

Analysis

Department of State Lands

South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Facilities Improvement

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of State Lands to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in the amount of \$154,000 for facilities improvements at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Analysis: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a request for proposals under the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS), Land Acquisition and Construction Program for the 2019 federal fiscal year in October 2018. The South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR) has completed its proposal and intends to submit the grant application by February 8, 2019, the deadline for application submittal.

The proposed use of funding includes the expansion of a fenced maintenance yard compound and the building of a new pole barn within the fenced area to store watercraft, including newly donated canoes and kayaks. The funding will also be used to repair or replace siding on the existing maintenance building and for the construction of a concrete RV pad for use by onsite volunteers. A 30% local matching funds requirement will be fulfilled using in-kind budgeted expenditures, donations, and volunteer labor.

Should SSNERR be awarded the grant funding, the agency intends to seek Federal Funds expenditure limitation in the upcoming biennium.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation: Approve the request.

Department of State Lands Pearson

Request: Authorization to apply for a grant totaling \$154,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Construction and Acquisition grants for the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve.

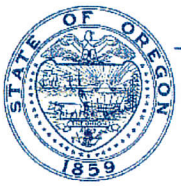
Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Department of State Lands (DSL) is requesting authorization to apply for a Construction and Acquisition grant for a project at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR), which is south of Charleston in Coos County. The notice of grant availability was posted in October 2018. The decision to apply for the grant was made on January 25, 2019 after learning the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology cannot participate in the project. The deadline for applications is February 8, 2019.

If successful, the grant would be used for projects at the SSNERR maintenance compound, which lies in the southwest portion of the reserve. The 2017-22 SSNERR Management Plan identified 10 maintenance needs including updating and/or replacing watercraft as needed. Two of the projects have been completed and three are underway, allowing for the proposed projects at the maintenance compound. The Federal Funds would be used as follows:

- New pole barn for securing and protecting donated canoes (\$50,000)
- Replace existing siding on a maintenance building (\$43,000)
- Clear land and apply gravel around maintenance yard (\$33,000)
- Expand fencing and replace gates (\$18,000)
- Install utilities and gravel for recreational vehicle pad at the onsite volunteer housing (\$10,000)

The grant requires a 30 percent match (\$66,000), which will be met through existing budgeted expenditures and donations. The Department will receive the Federal Funds on a reimbursement basis.



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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The purpose of this letter is to seek authorization from the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for the Department of State Lands (Department) and the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (Reserve) to apply to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Federal Grant: National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) Land Acquisition and Construction Program for Fiscal Year 2019. The amount of the grant request is \$154,000. This amount will include expansion at the maintenance compound which will add a building for watercraft storage for additional security, new siding, new fencing and motorized gates and addition of a RV pad for onsite volunteer housing.

Agency Action

The call for proposals was issued on October 22, 2018. The Reserve has a construction and fiscal proposal planned and next steps are pending this funding opportunity. The deadline for the grant application is February 8, 2019 and, if awarded, funds will be available July 1, 2019.

Background

The South Slough NERR (Reserve) is requesting an \$154,000 grant from NOAA for the update of facilities which would include expanded security and storage for watercraft at the maintenance compound, siding for the maintenance building and the addition of a RV pad for volunteer housing which will provide onsite security.

Facility sustainability in planning, updates and security are part of the SSNERR Management plan for 2017-2022. This project will include work involving one of our primary sites – South Slough maintenance compound. The primary reason for these enhancements is due major security issues that we deal with regularly and the need to protect South Slough equipment and assets.

The required match of \$66,000 would be supported by indirect administrative costs, staff salaries, donations from the Friends of South Slough and in-kind contributions by volunteers. The Department will need to seek federal fund limitation from the May 2019 Emergency Board, if the grant is awarded.

Action Requested

The Department and Reserve request that the Committee provide approval for the application for federal grant monies from NOAA in the amount of \$154,000.

Thank you for your interest and assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Straight at 503-986-5227.

Sincerely,



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