Western LSR Grant Process

Multi-State Proposal Directions: When, How and Why choose a Multi-state Proposal Selection

When can you choose to use the optional Multi-state proposal (MSP) selection?

If more than one state/island would like to apply for funds for the same proposal, they have the option to choose “yes” in the MSP box on the form.

If you choose this, each participating state/island is submitting the same proposal, only the budgets can be different. The “proposal” will appear in each participating state/island list of proposals and will count toward each participating state/island maximum of three proposals. **Do not choose this option unless all state/islands are applying for funds and all state/island agree to proceed this way.** If a state/island is working on a project with another state/island but not applying for funds for that project they should be listed as a partner, not an applicant.

All other guidelines per each state’s budget request apply, such as:

- $300,000 maximum request for each state’s budget request. Therefore, the total project request could exceed $300,000.
- 1:1 match from each state of their own budget request. You cannot borrow match from co-applicants.

Choosing to use the MSP form is optional. You can collaborate on a project and still submit separate proposals. No automatic points are given for a MSP.

Why would you choose the MSP option?

This choice is to make it easier for applicants that wish to submit a budget request for an identical proposal.

How do you use the on-line MSP option?

The state/island that begins the application is the “Lead” applicant. They choose from the drop down list under “Applicants” the other states/islands applying for funds. This will automatically set up a budget table for each “Co-Applicant”, and the proposal will appear in the other applicants’ list. Co-applicants will see the proposal in their list and have access to their budget request. However, only the lead-applicant can write in the narrative boxes, submit or delete the proposal. The co-applicants can only edit their budget request.

The proposal counts toward all applicants’ maximum of five.

**DO NOT** choose a MSP and co-applicants unless those states/island have agreed to the proposal as one of their five submissions.