

Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

STATUS REPORT LCR MSCP GRANTS PROGRAMS WORKGROUP

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The LCR MSCP Grants Programs Workgroup met in Phoenix, Arizona on July 15, 2005. The workgroup discussed the charge from the Steering Committee to evaluate the potential for utilization of funds from various applicable environmental grant programs for activities associated with long-term implementation of the LCR MSCP.

Toward this end, the workgroup prepared an outline of a proposed process to evaluate the feasibility of identifying potential grant programs; identifying qualifying LCR MSCP projects, activities or needs; developing linkages with potential grant programs and LCR MSCP annual work plans and budgets; and preparing individual grant program applications.

The Workgroup identified the following tasks:

1. Develop a catalog of applicable grant programs that may be compatible with LCR MSCP implementation
 - a. Program Categories
 - i. Federal grants programs (e.g., USDA, USFWS, etc.)
 - ii. State grant programs (e.g., Arizona Water Protection Fund, California Wildlife Conservation Board, etc.)
 - iii. Other, or Non-Profit Grant Programs
 - b. Create an electronic Grants Programs Informational database
 - i. Program details
 - ii. Web addresses, contact information
 - iii. Grant program cycle and schedule
 - iv. Issues or potential impediments, benefits, etc.
2. Develop list of generals, and/or specific issues to identified for Steering Committee consideration and discussion
 - a. Mitigation credit issues
 - b. Financial contribution issues

3. Establish linkage with the USBR Fiscal Year 2006, 2007, and 2008 Work Plans and budget processes. The workgroup will need to work with Reclamation and Steering Committee participants to identify specific projects that could become the focus of specific grant program applications.
4. Schedule – The workgroup anticipates having the above referenced tasks completed by October 1, 2005; and intends to be ready to identify feasible grants programs and individual LCR MSCP projects or activities that would be scheduled for inclusion in the FY-2007 Work Plan and budget.

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