

**(FPMS) Interagency Call for Proposals  
Interagency Floodplain Management Services Opportunities  
April 12, 2018  
Q&A Session**

*An extra Planning CoP Webinar was held on 12 April to provide an overview of the FY19 Floodplain Management Services (FPMS) Interagency Call for Proposals which was sent in February. Beverly Hayes, FPMS Program Manager and Lisa Bourget, USACE Institute for Water Resources, discussed the goal of the call for proposals, which is to facilitate interagency flood risk management outcomes and leverage multiple agency resources and authorities. The proposals are due to MSCs by 22 May 2018 (Districts may specify an earlier date). Lisa and Beverly reviewed the process for proposal submission and evaluation, offered tips and cautions, provided select examples, and addressed questions. A portion of FY19 FPMS funding is apportioned to interagency work, which promotes participation by USACE staff in small efforts undertaken in conjunction with other partners in order to achieve flood risk management benefits that could not be achieved by any one party alone. The following resources may be useful to those preparing proposals: [Silver Jackets SharePoint site](#), the [February 2017 Special Edition Silver Jackets Newsletter](#), the [National Nonstructural Committee website](#), ["measurable benefits" prompts and examples](#), and [examples of interagency projects](#). In addition, Lisa and Beverly are available to answer questions via e-mail.*



*This summary of the Question / Answer session of the webinar is not a transcription; questions and responses have been edited and reordered for clarity.*

**If we list three or four partners on the proposal, is only one partner support template required? Or is one support template required from each agency listed on the proposal?**

Lisa: Regarding a separate letter, e-mail, or partner support template, only one is needed even if three or four partners are listed. On the actual proposal, you will list who you coordinated with and the date on which you coordinated with them, what role the partner will assume, and an estimate of the resources that partner will provide, either cash or in-kind.

**Regarding work in-kind, you used the example of "EPA having complementary goals." While partner efforts may not feed directly into the proposed project, if they have a complementary goal, can that be considered in-kind or leveraged efforts?**

Lisa: There needs to be a sufficient nexus in which partners are working collaboratively. If EPA has a particular goal it's trying to achieve and there is a way for the Corps to use EPA's expertise in a way that assists with flood risk reduction for non-federal partners, then the work can be counted as complementary. An example of an insufficient nexus would be if FEMA completed new mapping for a county several years ago and the work is being reflected as a collaborative effort. You would want to use and credit that work, but it's not a close enough nexus for it to be considered collaborative.

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**When will the call for proposals for traditional FPMS work be issued?**

Lisa: FPMS is a broad umbrella and there's both a base program element as well as the set aside for interagency nonstructural efforts.

Beverly: The FPMS basic services program includes special studies, quick responses, and unit services, among other services. We typically put out requests for information every year in June to get a sense of needs for the upcoming fiscal year and develop our next year ceiling based on that. We generally develop program funding ceilings in August or September, but that's not the only time you can receive funding for special studies. If you're in a District, talk to your Division FPMS point of contact about your needs and that person will contact me to get you in the queue for any funding that's remaining for this fiscal year. I do have FY17 prior year funding that I will be distributing this summer as well as a small amount of remaining FY18 funding that I would rather see used for projects than become carryover.

**What is the Headquarters strategy for balancing funding for FPMS traditional studies, Silver Jackets, and nonstructural studies given the potential overlap?**

Lisa: Silver Jackets has a funding stream dedicated to team coordination. Silver Jackets teams have access to the full reach of Corps assistance programs. The interagency nonstructural FPMS set aside is one of those programs and there is a natural alignment there given the interagency nature of a Silver Jackets team. However, FPMS is just one of the Corps' many programs.

Beverly: Silver Jackets teams' coordination efforts are currently funded under the USACE National Flood Risk Management Program. Within the context of FPMS, we have different blocks of funding dedicated to nonstructural studies, special studies, and other efforts. I depend upon you all to know the needs of your District and communicate them to me in order to satisfy your funding needs to the extent possible.