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FY2026 Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program Informational Webinar

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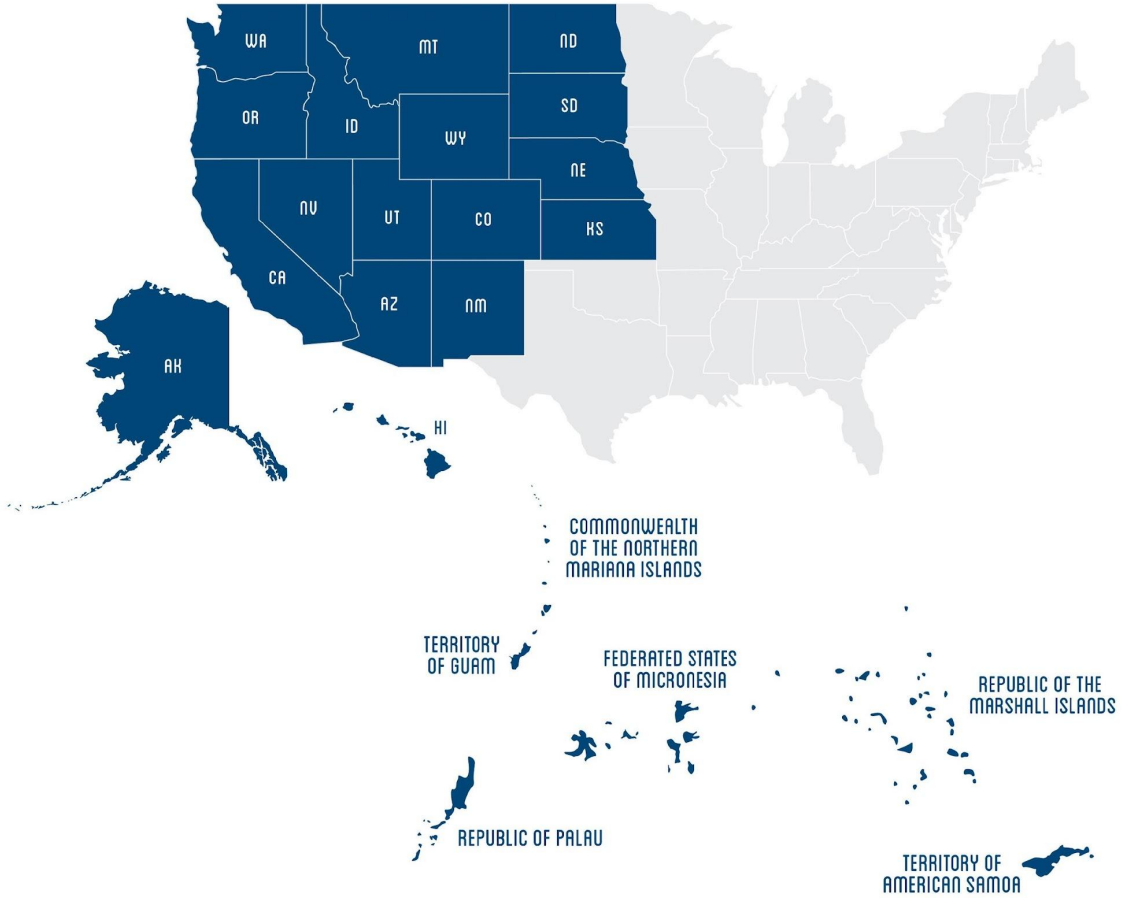
Agenda

- What is LSR and Roles of WFLC, State/Island, and USDA Forest Service
- Fiscal Year 2026 (FY2026) NOFO
- Eligibility
- Submission Process
- Authorized Activities
- Budget
- Application
- Scoring/Tips
- Resources
- Q&A

What is LSR

- The purpose of the Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Program is to encourage collaborative, science based restoration of priority forest landscapes
- LSR was codified in the 2018 Farm Bill, which amended the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978. Throughout the United States and its territories, the program is an important tool to restoring resilience to the nation's forests

WFLC Role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State/Island Role

- State Forester Sponsorship Letter(s):
  - Submit the draft application narrative and budget to the State Forester(s) for any State(s) that would benefit directly from the project outcomes.
  - Due by **December 17, 2026** (required)
- Sponsor up to 5 single state and 5 multi-state applications for submission of final applications into Grants.gov
  - USDA-FS-2026-LSR
  - Change from the previous years portal submission system

Federal Role

- **Pre-award: Assist with project development**
  - Assist with outreach efforts
  - Answer questions regarding program authorities
  - Review application drafts
  - Work with Tribes applying through the separate Tribal RFP

- **Post-award: Project oversight**
  - Review progress in regards to deliverables, timing, and funding
  - Ensure compliance with federal regulations and program authorities
  - Review/approve annual reports and project modifications

FY2026 National NOFO

- FY26 National NOFO linked here
- Changes:
  - Western, Southern/IITF, & Midwestern-Eastern NOFOs were harmonized and combined as one for FY2026
  - USDA Forest Service NOFO Template
  - Moving from portal submissions to Grants.gov
  - State Forester Sponsorship Letter(s)
  - Multistate cap changed to $600,000/project
  - Grant criteria sections
- Reminder there is a separate national tribal process available
  - https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/364145

