

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by four to six professionals from government and non-profit organizations with a history of partnerships and capacity building. This panel will provide evaluation, technical oversight, and strategic direction to the Partners Program. Based on the above criteria, funding recommendations will be made for each proposal.

**Criteria:** To be considered for funding, applications will be evaluated on how the proposal addresses the seven following criteria:

**Proposed Work** – Evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.

**Strategic Priority** – Evaluate how the proposed work addresses significant Federal subsistence management issues.

**Capacity to Complete Work** – Evaluate administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the objectives.

**Collaboration** – Evaluate how the proposed work strengthens existing or develops new collaborative management relationships between stakeholders, or makes collaborative management more effective by developing a greater understanding of different approaches to conservation principles.

**Youth Mentoring** – Evaluate how the proposed work provides and promotes opportunities for youth awareness and engagement in monitoring, conservation, and management of Federal subsistence resources.

**Sustainability** – Evaluate how the proposed work develops capacity and sustainability for long-term meaningful participation in Federal Subsistence Management beyond the scope of this grant.

**Cost/Price Factors** – Evaluate the proposals for reasonableness. Total costs will be taken into consideration and those proposals found to be most advantageous to the Government will be rated higher.