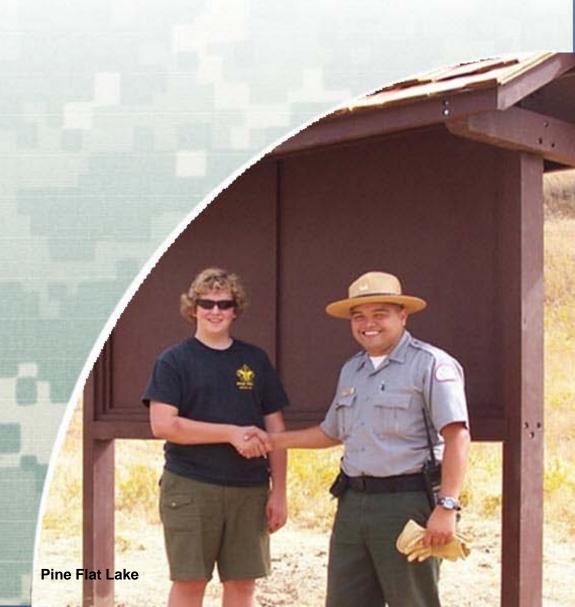
Program Update

APPL Conference

February 24, 2011



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- Incentive to use partnership authorities
- Encourage community engagement
- Promote mutually beneficial activities



FY 2004 to FY 2011

- 94 recipients
- \$1,153,000 in "seed money"



Old Hickory Lake



San Francisco Bay Model



Enid Lake



Handshake Partnership Program Investment (FY 04 – FY11)

Handshake Funds: \$1,153,000

Corps Offices: \$1,377,000

Partners: \$4,678,000

Total: \$7,208,000



- \$250,000 total annual program
- \$25,000 maximum request
- \$5000 cooperating association bonus
 - ► could receive up to \$30,000 total with bonus



Handshake Partnership Program Time Line

Applications Period Begins July
 Application Deadline Oct
 Recipients Announced Dec
 Agreement Deadline Aug
 Expend Funds 2 yrs

► funds transmitted to District/Project via MIPR or FAD



- Application NRM Gateway Partnership Page
 - MS Word form
 - Example Applications
- May submit multiple applications but may receive funding for only one
- Recipients must sit out a year before applying again



Application Evaluation Criteria

- Sustainability
- Partnership Value
- Recreational Benefit
- Environmental Stewardship Value
- Communication and Education Value
- Innovativeness



- No required % matching contribution by partner's
- Partner's contributions cash, volunteer services/labor, materials, supplies
 - Reference ER & EP 1130-2-500 Ch 11
 - Make sure to include all contributions made by partners on the application. Proposals with higher % of partner contribution and participation compete better



Handshake Partnership Program Incentive Categories

- Bonus point categories may change annually
- Categories for FY12 have not been selected
- Bonus Points categories for FY 11 were:
 - 1. Utilizes an Existing National Memorandum of Understanding
 - 2. Includes veterans and/or military family organizations
 - 3. Presidents Challenge Active Lifestyle Program



Handshake Partnership Program Cooperating Association Bonus

- Incentive to formalize partnerships by entering into a Cooperative Agreement with non-profit partners
- Compete for an additional \$5000
- Challenge Partnership that includes a partner (Friends Group/Cooperating Association) that has recently signed a Cooperative Agreement with Project/District (qualifying date specified annually) can compete for the additional funds

Reference: - ER and EP 1130-2-500 Chapter 9 Cooperating Associations



- Handshake funds must be spent via the same processes as any other appropriated funds; in accordance with contracting laws, FAR, DFAR, and AFAR, and all other regulations.
- Cannot "Give" Handshake Funds to partners
 - The Corps does not have granting authority
- Handshake funds cannot be spent on Corps salaries or travel



Handshake Partnership Program Manage Expectations

- Realistic view of the opportunity
 - Example: FY 11
 - 36 applications submitted
 - 11 selected to receive funds
- Prior to applying discuss with partners what you all will do if project is not selected
 - Go ahead with project using more local office and/or partner funds
 - Agree on a scaled down version
 - Identify funding from other sources
 - Try a different project



Handshake Partnership Program New for FY 2012

- 1. Challenge Partnerships Projects
- Student Conservation Association (SCA) Intern/Crew - stand alone projects

(details will be provided in application instructions for FY 12)



Challenge Partnership Project Basics

- Challenge Partnership Agreement
 - ► Formerly Called Challenge Cost-Share Agreement
 - ► Reference Chapter 12, ER & EP 1130-2-500
 - ► Example Agreements on NRM Gateway

Requirements:

- ► Corps facilities and resources maintained at 100% Corps expense
- ► Agreement with a non-federal public or private entity
- ► Within authorities and in approved OMP



Handshake Partnership Program SCA Projects

- USACE is authorization through Section 213(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to enter into cooperative agreements with non-federal public and nonprofit entities for services relating to natural resources conservation or recreation management at Corps Civil Work Projects.
- USACE utilizes the existing Department of the Army cooperative agreement (contract) and the SCA.
- New The SCA intern/crew project does not have to be part of a challenge partnership project to compete for Handshake Program funding
- SCA program information on NRM Gateway Partnership Page

 http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partners/sca/sca.cfm



For More Information:
NRM Gateway Partnership Pages

http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partnerhships.html

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SWD - Jeff Boutwell

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SPD - Chris Gallagher

NWD - Alana Mesenbrink

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Handshake Partnership Presentations

- Allen Gwinn Raystown Lake
- Brandon Randig Granger Lake
- Titus Hardiman SWL
- Chad Eller -W Kerr Scott Reservoir