Eligible Entities

- State forestry agencies or appropriate/equivalent State agency
- Units of local government
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Alaska Native Corporations
- Native Hawaiian Organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Institutions of higher learning

Land Eligibility

- LSR projects must be conducted on rural non-industrial private forest land, and/or rural State or local government forest land
- Nonindustrial private forest land: (A) is rural (defined in the following slide) (B) has existing tree cover or is suitable for growing trees; and (C) is owned by any private individual, group, association, corporation, Indian tribe, or other private legal entity
- State forest land: (A) is rural as defined in the following slide; (B) owned by State or local government and considered to be non-Federal forest land
- Tribal land and Tribal trust land held by Tribes and individuals are eligible

Rural Requirement

- For the purposes of this program, “rural” is defined as all areas outside Census places greater than 50,000 people according to the latest United States Census
- Please use the LSR Project Planning Tool (Project Eligibility) to confirm if your proposed project location is eligible within this definition.
- Projects which do not take place within this geographic area of eligibility will not be considered
- LSR Project Planning Tool
  - Project Eligibility Tab
  - https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/d6fe5710168d4054a4fefc3793b12083

Landscape Scale Restoration Project Planning Tool

Project Eligibility | Project Planning

Landscape Scale Restoration Project Eligibility

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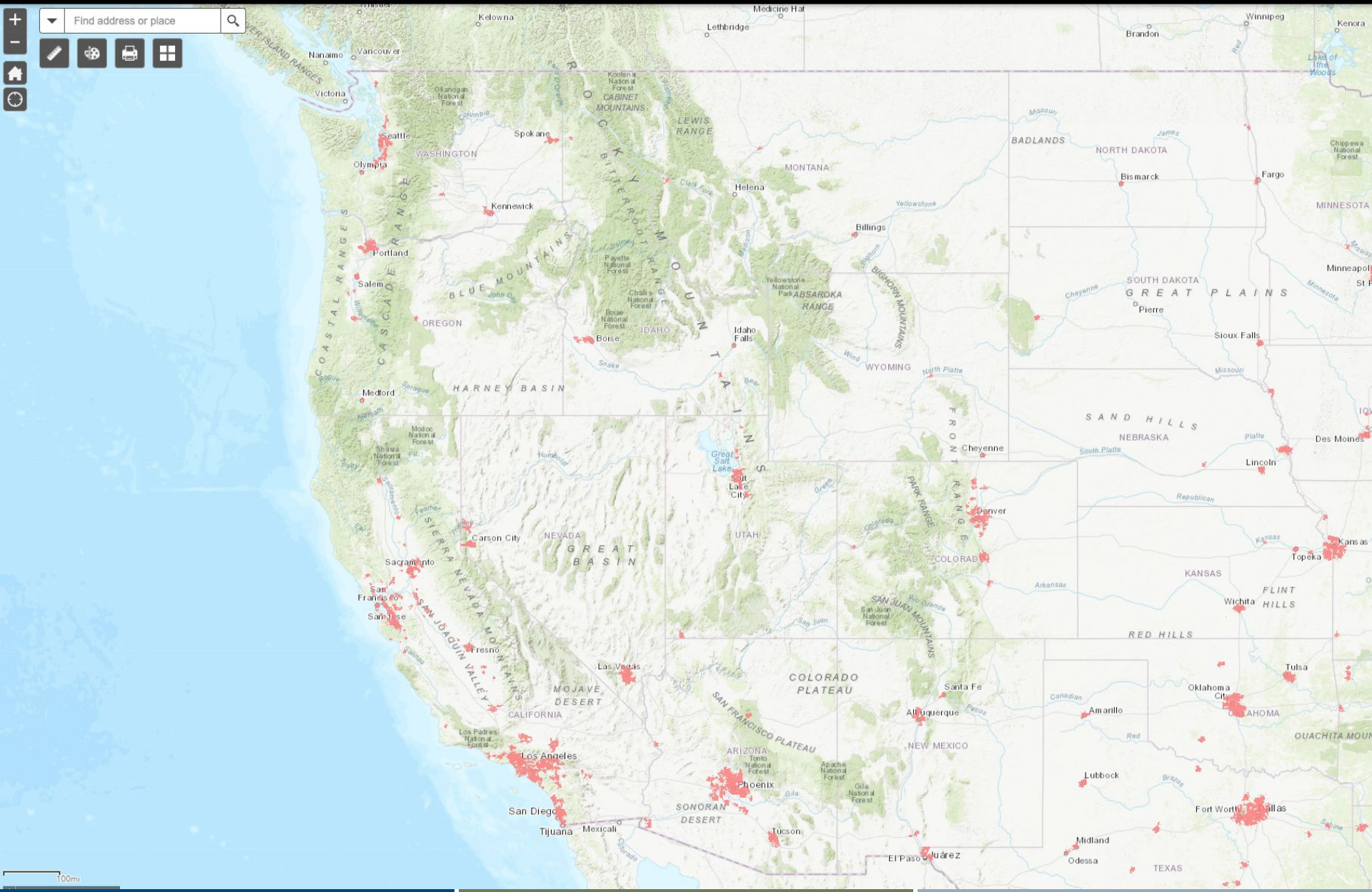


