

Agency's Response

to Questions for Accountable Budget Review

DNR Pass Through Line Item

1. *What are the statutory requirements?*

a. **Should the statute/scope of the entity be adjusted?**

There are no statutory requirements for this line item.

b. **Does each program have a mission, goals, and objectives that are meaningful and tied to the enabling statute?**

While there is no enabling statute, the program has as its mission to carry out pass through funding requests and appropriations as directed by the Legislature. The goal and objective is to properly administer pass through funding and achieve the intent of each legislative pass through funding appropriation.

2. *How well has this "investment" performed in the past? What are the goals for the future?*

a. **What value does this division/program add to society?**

The Department of Natural Resources Pass Through Program is tasked with carrying out pass through requests as directed by the Legislature. The Legislature decides which requests receive funding and determines the values they add to society.

b. **Are there meaningful performance measures?**

The DNR Pass Through Program has three performance measures:

- 1. To complete transactions in accordance with legislative direction;*
- 2. To control the costs of auditing and administration; and*
- 3. Timeliness.*

c. **How well do they tie to the organization's mission, goals, and objectives?**

These measures tie directly to the program mission, goals and objectives.

d. **Are the targets reasonable?**

Yes

e. **Are the results acceptable?**

Yes

3. **What programs should be funded for FY 2021? How much?**

- a. **Why is state government providing these services? Could this function be done by a local government or the private sector?**

The funding requests are for non-DNR organizations, usually non-state entities, as determined by the legislature. The service is being done by local government or the private sector. We just pass through the money after the project is completed as intended.

- b. **What will happen if the division/program is eliminated or downsized? Who will notice? Who will be affected the most?**

DNR does not care if this program is eliminated or downsized. It is not funding we request but rather funds we have been tasked to administer. That is a decision the legislature needs to determine.

- c. **Can the taxpayers' investment be reduced by implementing or increasing user fees?**

N/A

- d. **Should the funding mix be adjusted?**

No

- e. **Are some of the past building blocks no longer a high priority?**

There are no DNR requested building blocks for this program and thus none of it is a high priority for us. We are just administering the funding the legislature intends us to pass through on their behalf to the intended recipient.

- f. **Can some of the expenditures be reduced or eliminated?**

Possibly. That is a legislative decision.