

Oregon's Federal Forest Health Program

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Coloring in the lines (for once)

- Problem/issue/opportunity you were trying to solve?
 - Pace & scale of restoration. Fire/insects don't respect property lines. Economic vitality is state.
- Existing way of operating not addressing it?
 - State yelling and throwing bricks. Federal funds not sufficient or incenting.
- What approach did you take? What worked as planned, and what didn't?
 - Partnership. Coordinated specific investments with USFS in collaboration, planning and layout
- What was difficult, or caused apprehension?
 - State funds; Federal responsibility. ODF less trusted entity than USFS.
- If you had the chance to do it again, would you? Anything different?
 - We are. 2nd round similar to first. Still learning. Will be doing things differently!
- Specific factors that allowed it?
 - Funding, collaborative engagement, USFS partner/innovators
- ONE piece of advice to your peers, what would it be?
 - Transparency, co-create, trust your USFS partners to identify innovation

From whence it came

- 2009 Federal Forest Advisory Committee Report
 - Called for State action, including state funds
 - Identified collaboration as a path forward
- Co-funded Forest Restoration Economic Analysis (2012)
 - \$1 invested in prevention, saves \$1.45 in suppression
 - 6:1 return on investment for local & state economies
- Prioritized in Gov Kitzhaber's 2013-2015 budget
 - \$2.88 million in ODFs budget
- FFWG continues: supports collaboratives & informs ODF program

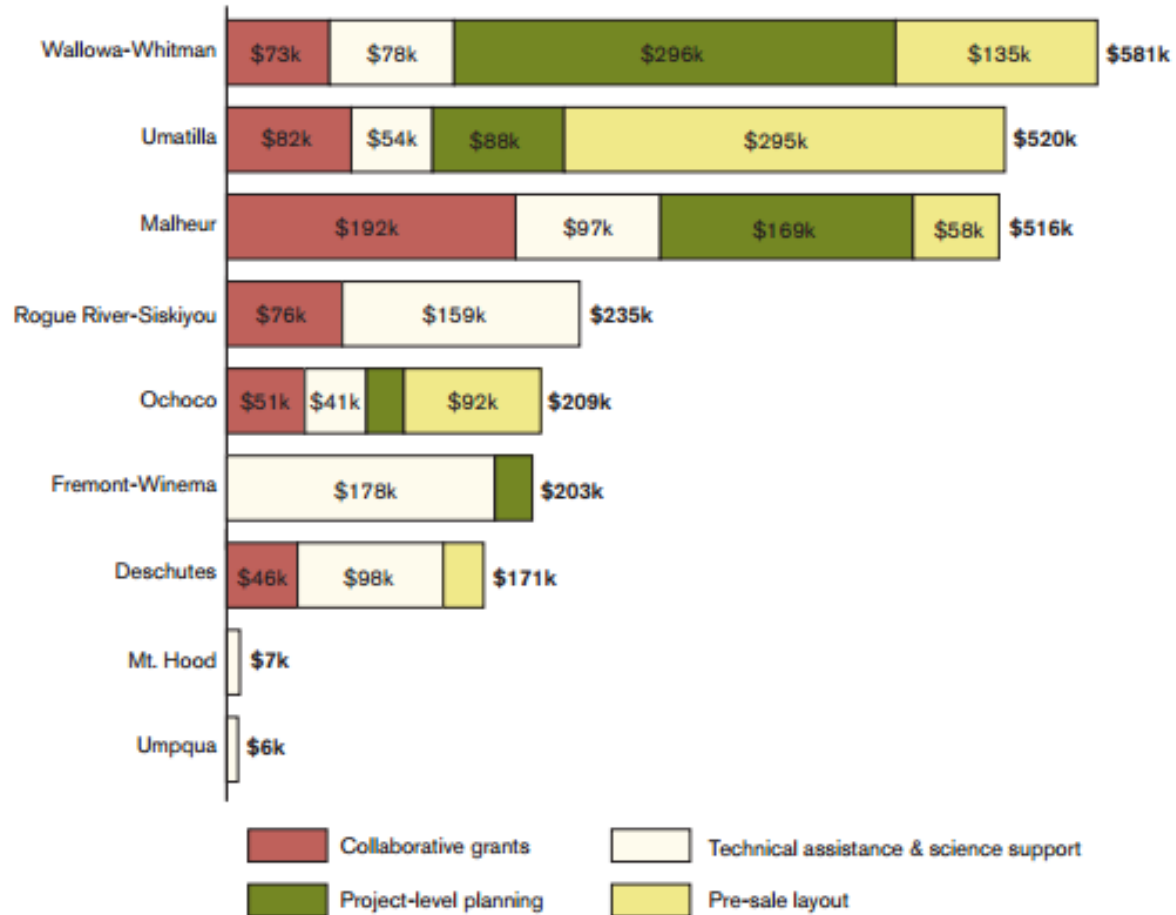
Version 1.0

- 2013-2015 biennium - \$2.88 million
 - “Dry forests” of eastern & SW Oregon
 - USFS only
 - Focus in Blue Mountains
- Staffed with existing positions at ODF; ie. no overhead
 - Relied on lead partner at USFS (Bill Aney)
- Driving assumption:
 - Significant uptick needed on social license & NEPA shelf stock
 - Not focused on actual treatment implementation
- USFS “match”: \$10 million

