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Subject: Clarification on Partnership Agreements with Multiple Fund Types

To: Deputy Chiefs, Regional Foresters, Station Directors, and Grants and Agreements Directors

Recent National Leadership Council discussions and input from the field have highlighted the need for clarity on partnership agreements with multiple fund types. The Executive Leadership Team (ELT) has identified immediate and near-term solutions so units can move forward immediately with obligating fundings and accomplishing mission critical work with partners.

Please follow the guidance below:

1. For project agreements on any of the 10 priority landscapes, there will be a single Assistance Listing number: 10.724 IJA National Priority Large Landscapes. Agreements using only this number can include multiple funding sources such as Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and regular appropriations. We understand this will limit corporate tracking and reporting capabilities. We ask units to anticipate data requests and carefully track funds against each obligation in the agreement using detailed financial planning and invoicing.
2. For all new projects that are not in the 10 priority landscapes, for the time being, we will use one agreement per funding type with the nine Assistance Listings numbers that were previously set up for BIL funding.
3. At this time, BIL funding *cannot be added* to existing non-BIL agreements, even if they are agreements for work in the 10 landscapes.

The ELT has decided to enhance Natural Resources Management (NRM) to allow multiple Assistance Listings numbers and multiple funding sources on a single new agreement, and to continue this enhancement in the NRM Grants and Agreements modernization updates the agency is developing. We expect completion of this enhancement in four months and will inform the National Leadership Council as things progress.

I want to thank you for your continued leadership in improving our partner relationships to accomplish our mission. If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Mark Green, Associate Deputy Chief for Business Operations, at mark.d.green@usda.gov.



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Enclosure
Match and Substantial Cash Contributions Policy Changes letter dated July 22, 2022