

Report from the field:  
FHP feedback on FY23  
grant processes



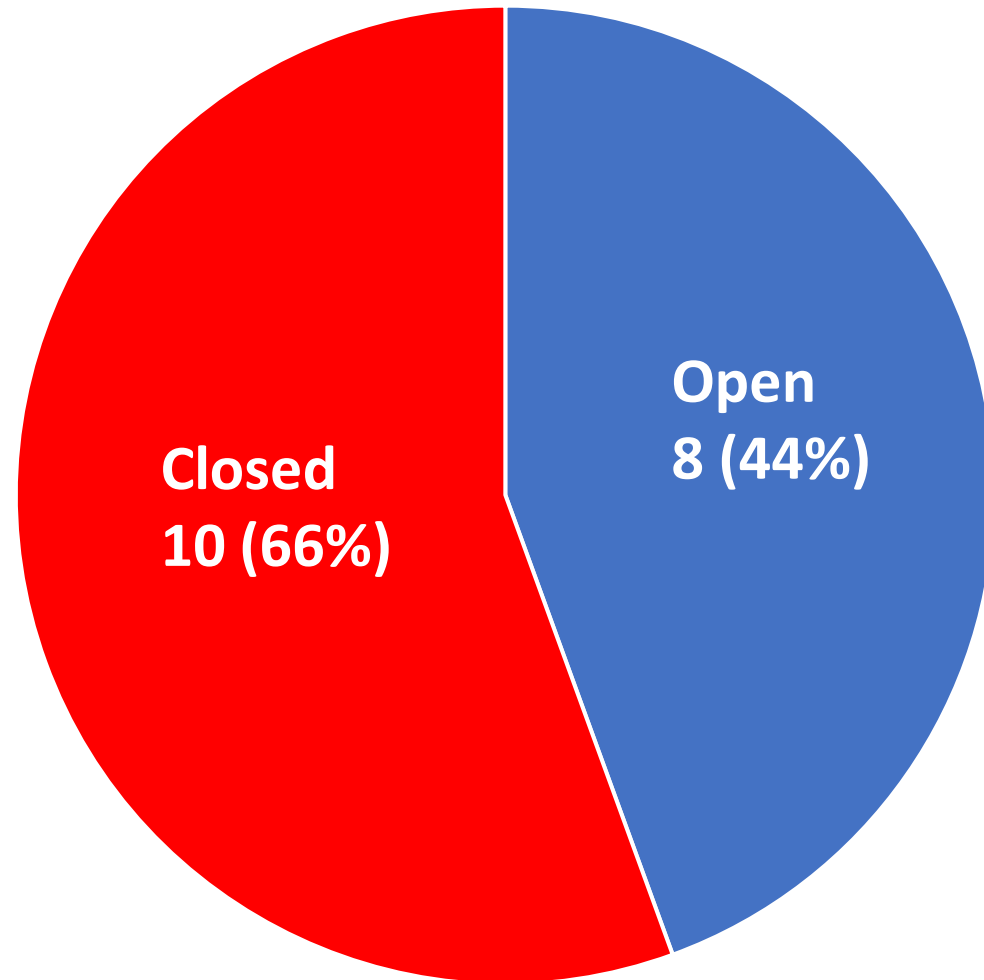
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# FHP grants status



# FY23 application numbers



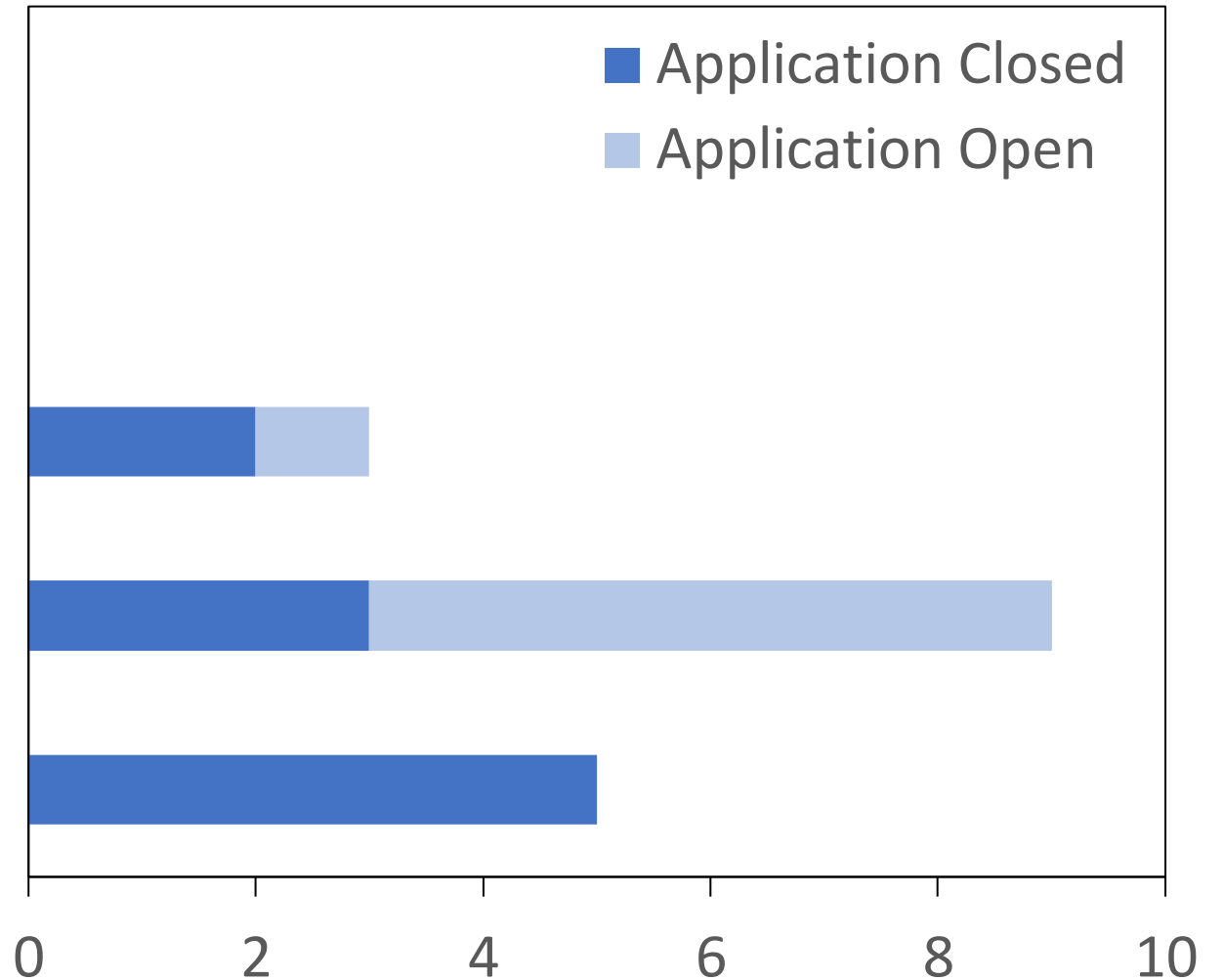
Much more applications (>50% increase)