Submission Process

- State Forester Sponsorship (required)
  - Submit the draft application narrative and budget to the State Forester(s) by **December 17, 2026**
- Forestrygrants.org has retired
- Grants.gov is the new submission platform
- Limit of 5 per single state applications and 5 additional multistate
  - 2 additional tribal apps can be submitted to the Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program for Non-Federal Lands NOFO
- Tribes:
  - Through a state forestry agency (up to 2 apps, nationwide)
    OR
  - Through the separate tribal process on Grants.gov
    - USDA-FS-2026-LSR-TRIBAL

State Forester Sponsorship

- Provide application narrative and budget by December 17, 2026 for review to receive a State Forester Sponsorship letter or confirmation email
- If selected within 5 single-state, 5 multi-state sponsored applications, attach the letter or confirmation email to submission of final package on Grants.gov
- Example sponsorship letter template:

> Good morning,
>
> It is my pleasure to sponsor the project(s) ([Application Titles]) being submitted to the FY2026 Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Request for Applications.
>
> This project/these projects are aligned with our State Forest Action Plan and address a landscape/issue that has been identified as a priority for us. <Insert details for how the projects are important to the State Forest Action Plan goals, strategies, and/or priority areas.>
>
> I fully support and sponsor this application and hope you will give it full consideration.
>
> Sincerely,

- Email your federal POCs (pg 5 of NOFO) or lvisnak@westernforesters.org if you need assistance in connecting with the appropriate state contact

