Grant Writing: The Big Picture

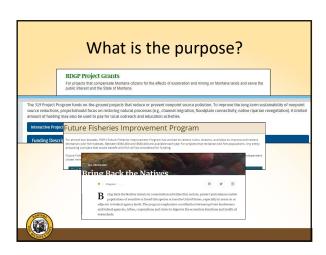
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Start with the basics Each grant program is trying to accomplish something THINK RIG



What is the purpose? 319 Purpose: reduce or prevent nonpoint source pollution Focus on restoring natural processes, some funding for local Future Fisheries Purpose: restore essential habitats for Montana's wild fish Must benefit wild fish, emphasis on natives and mineral reclamation

Where does your project fit?

- Record why and how your project meets the purpose of the program
 - Keep it somewhere handy
 - Reference that often

outreach and education

activities

 Don't just answer the questions off the top of your head



Plan for expertise

- Don't know how the project could improve fish habitat?
- Don't know the best way to address nonpoint source or water quality goals?
- Unsure about the AIS priorities and why your work will help?
- What makes a project a "crucial state need?"
- Ask (early). Find experts. Collaborate.



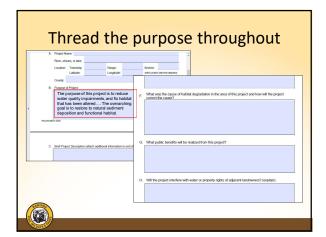
Thread the purpose throughout

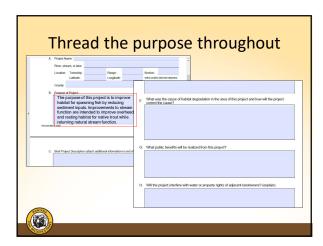
- Many application questions are set up to mirror ranking criteria (more on that later)
- You shouldn't match your project goals with the program purpose once [Weave through the app]
- Do not write one application and copy/paste to the rest

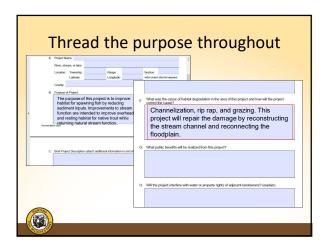




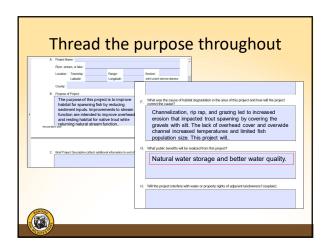


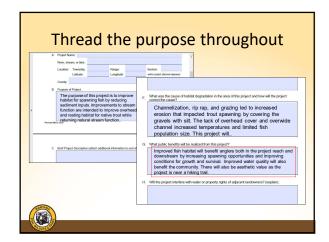












Review & go full circle

- Before you submit, after your final checks, review for purpose
- Is it obvious and clear?
- Don't make assumptions
- Remember, you are being graded on how well you meet the purpose of the program
- Can be the difference between \$\$, \$, or no \$

