

APPENDIX 2: AGENCY FUNDING DETAILS

Department of the Interior

Funding from the Department of the Interior (DOI) can only be awarded to state government agencies, territories of the United States, and federally recognized Indian Tribal governments for implementing voluntary ecosystem restoration projects on public and private land, with a priority for cross-boundary projects. Other entities are encouraged to partner with states, territories, and federally recognized Indian Tribal governments as subrecipients of a larger project they submit. Approximately, \$102 million of DOI funding will be made available to support projects that advance the goals of this RFP and align with existing or developing landscape or species conservation plan.

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense (DOD) is providing \$5 million to fund projects that support the goals of an existing or emerging **Sentinel Landscape**, advance conservation goals in the Pacific, or address installation-level off-base species, habitat goals, and climate resilience. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2684a(h), this funding may be counted as “non-federal” matching funds for the other federal programs in the ATBC grants. Projects must meet the requirements of this RFP and propose a project ***in the vicinity of, or ecologically related to***, a military installation or military airspace, and/or to maintain or enhance the climate resilience of one or more military installations. DOD funds **cannot** be used to support projects directly on military lands (i.e., “inside the fence line” of the DOD installation or range). The proposal narrative should clearly describe the encroachment challenges, environmental hazards, or resource concerns that threaten the military mission, the conservation or nature-based solution proposed to address those threats, and how the project will maintain and improve military resilience and directly benefit defense mission capabilities of the DOD installation or landscape the project is associated with. **For the pre-proposal**, applicants should provide the contact information (name, organization, email, and phone number) of the installation personnel who are part of the project team and support the proposed project efforts. **For the full proposal**, applicants will be required to upload an endorsement letter from the lead Military Service, such as the installation commanding officer, to affirm support for the proposed activities. This endorsement letter also signifies that the lead Military Service accepts all necessary environmental compliance oversight responsibilities, including those under the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Endangered Species Act. If there are multiple Military Services benefitting from the project, applicants should work with all Military Service representatives involved to determine one lead Military Service and identify the lead Military Service in their application. Applicants who have questions regarding the Sentinel Landscapes Grants may contact the REPI Office at osd.repi@mail.mil.

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is providing at least \$10 million to advance the goals of Challenge program. This funding will support collaborative-based landscape-scale restoration projects on National Forest System lands to achieve the restoration of a forest ecosystem through the removal of vegetation, the use of prescribed fire, or the decommissioning of an unauthorized, temporary, or system road. Projects must be carried out in accordance with a water source protection plan as developed under section 303(d)(1) of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 or a watershed restoration action plan developed under section 304(a)(3) of HFRA of 2003. Applicants should discuss their project with the National Forest Unit in which the project will be implemented prior to submission and obtain a letter of support if possible.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing \$2 million of technical assistance funding through this RFP to support outreach and engagement with private landowners to advance voluntary conservation efforts on working lands that align with NRCS Working Lands for Wildlife frameworks or initiatives, and especially increase Working Lands for Wildlife participation among farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners in the Historically Underserved and Special Emphasis categories. NRCS is also committed to aligning additional financial assistance funds through its state offices to projects that advance the goals of the America the Beautiful Challenge. Applications involving private lands should be shared with the appropriate NRCS State Conservationist for input, guidance, and to ensure alignment with NRCS priorities before submission. A list of NRCS state contacts can be found [here](#). The historically underserved farmer and rancher categories include those with limited resources, beginning farmers/ranchers, socially disadvantaged (American Indians or Alaska Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics) and veterans. More information on the underserved categories can be found [here](#). The special emphasis categories are American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian American, Black, Disability, Women, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Hispanic, and Veterans. More information on the special emphasis categories can be found [here](#).