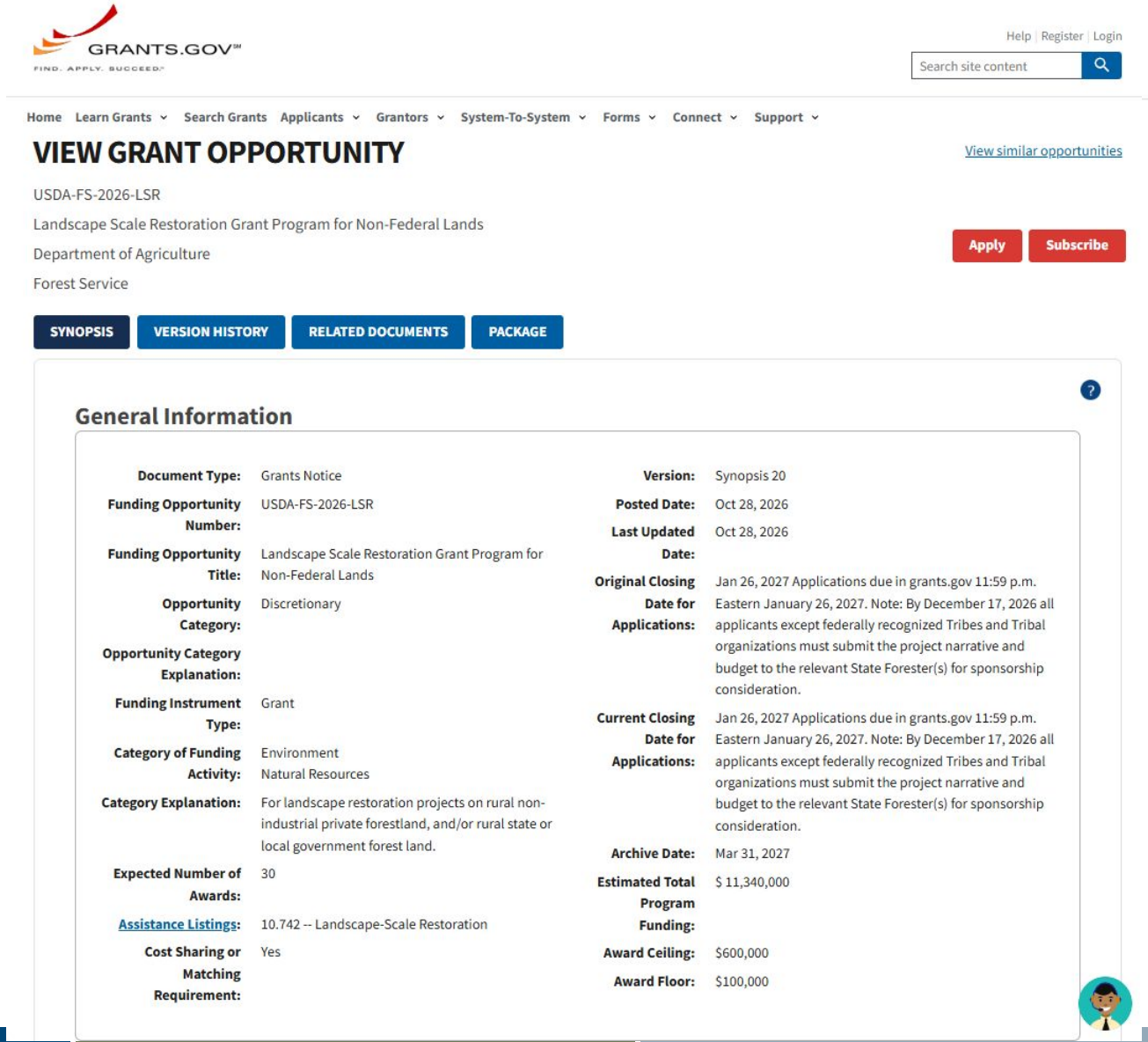
How To Apply

- LSR in Grants.gov: Opportunity USDA-FS-2026-LSR
- **December 17, 2026**: Submit draft application narrative and budget to the State Forester(s) for any State(s) that would benefit directly from the project outcomes to obtain a State Forester Sponsorship Letter (required)
- **January 26, 2027**: (by 11:59 p.m. Eastern): Applications due in Grants.gov
- Grants.gov provides 24/7 support:
  - Toll-free number: 1-800-518-4726
  - email: support@grants.gov

Getting Ready To Apply

- To Submit to Grants.gov your organization needs:
- 1.) Register with System Award Management (SAM) and obtain a Unique Entity ID (UEI)
- 2.) Register your Organization/Agency in Grants.gov with your UEI #
- Then individuals preparing the application:
  - Register for a Grants.gov account and add a profile for the Organization/Agency. Make sure the individual who will sign the application has the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) role
- 3.) Apply by creating a Workspace from the Grants.gov NOFO
  - This allows a grant team to simultaneously access and edit different forms within an application
- For questions, reach out to Grants.gov support

National LSR Grants.gov Opportunity



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Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program for Non-Federal Lands

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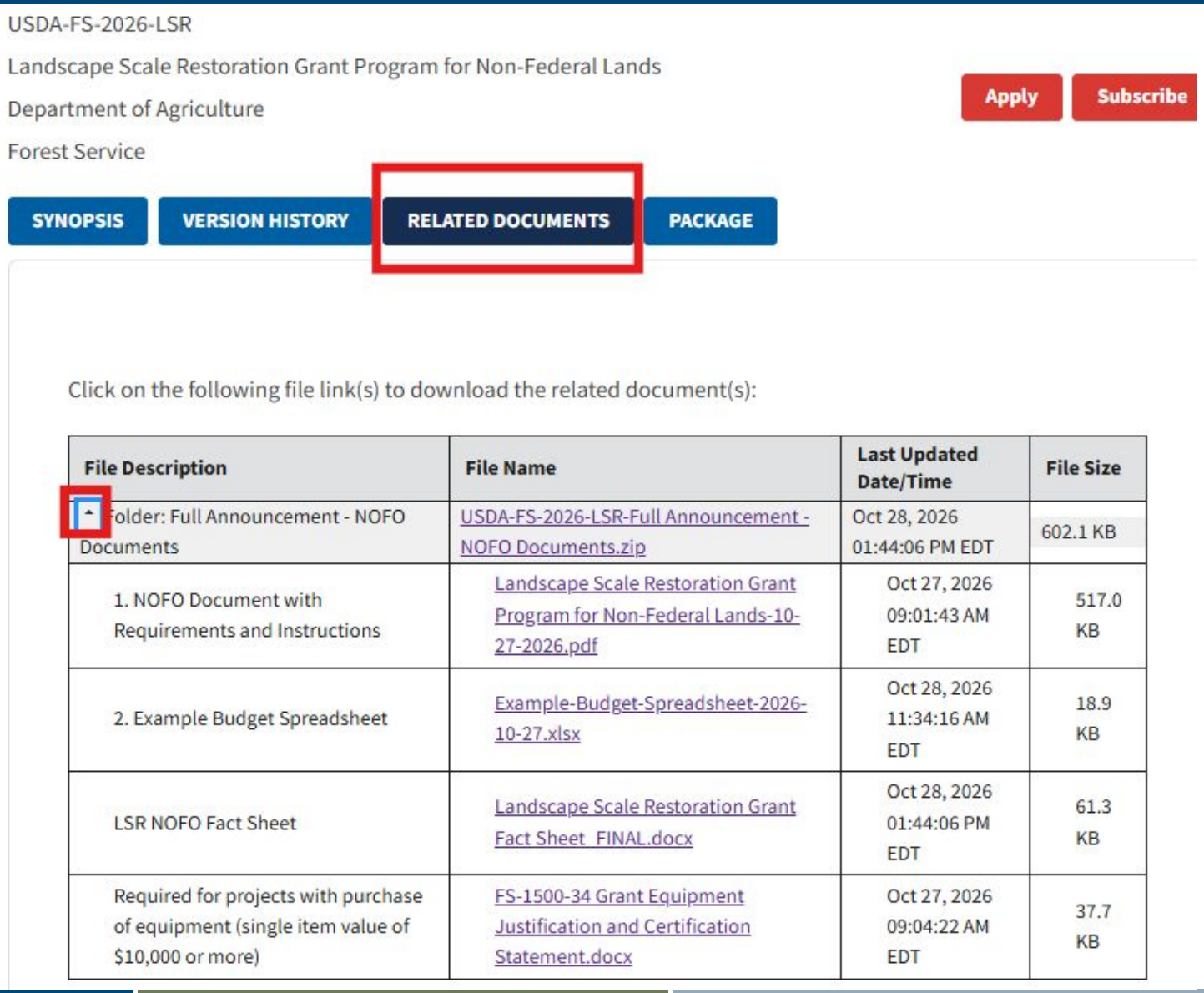
General Information

