with 2016 NEP funding
 - 2 points – Project will be moved forward significantly with 2016 NEP funding.
 - 1 point – NEP will only fund a preliminary phase of the full project.
2. Is the project timely? Will it support other actions currently underway?
 - 3 points – Project must be implemented within the next year.
 - 2 points – Project is critical but not under near-term constraints.
 - 1 point – Project is not time bounded.
3. Does this NTA support planning or action?
 - 5 points – Action
 - 3 points – Planning
4. How many ecosystem components (multi-benefit) does this project address?
 - 5 points – Project addresses 5 or more ecosystem components.
 - 3 points – Project addresses 2-4 or more ecosystem components.
 - 1 point – Project addresses 1 ecosystem components.
5. How many strategic initiatives does this project fit into?
 - 5 points – Project fits into all 3 strategic initiatives.
 - 3 points – Project fits into 2 strategic initiatives
 - 1 point – Project fits into 1 strategic initiative