



Department of Defense Legacy Resource Management Program Funding Process

The Legacy Resource Management Program:

The Department of Defense (DoD) Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy) was established in 1991 by Congress with the goal to protect, enhance, and conserve natural and cultural resources on DoD lands with strict criteria for projects applying for funding. Funded projects must have regional or DoD-wide significance, meet legal requirements, and be effectively managed at the DoD level. A project also must fit a current area of emphasis in order to receive funding (see Guidelines on www.dodlegacy.org).

Legacy is not to be confused with a grant program. Projects receiving funds are under a contractual obligation with DoD to supply specific products or services for an agreed-upon amount of money. Funds have expiration dates and projects have set periods of performance.

Project Funding Stages and Processes:

Submitting a Pre-Proposal and Proposal: Project proposals may be submitted by anyone, although non-installation individuals, organizations, or businesses must supply a letter of support from the cooperating military installation or installations. Get started in the funding process by visiting www.dodlegacy.org. This website contains the Legacy Tracker program which keeps track of all pre-proposals, proposals, and active and completed projects from 1991 to the present. Creating an account and filling out the pre-proposal form is the first step. It is important that the pre-proposal be concise and clearly state project benefits to a military service, a region, or DoD-wide and that the benefit is not installation-specific.

Filling out each field correctly as per the instructions, will enhance qualified pre-proposals and proposals chances for further consideration during the review process. Deadlines for pre-proposals fall in mid-September. However, some Services require submission at an earlier date so it is important to find out if an internal Service deadline exists. If a pre-proposal meets the criteria and fills a need of a Service or DoD then the author is invited to submit a full proposal for review. Full proposals are also submitted through the Legacy Tracker, and are due in mid-November. Information required includes items such as expanded budget, methods, benefits, and addresses any questions or concerns that may have been identified and forwarded during the pre-proposal review phase.

After Submission: After the pre-proposal submission deadline, a committee of Service representatives, Legacy Staff, Office of General Council (OGC), and others as appropriate will review the pre-proposals and eliminate ineligible projects, identify potential duplicate projects and partnerships, and invite those pre-proposals meeting the criteria to submit full proposals. The proposal review process looks in detail at budget and methodology, identifies each Service's priority projects, and then ranks proposals based on benefit and need. Budget availability also determines number of projects funded and whether full or partial funding is offered. In December, approved recommended proposals are presented to the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (ADUSD) and then to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (DUSD) for approval. Notification of acceptance usually is sent in early January and funds are released in early spring.

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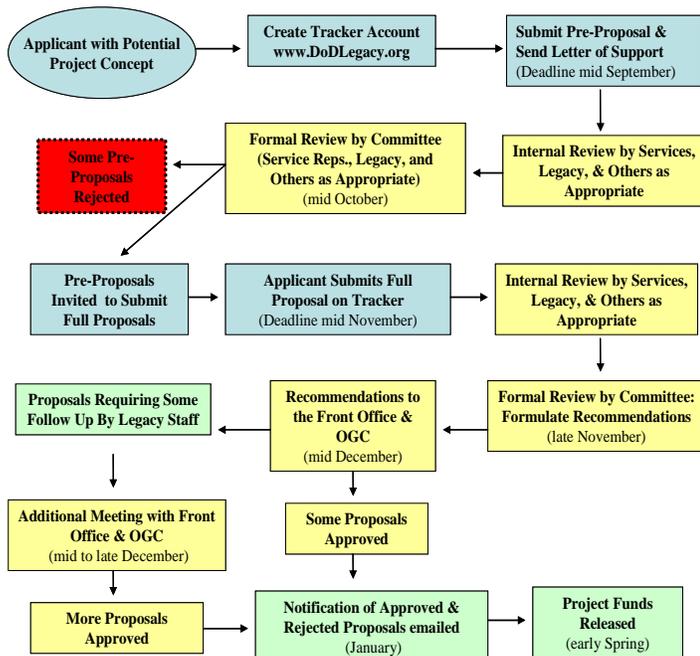
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- establishment of a regional curation system for artifacts found on military installations.

Military Interdepartmental Pay Requests (MIPR), or Project Order.

Registration and Pre-proposals:

To begin the process, applicants must register online for a Legacy Tracker account (www.dodlegacy.org). Applicants will be notified electronically with 24 hours of acceptance. The Tracker allows accepted users to electronically submit proposals, access to search engines, help links, description of the tracker system, and access to all proposals and projects on record.

Pre-proposals are entered into the tracker with the basic information required. Pre-proposal submission must meet the posted DoD Legacy Program deadline along with military deadlines that may precede the Legacy deadline in order to be reviewed for funding. After submission, each pre-proposal goes through a review process in which the pre-proposal is reviewed by a chain of individuals starting at the installation level and ending at the DoD level. Tips for successful pre-proposals can be found at www.dodlegacy.org, under Legacy Guidebook.

Performance and Expected Projects:

Funding for Legacy Program projects is for a 12-month period. Continuation projects are possible but must reapply at each year and subsequent funding can not be guaranteed. At the end of a fiscal year each project must produce stand-alone results not dependent upon additional funding. Drafts and final expected products being delivered are submitted to Legacy. Final products will only be accepted when Legacy staff have reviewed the products and deems them satisfactory. Standardization of Legacy Product Presentation can be found on the Legacy website in the Legacy Guidebook. Acceptable final product types and descriptions are also found in the Legacy Guidebook.

Benefit:

The Legacy Program is able to utilize public and military resources for the promotion of conserving natural and cultural resources on DoD lands. This program provides benefits for the military through the management of its land by maintaining suitable training areas while preserving the natural environments being used. So that as many may benefit from the information resulting from this program. Many final products from Legacy-funded projects are posted on the Defense Environmental Network and Information Exchange website (www.Denix.osd.mil) and are available to all.

Image of Pre-Proposal Screen on the Legacy Tracker

Proposal Process:

Once a pre-proposal has passed review, the Legacy Program will then invite the author to submit a full detailed proposal. Through each stage of project proposals, project authors will be notified of the progression of their proposal, either to the next level or of project rejection. Successful project proposal tips are also found at www.dodlegacy.org, in the Legacy Guidebook.

Project Approval:

Once a project proposal has been accepted by all members of the review chain, the status of the project in the Legacy Tracker is updated to the designation of a “project.” Advance Technology Branch Office, Huntsville Engineering & Support Center (Huntsville) is in charge of the disbursement of Legacy Program funds. Disbursement of funding is done through cooperative agreements,

Accomplishments:

As a result of Legacy projects historical sites, landmarks, and other objects of cultural significance are preserved for future generations to learn from and enjoy. Endangered species, sensitive habitats, migratory animals and other natural resources are conserved and protected to maintain diversity and sustainable use. Final products provide the Legacy Program with documentation that can be used to inform the public about the accomplishments of military installations in upholding the preservation of the natural and cultural resources found on their lands.

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