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-FS-2026-LSR
Funding Opportunity Title:	Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program for Non-Federal Lands
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Environment Natural Resources
Category Explanation:	For landscape restoration projects on rural non-industrial private forestland, and/or rural state or local government forest land.
Expected Number of Awards:	30
Assistance Listings:	10.742 -- Landscape-Scale Restoration
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes
Version:	Synopsis 20
Posted Date:	Oct 28, 2026
Last Updated Date:	Oct 28, 2026
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jan 26, 2027 Applications due in grants.gov 11:59 p.m. Eastern January 26, 2027. Note: By December 17, 2026 all applicants except federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations must submit the project narrative and budget to the relevant State Forester(s) for sponsorship consideration.
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jan 26, 2027 Applications due in grants.gov 11:59 p.m. Eastern January 26, 2027. Note: By December 17, 2026 all applicants except federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations must submit the project narrative and budget to the relevant State Forester(s) for sponsorship consideration.
Archive Date:	Mar 31, 2027
Estimated Total Program Funding:	$ 11,340,000
Award Ceiling:	$600,000
Award Floor:	$100,000

Related Documents Tab



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Click on the following file link(s) to download the related document(s):

File Description	File Name	Last Updated Date/Time	File Size
Folder: Full Announcement - NOFO Documents	USDA-FS-2026-LSR-Full Announcement - NOFO Documents.zip	Oct 28, 2026 01:44:06 PM EDT	602.1 KB
1. NOFO Document with Requirements and Instructions	Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program for Non-Federal Lands-10-27-2026.pdf	Oct 27, 2026 09:01:43 AM EDT	517.0 KB
2. Example Budget Spreadsheet	Example-Budget-Spreadsheet-2026-10-27.xlsx	Oct 28, 2026 11:34:16 AM EDT	18.9 KB
LSR NOFO Fact Sheet	Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Fact Sheet_FINAL.docx	Oct 28, 2026 01:44:06 PM EDT	61.3 KB
Required for projects with purchase of equipment (single item value of $10,000 or more)	FS-1500-34 Grant Equipment Justification and Certification Statement.docx	Oct 27, 2026 09:04:22 AM EDT	37.7 KB

Grants.gov Opportunity: Package

Opportunity Package Details

Agency Contact Information: See the Application Instructions for regional Forest Service contacts for LSR.
National Email Inbox: sm.fs.lsr@usda.gov

Who Can Apply: Organization Applicants

PACKAGE FORMS: Download Instructions

Mandatory Forms (Click to Preview)	Optional Forms (Click to Preview)
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) [V4.0] Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A) [V1.0] Attachments [V1.2]	

Timeline For FY2026

- Application period: **Now Open!**
- To receive a State Forester Sponsorship Letter the narrative and budget are due to state foresters by **December 17, 2026**
- Applications due in Grants.gov: 11:59 p.m. Eastern **January 26, 2027**

Tribal Process

- Tribes can work with states through this National NOFO
- Alternatively, there is a separate national tribal process for:
  - Federally recognized Tribes
  - Alaska Native Corporations and Villages
  - Tribal organizations as defined in 25 USC 5304 (l) are eligible to apply at the request of a federally recognized Tribe (requires a letter of support from the relevant Tribe)
- More information: https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/364145
- https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/landscape-scale-restoration

Multi-State Proposals

- Each state can apply for 5 additional multi-state proposals
  - Combined budget
  - Multistate limited to a $600,000 total
- All projects that the State would benefit from count towards the 5 multistate applications cap
- Non-state/island entities that would like to apply for a multi-state project should indicate so in their proposals to the relevant State/Pacific Island forestry agencies
- All applications, except those submitted by federally recognized Tribes, must include at least one State Forester sponsorship (letter or email from the State Forester) for any State(s) that would benefit directly from the outcomes of the project

Unallowable Costs

- Construction (buildings, roads, culverts, dams, ponds, major earthwork projects)
- Land acquisition projects, including conservation easements
- Cost-share, reimbursement, and other types of payments provided directly to private landowners
- Basic research
- Fencing
- Small business start-up funding
- All activities included as requested federal funds AND matching funds must meet the same requirements, so cannot be used for any of these unallowable costs. However, non-match leveraged funding (which is in addition to the 1:1 cost share) can be used for these costs and activities

