

# Application for Title II Funds, 2011, Bureau of Land Management, Eugene District:

**(Applications are due by Monday, August 15, 2011)**

## Background

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program (H.R. 1424, Sec. 601) provides Federal funds to counties that traditionally have been supported by timber payments. These payments make up for the loss in timber payments caused by the dramatic decline in timber harvest on Federal lands that occurred in the 1990s. Title I of the Act makes the majority of the funds (approximately 85 percent) available to counties to support schools and infrastructure. Titles II and III make funds available for a variety of activities that benefit Federal lands and resources in the benefiting county. Title III funds are managed by county governments and are available to organizations for a variety of activities including search and rescue on Federal lands and wildfire prevention planning. For more information on Title III funds contact the Lane and/or Linn County Commissioners' Office.

Title II funds are managed by Federal agencies. However, a resource advisory committee, made up of local citizens, recommends how the funds will be spent. The Act defines a wide variety of activities that can be accomplished with Title II funds. In addition, it does not limit project applicants to federal agencies such as the BLM. Any individual or organization can submit an application. However, the project must benefit Federal lands or resources. The Act defines the purposes of Title II funds as follows:

1. To make additional investments in, and create additional employment opportunities through projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restore and improve land health and water quality. Such projects shall enjoy broad-based support with objectives that may include, but are not limited to:
  - Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration
  - Soil productivity improvement
  - Improvements in forest ecosystem health
  - Watershed restoration and maintenance
  - Restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat
  - Control of noxious and exotic weeds
  - Reestablishment of native species
2. To improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for Federal lands and the agencies that manage these lands.

The Act further encourages the BLM to work with a variety of partners to accomplish projects:

Project funds may be used by the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of entering into and implementing cooperative agreements with willing Federal agencies, State and local governments, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners for protection, restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, and other resource objectives consistent with the purpose of this title on Federal land and on non-federal land where projects would benefit these resources on Federal land.

### Application Due Date & Submittal Process

The application instructions are included below in this document. **Applications are due by Monday, August 15th, 2011.** The application forms are available at the Eugene BLM District Office, or by requesting one via e-mail ([pjohnston@blm.gov](mailto:pjohnston@blm.gov)). Submit applications to Patricia K. Johnston at the following address:

Mailing Address: Bureau of Land Management  
Attention: Patricia K. Johnston  
P.O. Box 10226  
Eugene, Oregon 97440

Or Drop Off at: Bureau of Land Management  
Attention: Patricia K. Johnston  
3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite E  
Springfield, Oregon 97477

Phone: (541) 683-6181  
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If you have questions, please contact Patricia K. Johnston at the address or number listed above.

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## Instructions for Application

You can submit the application either as a hard copy or digital document. However, we prefer digital documents (MS Word). The following numbers correspond to the blocks in the application:

1. Enter the project name.
2. Enter the name of the County in which the project will occur.
3. Enter the name of the organization(s) sponsoring the project.
4. Enter the date the application was completed
5. Enter the sponsor's phone number.
6. Enter the sponsor's e-mail address.
7. Location
  - a. Describe the location of the project in relation to other commonly known locations, such as a river, stream, town, or highway.
  - b. Enter the sub-basin (4<sup>th</sup> field) name.
  - c. Enter the watershed (5<sup>th</sup> field) name.
  - d. Enter the legal description of the project location in terms of Township, Range, and Section; you don't need to enter this specific information if the project occurs over a wide area.
  - e. Enter the name of the BLM District in which the project will occur.
  - f. Indicate whether or not State, private, or other types of lands are involved in the project.
8. Describe the purpose of the project. Be specific yet concise. In this section, explain why the project is important and how it will improve Federal resources and/or infrastructure. List specific *goals* and *objectives*. Limit this section 250 words or less.
9. Describe the how the project will be accomplished and how its goals and objectives will be met. If applicable, include details that will help the reviewers understand the technical merit of the project (e.g. what guidelines were used for design).
10. Explain how the project will improve cooperative relationships among the people that use Federal lands. This is a very important aspect of the legislation.
11. Build upon the previous explanations (blocks 8, 9, 10) to demonstrate how this benefits communities and serves the public.
12. If the project is on private lands, explain how it will benefit Federal lands. For example, if it is a stream improvement project, explain how improving this stream will benefit stream nearby stream reaches on Federal land or how it will benefit a whole stream system. Be as specific as possible.
13. Coordination
  - a. Indicate whether or not this project is coordinated with other projects on adjacent land. For example, if it is a weed eradication project, will it be coordinated with complementary projects on adjacent non-Federal lands?
  - b. Indicate whether or not you are seeking funds for this project from other Resource Advisory Committees and, if so, how the funds will be combined.
14. Specify who will accomplish this project. Check more than one box if applicable.
15. Describe when the project will start, when significant milestones will be reached (if any), and when the project will be completed.
16. (a. through g.) List all measures of accomplishment for the project. For example, a culvert replacement would be listed as one structure and would benefit a certain number of miles of stream. In addition, it would provide a certain number of laborer days.

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17. Indicate whether or not the project will generate a substantial amount of merchantable materials. This is generally in the form of timber but other merchantable materials could be included.
18. Indicate how the project meets the purpose of the legislation. Check at least one box.
19. Indicate the appropriate project type. Check up to three that apply most strongly.
20. Status of the project planning
  - a. Indicate whether or not NEPA is complete. In not, provide an estimated completion date. All projects that use Title II funding must undergo environment analysis according to NEPA (National Environmental Planning Act). Contact the BLM to learn more about this.
  - b. Indicate whether or not Consultation under the Endangered Species Act is complete. Contact the BLM if you are unsure how this requirement applies to your project.
  - c. Indicate whether or not in-stream work permits have been obtained from the Division of State Lands. Contact the BLM if you are unsure how this requirement applies to your project.
  - d. Indicate whether or not Wetland fill/removal permits have been obtained from the Division of State Lands and the Army Corps of Engineers. Contact the BLM if you are unsure how this requirement applies to your project.
  - e. Indicate whether or not concurrence has been received for this project from a State Historic Preservation Officer. Contact the BLM if you are unsure how this requirement applies to your project.
  - f. Indicate whether or not a project design has been competed.
  - g. If any of the above requirements have not been completed provide a thorough description of how they will be completed, who will do the work, and when it will be completed.
21. List the total amount of Title II funds being requested. In Table 1 enter all amounts that apply. Include the detailed budget sheet (provided) as an attachment.
22. Use this section to identify additional sources of funding or explain anything about the budget that might not be clear simply from the information supplied in Table 1.
23. Monitoring Plan
  - a. Describe how the project will be monitored and by whom.
  - b. Explain as well as possible how you will determine the contribution the project will make to local employment and/or training opportunities. This is often difficult to estimate but is required by the legislation. List who will be responsible for gathering this information.
  - c. If the project involves the removal of products from Federal lands, indicate how the benefits will be measured. List who will be responsible for gathering this information.
24. Describe the supporting documentation used to guide the development of the project. Demonstrate how the project is based broader strategies or objectives.
25. List the key people responsible for this project.
26. If applicable, attach a map and/or photograph of the project. Limit the maps to one page (8.5 x 11) and the photographs to one page (also 8.5 x 11). Incorporate both into the document. The map should show the project location in relation to roads, streams, and BLM ownership. The photograph(s) should show key aspects of project and should be accompanied by a *descriptive* caption. Incorporate maps or photos into the application (MS Word document) if possible.
27. Attach the additional detailed budget sheet. It can be submitted as a separate document or incorporated as part of the application.