



New Host Discussion

VOTE #1

Does the Steering Committee support the Ad Hoc Host Subcommittee and the Executive Committee's recommendation that EPA initiate formal steps for Roger Williams University to become NBEP's new host as of 10/1/21?

- Next formal steps:
 1. EPA to provide draft work plan, budget, and match forms to RWU to support their development of an application for FY2021 funding.
 2. Review and approval by NBEP EC and SC of RWU's final work plan/budget/match.
 3. RWU to submit full application package to EPA.



FY2021 Work Plan, Budget, and Match

FY2021 Work Plan Revisions Since Last Meeting

1. Replaced Watershed-Scale Technical Assistance Task with Blackstone Initiative Task we are already pursuing.
2. Added SNEP Support Task.
3. Explained that Executive and Steering Committee will review and approve annual work plans and budgets.
4. Stated that Individual Staff Work Plans will be prepared for 4 FTE.
5. Clarified that the Host will lead contracting and new staff hiring.
6. Added specifics about any contract support envisioned under tasks.
7. Included day-to-day outreach activities in Strategic Outreach task.

FY2021 Budget Revisions Since Last Meeting

1. **New fringe is 40.53%** (down from 46%).
2. New indirect rate is 20% only on salary (down from ~20% on all costs except contracts/subawards >\$100K).
3. Personnel costs are higher, from \$429K to **\$596K** because now includes new hire (not proposed previously) and 20 months of personnel (up from 19 months).
4. Removes contract for Julia T. as she is not interested in pursuing one at this time.
5. Specifies Vision 2032 contracting is for writing/strategy and communications.
6. Upped total for subawards to **\$650K** (up from \$617k).
7. Added meals for Lower Blackstone Fish Passage meetings.
8. Provides \$5K for transition computer support (**e.g., IT help, licenses**).
9. Added TNC match commitment. **50% of funds going to external sources**

Match

- Need \$1.79M
- Have \$873K from TNC this year and RIDEM last year
- Need another \$898K
 - Will likely require at least 25% match from FY2021 subawardees (would deliver \$170K)
- Please submit your completed forms to Mike by 8/23 at latest for any match you can provide as RWU is anxious to have all match in place for their grant application to EPA

VOTE #2

Does the Steering Committee approve sending the draft FY2021 Work Plan, Budget, and Match forms to Roger Williams for their consideration, revision, and presentation to the EC/SC for final approval and submittal to EPA later this summer?