Research Activities

- Research related activities are prohibited from being paid for with LSR grant funds
- Research, defined in 2 CFR § 422.1 as, “systematic study directed toward fuller knowledge or understanding of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and of observable facts without specific applications towards processes or products in mind”
- Partner can be a research entity
  - Contribution would need to clearly be labeled as non-match leverage
- For any research items, project description MUST explicitly outline the source as non-federal and they must not be used as match funds

Budget: Cost-Share/Match Requirement

- A 1:1 non-Federal match for all Federal grant funds requested from the non-Pacific Island grant recipients is required
- A 1:1 on funds received in excess of **$500,000** for territorial, flag islands, and freely associated states (listed out on pg 6 of NOFO)
- Match must be met using eligible and allowable costs and is subject to match requirements in Federal regulations
- In-kind match must be:
  - Verifiable from the non-Federal entity's records
  - Not included as contributions for any other Federal award
  - Necessary and reasonable for accomplishment of project or program objectives
  - Allowable under subpart E of 2 CFR part 200

Non-Match Leverage

- Funds beyond the matching requirement can be shown as non-match leveraged funding
- Non-match leveraged funding may include:
  - Construction
  - Research
  - Other activities that are not allowable under the LSR authority
- And/or may be funded by a source that does not meet the Federal match requirement but contributes to project objectives
- Applicants must maximize grant funding by using it to leverage contributions from non-Federal entities

Individual Award Funding

- Project Limits: a 15% cap per State/Pacific Island/Tribe
- $50,000 (for Pacific Island proposals) and $100,000 minimum for states
- Maximum $300,000 per single State/Island proposal and $600,000 for multistate/Island projects

Pacific Island Sub-Competition

- Successful Pacific Island projects of $200,000 or less per project will be funded via a Pacific Island sub-competition for up to a total project pool of $300,000
- When/if those funds are exhausted, any remaining Pacific Island proposals will compete in the larger Western competition with the other submissions for funding
- Any Pacific Island projects requesting funding greater than $200,000 will not be eligible for participation in the sub-competition and will compete within the larger Western LSR competition process

Funding Priorities

- Further a State Forest Action Plan or equivalent science-based restoration strategy
- Promote cross-boundary collaboration by their proximity to other land ownerships or inclusion of a combination of land ownership including Tribal, State, local government, and private lands
- Coordinate with or are in proximity to other complementary landscape scale efforts, e.g., Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, landscapes designated for insect and disease treatments, Good Neighbor Agreements, and Stewardship Agreements
- Coordinate with other relevant programs
- Leverage funding from multiple entities
    - Leverage includes the 1:1 cost share and non-match leveraged funding (in addition to the 1:1 cost share)

Application Requirements

- SF-424: Application for Federal Assistance (required)
- SF-424A: Budget Information (required)
- Project Narrative (required)
    - Formatting Note: 5 pages: 8.5 x 11, 0.5 in margins, & 11 pt font or larger
- Detailed Budget table/Spreadsheet - example provided in NOFO (required)
- State Forester Sponsorship Letter (required)
    - Contacts available at: National Association of State Foresters website
- Federal funds used for equipment purchases (required if applicable)
    - Submit FS 1500-34 Grant Equipment Justification and Certification Statement
- Procurement of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) (required if applicable)
- Project support letters or maps (optional)
- State indicated priority ranking (optional)

Project Narrative Requirements

- **Project Title:** (Descriptive)
- **Project Applicant**: Name of organization applying to receive funding
- **Project Contact**: Name, title, phone number, and email for the project/program (who will be the lead for implementing the project if funded)
- **Project Duration:** (1,2, or 3 yrs)

Brief Project Overview And Purpose Statement

- Up to 1,000 characters (including spaces), 5 points
- Brief purpose statement of project
- High-level overview of main goals, collaboration, boundaries, jurisdictions, amount of funds requested, and total project value, and the relation of SFAP/equivalent restoration strategy
- Directly tie your response to LSRs purpose statement “encourage collaborative, science-based restoration of priority landscapes”

Project Narrative Requirements Cont.

- Project Location: Brief list of towns, counties, and land ownership types for the on-the-ground outcomes
    - No GIS coordinates required this year
- Multistate or Cross Regional Project Status
    - If the project is a Multistate and/or cross regional project, indicate that.
    - List all states that are sponsoring/participating
- Partner Organizations: List all Partner organizations that will actively participate
    - Partners must have agreed to participate

Project Description/Goals and Objectives

- 5,500 characters, 20 points
- Provide a comprehensive but succinct description that includes:
    - Project goals, strategies, objectives:
    - The project natural resource values of importance and the threats to those values
    - The project area, land ownerships, and specific areas targeted (or how the specific areas will be identified as part of project implementation) and address the project's suitability as the most appropriate scale of response to the issue being addressed
    - Projects should effectively address the purpose statement: "To encourage collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes"
    - The on-the-ground activities to be completed with grant funds, match, and leveraged resources within three years of award or less, and the sources of these funds/resources

