

External Funding Workshop
Pre-workshop Assignment: Estimated Assessment

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Quick assessment of recent/current external funding sources: strengths and weaknesses in accessing external funding sources. *This should be your perception.* You are not expected to mine your agency data for accurate statistics!

Deadline: ~~January 16, 2009~~ extended to January 30th

Provide completed form to: Judy Geniac via email (jgeniac@fs.fed.us) or by fax (303/275-5756)

Name (workshop participant): _____

Partnership Strengths & Weaknesses

Increasing internal capacity through the use of volunteer expertise or externally funded students at various levels (Underline those that your agency seeks annually):

Students getting BA, Master, PhD; Post-docs, professor, professional sabbatical, retiree, non-profit volunteers

Do you utilize those you have identified? (Y/N) _____

Do you have an “association” or other non-profit that raises funds for your agency or state? (Y/N) _____

Which fields of interest (e.g., fire, invasives, alternative energy) are addressed in-part through partnerships?

Which fields of interest need more focus, either expansion or establishment of partnerships?

Rate the following within a range of 0-10 (0 = we don't do, 1 = minimal success, 10 = highly successful).

Developing employee skills to increase partnership effectiveness (and leverage)

_____ Knowledge and use of partnership/collaboration training sources

_____ Knowledge and use of collaboration assistance (organizations)

_____ Knowledge and use of the breadth of external funding resources

_____ Other (please specify)

_____ Collaboration skills of staff

_____ Increasing leverage of existing partnerships

_____ Grabbing partnership opportunities as they come by

Please note (check) average level of importance of majority of such opportunities ... relative to the agency's priorities:

_____ High _____ Medium _____ Low

_____ Grant writing (success rate in receiving the grants you apply for)

_____ Conveying opportunities to prospective partners

_____ Finding partners with common goals

_____ Building new partnerships in priority areas

_____ Diversifying funding portfolio (i.e., have different types of external funding sources)

_____ Awareness of organizations in your state focused on philanthropy

_____ Awareness of national organizations focused on philanthropy

_____ Access to grant databases (to search for “best match” grants)

_____ Access to other grant information

_____ Access to grant writers

_____ Assisting partners in writing/seeking grants

_____ External funding strategy development & follow-through

Capitalizing on past partnership success

_____ Celebrating achievements

_____ Publicizing achievements

_____ Utilizing past achievements to access future funding

_____ Other (please specify)

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Funding Assessment

Of the **State Forest Service budget**, what percentage is external funding (including grants from the USDA Forest Service) _____%

Recent history of external funding for your agency (assign estimated percentages).

Source	% of Total (should add to 100%)	How much is in-kind*? (Most • Half • Little)	Please add any comments, concerns, ideas you have regarding the source
Federal – USDA FS			
Federal – other than FS (NRCS, FEMA, DOE, BLM, other – please specify)			
Other State Agencies (Please Specify)			
Local Governments			
Foundations (Grants)			
Other non-profits			
Corporate philanthropy (If done so via grants, please note)			
Fees for Service (charged by your agency)			
Other (Please specify)			
Total			

* For “in-kind,” include volunteer time, equipment, and other donated items.

Most • Half • Little