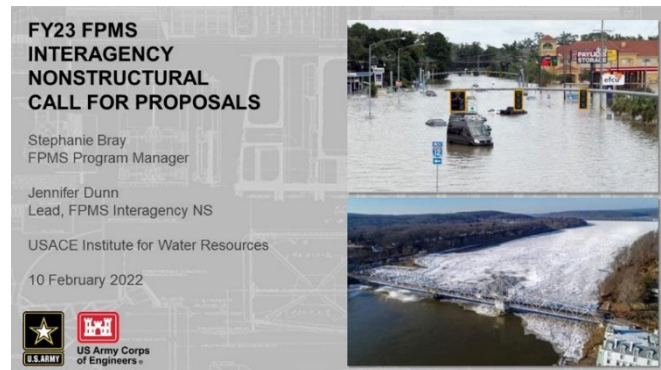


FY23 Floodplain Management Services (FPMS) Interagency Nonstructural Call for Proposals  
10 February 2022  
Q&A Session

*This webinar provided an overview of the FY23 [Floodplain Management Services \(FPMS\) Interagency Nonstructural Call for Proposals](#) and the types of activities and products that can be supported. The goal of the FPMS Interagency Nonstructural Call for Proposals is to facilitate interagency flood risk management outcomes through collaboratively leveraging multiple agency resources and authorities. Presenters Jennifer Dunn (FPMS Interagency Nonstructural Lead) and Stephanie Bray (FPMS Program Manager) provided a review of the process and schedule for proposal submission and evaluation, offered tips and cautions, reviewed select examples, and addressed questions.*



*FPMS Interagency Nonstructural Resources:*

- *FPMS Interagency Nonstructural Efforts [Factsheet](#)*
- *Call for FY23 FPMS Interagency Nonstructural Proposals [Announcement](#)*
- *Silver Jackets 8 February [webinar](#) for external partners*
- *Example FPMS Interagency Nonstructural efforts on the Silver Jackets [website](#)*

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

**What clarification can be provided to the field about when and how contracting can be used for a proposed FPMS Interagency Nonstructural effort, and how it differs from putting together a team under different USACE authorities?**

The intent of the FPMS authority and program is to provide *USACE technical expertise* at 100% federal cost to those who could normally not afford to partner with the agency. In general, contracting should not be turned to in cases where USACE lacks the expertise; rather, USACE should not be undertaking such projects at all based on the program authority.

When Districts do not have the capacity to carry out a proposed interagency nonstructural effort under FPMS, they should first look for assistance from others in their Division. If the capacity needed is still not available, the team should look across USACE to determine if there is capacity elsewhere (e.g., in other Divisions, Planning Centers of Expertise, etc.) before exploring contracting options.

**What are the parameters for the USACE team with respect to the non-federal partner's responsibility for product development?**

USACE employees may provide significant *assistance* to non-federal sponsors with their FPMS Interagency Nonstructural effort responsibilities, but USACE teams cannot take full responsibility for developing final products. This means that although USACE teams can provide support (e.g., for helping to pull together information and draft a plan), non-federal partners should be directly and actively involved throughout the process.

**How can USACE teams work with a non-federal partner that lacks funding to contribute to an FPMS Interagency Nonstructural effort?**

USACE PDTs should consider the partner's time spent actively working with USACE on the project including efforts like, provision of data, meeting participation, decision-making, and especially outreach.

Additionally, the USACE team should connect with other federal and non-federal partner agencies on the effort who may be able to bring other resources to the table. With the current Administration focus on disadvantaged communities, now is a good time to explore new programming and resources available across the federal family that may particularly benefit communities with limited funding and resources of their own. Silver Jackets teams are an excellent mechanism for connecting with other partner agencies.

**When should teams choose to use a different USACE study authority over the FPMS authority?**

FPMS is not intended to supplement any other USACE authority. If USACE has authority and funding to conduct activities under a different program, study teams must use those authorities to fund and complete the project.

**Are there any special considerations teams should take into consideration when working on an FPMS Interagency Nonstructural effort with Tribes?**

There are a few considerations USACE teams should keep in mind when working with Tribes:

1. Tribes are sovereign nations; thus, state participation is not required, nor can USACE insist on a state's participation. However, state participation in a project can be helpful, if there is interest.
2. USACE teams may also want to explore other USACE funding avenues available for working with Tribes, such as the Planning Assistance to States (PAS) program, which has a \$530,000 cost share waiver for Tribes.
3. USACE teams should fully consider the roles other federal partner agencies may play in a project, like the Bureau of Indian Affairs.