Program Components

- Three Program components of initial FFH
 1. Collaborative Grants (SCALE) – focused on project development
 2. Technical Assistance and Science Support (SCALE)
 - Master Agreements with four service providers:
 - The Nature Conservancy, Sustainable Northwest, UO – Ecosystem Workforce Program & Ecotrust
 3. State-Federal Implementation Partnership (PACE)
 - Planning and pre-sale activities
 - Examples:
 - Planning: LiDAR acquisition, botany surveys, heritage data/protocol,
 - Pre-sale: unit layout, property line surveying

Figure 6 Oregon Department of Forestry Federal Forest Health Program funding by national forest, 2013–2015



Onward!

- Legislative success
 - We didn't have to work it that hard – our partners did it!
- \$5 million for 2015-2017
- Key differences:
 - Statewide scope
 - More legislative direction on funding for components
 - Collaborative Support = \$1.3 million
 - State-Federal Implementation Partnership = \$3.3 million
 - ODF Position authority: total 7.64 FTE
 - 4 full-time + seasonal extensions
 - Includes “District Coordinators” in each EOA District

Version 2.0

- Three Program components of initial FFH

1. Collaborative Grants
 - a. Project Development
 - b. *****NEW***** Collaborative Planning

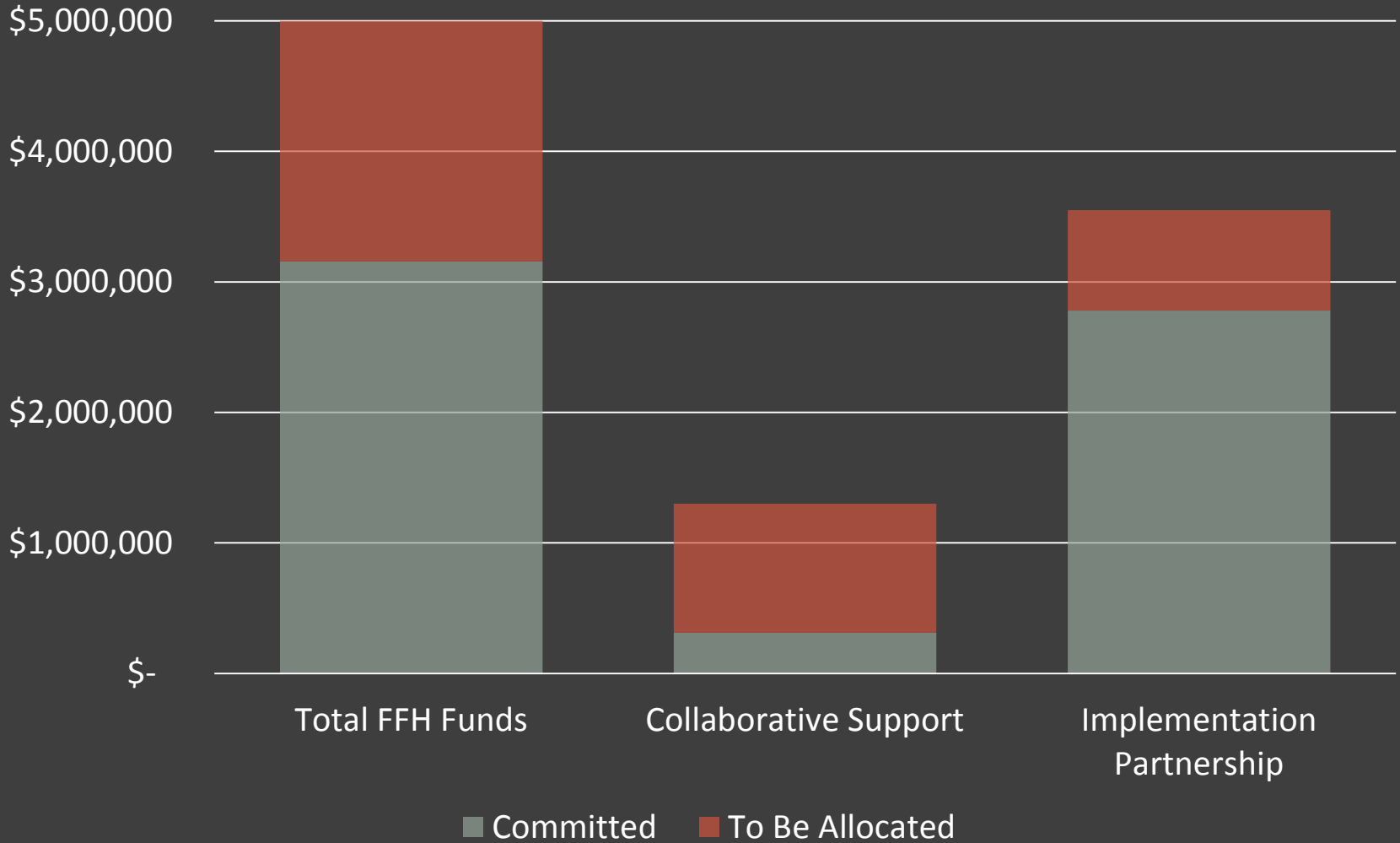
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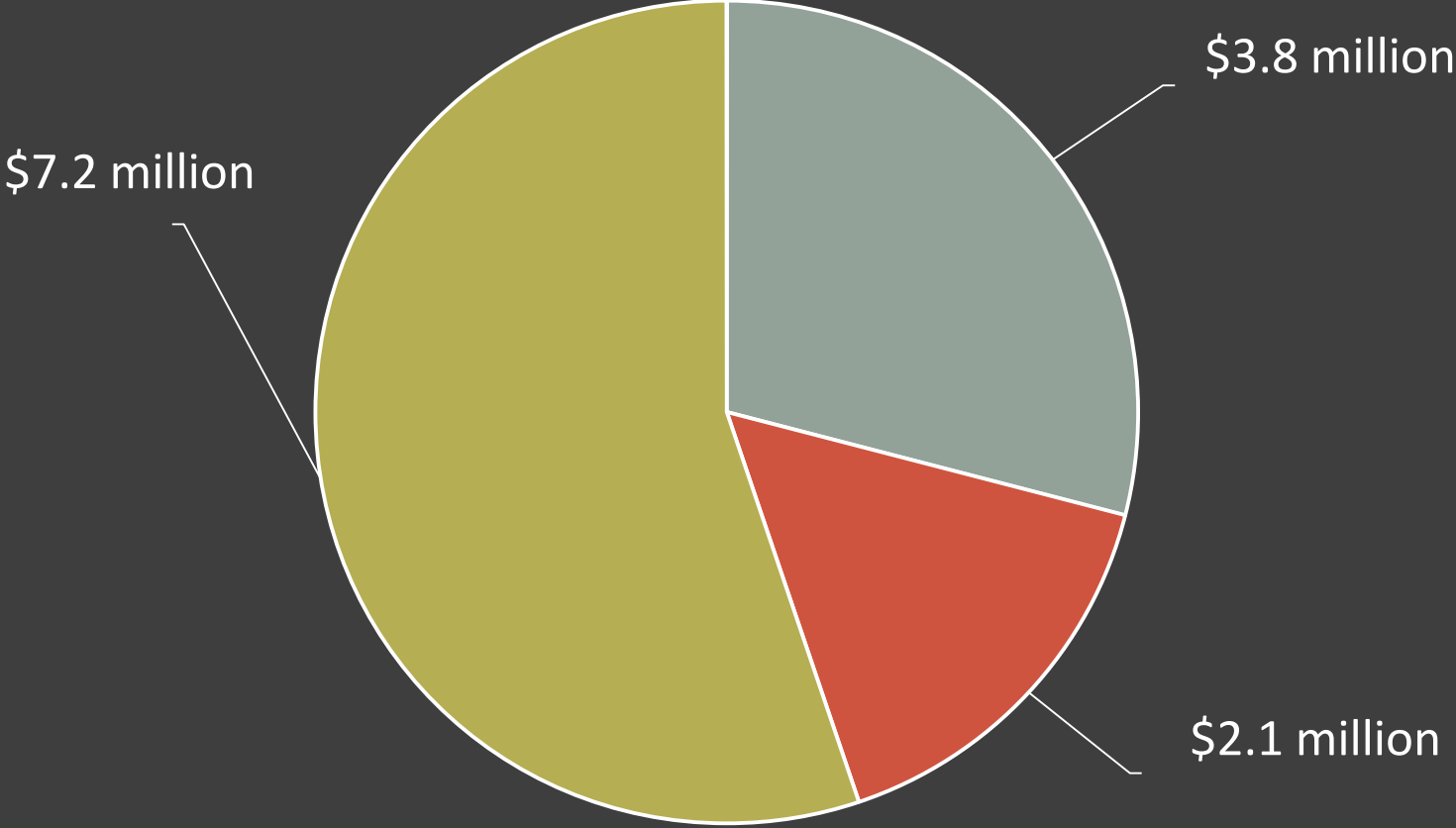
**Collaborative
Support
(SCALE & QUALITY)**

