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 three.

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