Project Description/Goals and Objectives Continued

- Context clearly identifies priority landscapes and issues that are the focus of the project
- Clearly explain goals and how they relate to the State Forest Action Plan or equivalent restoration strategy
- The need for treatment of the landscape is explained, and the goals of the project are clear and linked to the needs
- Achieve one or more of the Landscape Objective(s): See next slide

Landscape Objectives

- Projects shall address **one or more** of the objectives outlined below:
  - Reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires
  - Improve fish and wildlife habitats, including for threatened and endangered species
  - Maintain or improve water quality and watershed function
  - Mitigate invasive species, insect infestation, and disease
  - Improve important forest ecosystems
  - Measure ecological and economic benefits including air quality and soil quality and productivity

Activities and Budget

- 20 points
- Clearly describes with specificity the activities to be completed with LSR grant funds, match, and non-match leveraged resources
- All project expenditures are explicitly identified and linked to the activity, which should link the project goals and objective(s)
- The source of match and non-match leveraged funds is specified, and costs should be well detailed
- Projects that leverage match and non-match funding from multiple entities will be given priority. Include detailed budget for Federal funds, non-Federal match, and non-match leverage

Example Budget (Format Optional)

Budget Category	Description of How Funds Will Be Used for Each Relevant Category	Federal Funding to Applicant (Whole Dollars)
Personnel/ Labor:	1 forest health specialist @ $50/hr x 400 hrs = $20,000. 2 field technicians @ $25/hr x 480 hrs each = $24,000	$44,000
Fringe Benefits:	Fringe benefits calculated at 30% on personnel costs.	$13,200
Travel:	Travel for crew of 2 to perform silvicultural treatments estimated at 60 field days; per diem average expense $181/day, per person ($113 each day for lodging and $68 each day for meals).	$21,720
Equipment:[1]		$0
Supplies:	Field supplies including pruning clippers (10@$40/unit), chainsaws (2@ $250/unit), fuel for saws ($1,000), forestry flagging tape (40 rolls@ $10/unit) and personal protection equipment (helmets, chaps, eye and ear protection estimated at $770 total).	$3,070
Contractual:	Contract to University X for lab identification of forest diseases, estimate 100 samples at a cost of $46.50 per sample.	$4,650
Other:	Subaward to Cooperative Extension to provide technical assistance to 75 private landowners at a cost of $100 for each technical assistance visit.	$7,500
Total Direct Costs:		$94,140
Indirect Costs:	De minimis indirect @15% of Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC), which is 15% of $94,140.	$14,121
Total Fed. $:		$108,261

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Example Budget (Format Optional)

Budget Category	Description of How Funds Will Be Used for Each Relevant Category	Non-Fed. Match Contributed by Applicant [Name]	Non-Fed. Match Contributed by Financial Partner [type org. name if relevant]	Non-Fed. Match Contributed by Financial Partner 2 [type org. name if relevant]	Total
Personnel/ Labor:	5 Field Technicians for forest health surveys and collection of pest and disease samples @ $25/hr x 480 hrs each	$60,000	-	-	$60,000
Fringe Benefits:	Fringe benefits calculated at 30% on personnel costs.	$18,000	-	-	$18,000
Travel:	Travel for 1 person for 74 days of landowner technical assistance visits ($113 each day for lodging and $68 each day for meals = $181 per day for each person).	-	$13,394	-	$13,394
Equipment:		-	-	-	-
Supplies:	Supplies for 74 technical assistance visits with landowners, including for printing resource materials and maps ($300) and tablet for recording visits ($321).	-	$621		$621
Contractual:		-	-	-	-
Other:	Supporting communications via flyers and social media to reach private landowners provided by Cooperative Extension ($1,842). Use of field equipment at no cost provide by partner 2, including tractors and haulers ($14,406 based on rental cost of $277 a day for 52 days).	-	$1,842	$14,404	$16,246
Indirect Costs:		-	-	-	-
Total Match:		$78,000	$15,857	$14,404	$108,261

State Forest Action Plan Priorities and Integration

- 2,000 characters, 10 points
- Demonstrate how the objectives of the project will help further the priorities in the SFAP or equivalent restoration strategy and how the project will bring a state, region, or area to a desired future condition, goal, or strategy as articulated within SFAP or equivalent strategy
- Describe the need for the project and relates it to one or more significant priority landscapes, issues, or strategy as articulated in the SFAP
- Why the proposal is needed in that location and is supported by the best available science

Measurable Outcomes/Deliverables and Outcomes

- 3,000 characters, 25 points
- Clearly describe all planned deliverables and outcomes, how they relate to measurable science-based restoration of landscapes, and what metrics the applicant plans to use to measure progress towards these outcomes
- Each LSR project must accomplish at least one of the on-the-ground national quantitative measures and may include additional specific measurable results
- Proposed metrics must be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely
- The deliverables (specific target/result) and outcomes (impact of completing the project) clearly relate to a goal, strategy, or designed future conditions within the State Forest Action Plan or equivalent restoration strategy
- Each LSR project must accomplish at least one on-the-ground- national quanTitative measure and may include additional specific measurable results
- Successful projects will be required to measure progress towards their stated outcomes within the LaSR reporting system using the national quantitative measures