3. State-Federal Implementation Partnership **(PACE & QUALITY)**
 - Call for Projects
 - 71 submissions, totaling \$13.2 million

FEDERAL FOREST HEALTH PROGRAM COMMITTED FUNDS, '15-17 BIENNIUM

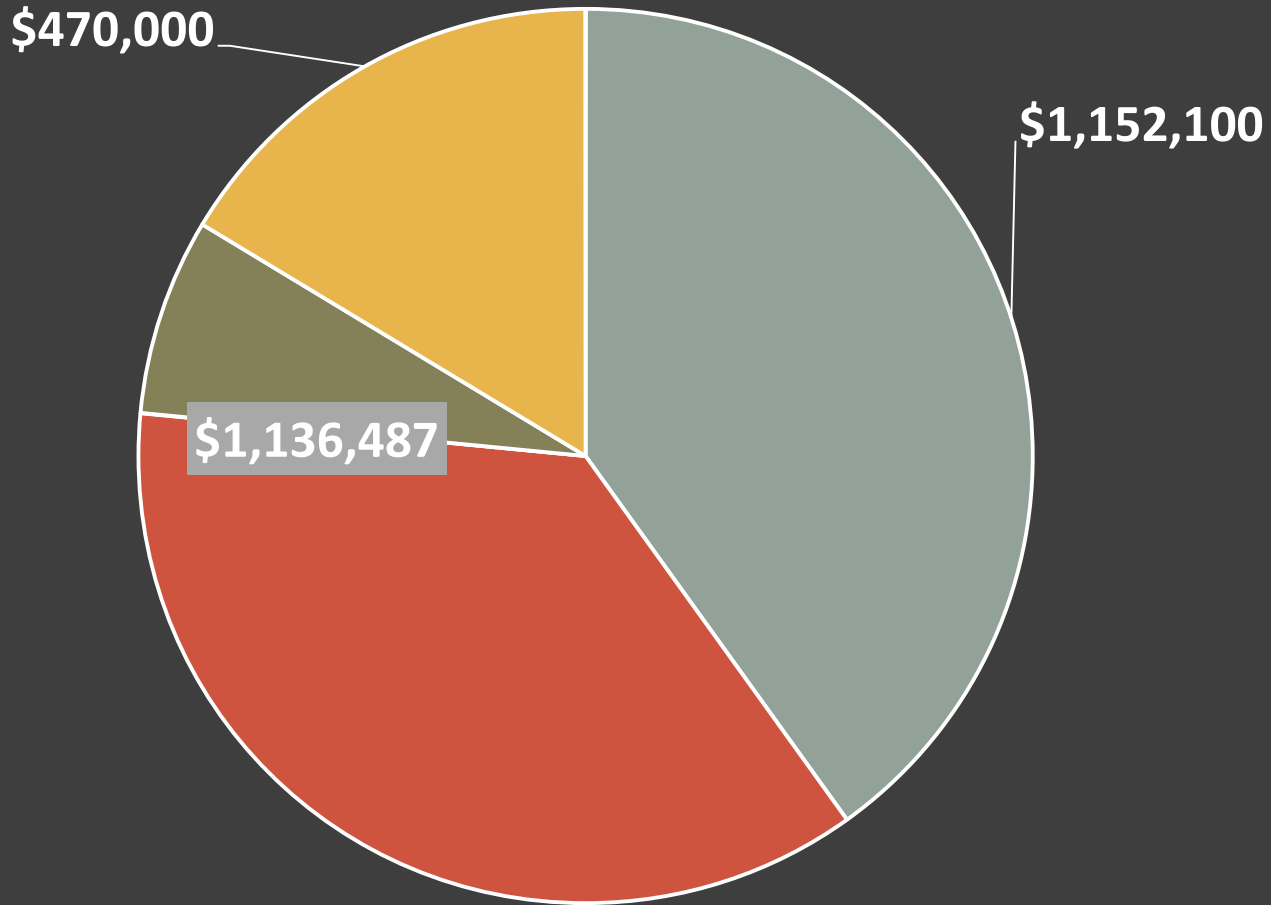


SFIP Submissions by Project Type



□ Planning □ Prep □ Treatments

SFIP Initial Projects



□ Planning □ Presale □ Treatments □ Fall 15 layout □ ROUND 2

A new ODF program

- Core business statement:
 - Accelerate the pace, scale and quality of forest restoration to increase the resilience of Oregon's federal forests, in a manner that leverages collaborative efforts and contributes to the long-term vitality of regional economies and rural communities.
- Program principles:
 - Partnership-oriented
 - Transparent decision making
 - Flexible and adaptable
 - Increase system capacity
 - Measurable metrics
- A home for Good Neighbor Authority projects



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