Quantitative Accomplishment Measures

- **Economic Benefit/Board Feet:** Board feet of logs/sawlogs produced that contribute to the forest products industry
- **Economic Benefit/Tons:** Tons of pulpwood or biomass produced that contribute to the forest products industry
- **Hazardous Fuels Management:** Acres treated to reduce or mitigate hazardous fuels including prescribed fire, thinning, and other actions that reduce hazardous fuels and mitigate fire risk
- **Invasive Plant/Weed Management:** Infested acres treated for invasive plants including chemical, mechanical, and biological actions that improve forest health conditions
    - This does not include acres surveyed for invasive plants
- **Insect and Disease Management:** Acres treated for insects and disease including through chemical, mechanical, and/or biological actions that improve forest health conditions

Quantitative Accomplishment Measures

- **Landowner Assistance:** Forest landowners reached through technical assistance and are known to have benefited in some significant and lasting way (e.g., developed or implemented a forest management activity or practice) from the LSR project through more than one interaction
  - This does not include landowners who simply attended a technical or training session without any follow-up or were spoken to only once, such as over the phone, with no follow-up
- **Stewardship/Forest Management Planning:** Acres under a new forest management plan
  - A forest management plan could include a Forest Stewardship Plan, Tribal forest management plan, CAP 106 plan, Tree Farm plan, tax abatement plan, or equivalent State forest management plan, watershed, or a landscape plan
  - If a landscape plan, the plan must focus on discrete/specific geography such as a watershed and not a statewide landscape level plan
- **Water Quality Enhancement/Acres:** Acres of trees and seedlings planted to improve water quality including planting to create riparian buffers, floodplain restoration, and other actions that enhance water quality/quantity

Quantitative Accomplishment Measures

- **Water Quality Enhancement/Number of Trees, Saplings, Seedlings:** Number of trees, saplings, and/or seedlings planted to improve water quality including riparian buffers, floodplain restoration, and stormwater management actions that are non-structural
  - In the measurable outcomes narrative section, specify size of trees planted and describe the plan for tree care to maximize survival
- **Water Quality Enhancement/Riparian Forests:** Miles of riparian forest treated to improve water quality including riparian buffer establishment or maintenance and other actions that enhance water quality
  - This does not include any structural enhancements or construction, e.g., culverts
- **Wildlife Habitat Enhancement/Acres:** Acres of forest treated to improve wildlife and fish habitat
  - Threatened and endangered species that will benefit from project activities should be included in the narrative accomplishments
- **Wildlife Habitat Enhancement/Miles:** Miles of riparian forest treated to improve wildlife and fish habitat
  - Threatened and endangered species that will benefit from project activities should be included in the narrative accomplishments

Collaboration/Crossboundary

- 2,000 characters, 10 points
- Identify partners that are actively engaged and add value towards project planning and implementation
- Describe how the project promotes cross-boundary collaboration
- Collaboration, both qualitative and quantitative, should be explained in detail, as well as any coordination with or proximity to other land ownerships
    - Including Tribal, State, local government, and/or private lands
- Detail coordination with other complementary landscape scale efforts e.g. Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, landscapes designated for insect and disease treatments, Good Neighbor Agreements, Stewardship Agreements, and any other relevant programs

Sustainability of Outcomes & Technical Transfer

- 2,000 characters, 10 points
- Provide rationale for how dollars invested and partnerships will sustain project outcomes into the future, beyond the project end date (e.g., enhanced skills or learning, replicability, etc.)
- Describe how the project results in knowledge and technical transfer and how others will learn from project implementation, including the project's potential to inform practitioners and enhance the effectiveness of similar initiatives

Strong Proposal Suggestions

- Follow instructions to the letter for each section
- Clear intent and content
- Readable organization and formatting
  - Bulleting
  - Specify acronyms and abbreviations before using it throughout the rest of your application
- Check Budget for math errors and other common budget issues
  - Match doesn’t meet 1:1 requirement
  - Totals in the detailed budget don’t match totals in the SF 424 or SF 424A

Contacts

- Reach out to your State/USDA Forest Service contacts
  - ID, NV, UT, MT, ND: Patrick Bridegam, patrick.a.bridegam@usda.gov
  - CO, KS, NE, SD, WY: Laura Wagner, laura.wagner@usda.gov
  - AZ, NM: Kathleen Moore, kathleen.moore@usda.gov
  - CA, HI, Pacific Islands: Jeremy Gooding, jeremy.gooding@usda.gov
  - OR, WA, AK: Karl Dalla Rosa, karl.dallarosa@usda.gov
  - National LSR inbox SM.FS.LSR@usda.gov

Project Selection

- Accepting applications now!
- State Forester Sponsorship letter: by **December 17**, 2026
- Final proposals due to Grants.gov by **January 26** at 11:59 p.m. Eastern

Resources

- https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/landscape-scale-restoration
- FY2026 NOFO
  - Example Budget Spreadsheet
  - LSR NOFO Fact Sheet
- National Webinar recording available here

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