More applications (>10% increase)

Similar to previous years (within 10%)

Fewer applications (>10% decrease)

Much fewer applications (>50% decrease)



# FY23 application issues



Project time period too far in the future

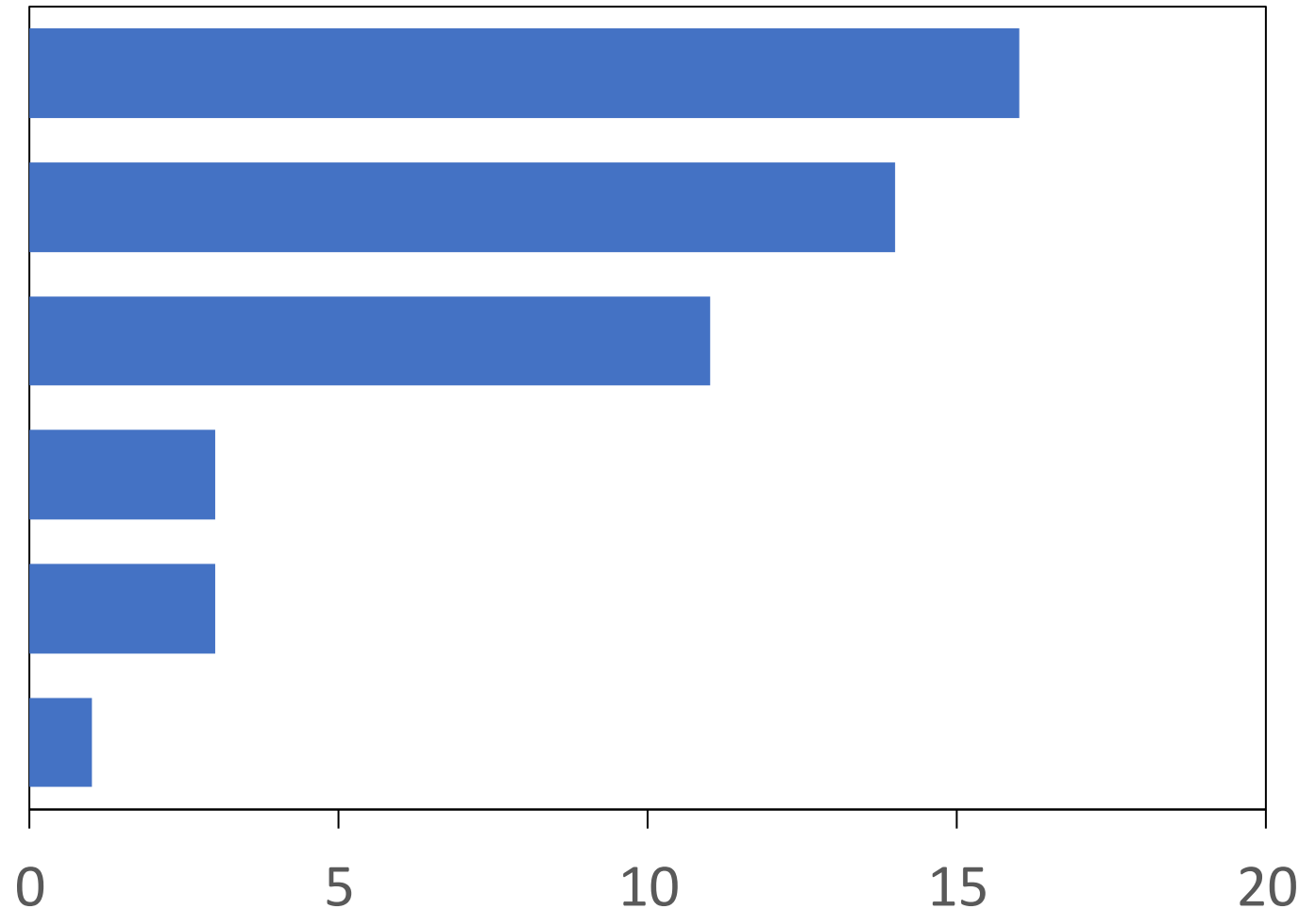
Meeting 1:1 non-federal match

Unsure whether their project was funded in a previous year (i.e., FY22)

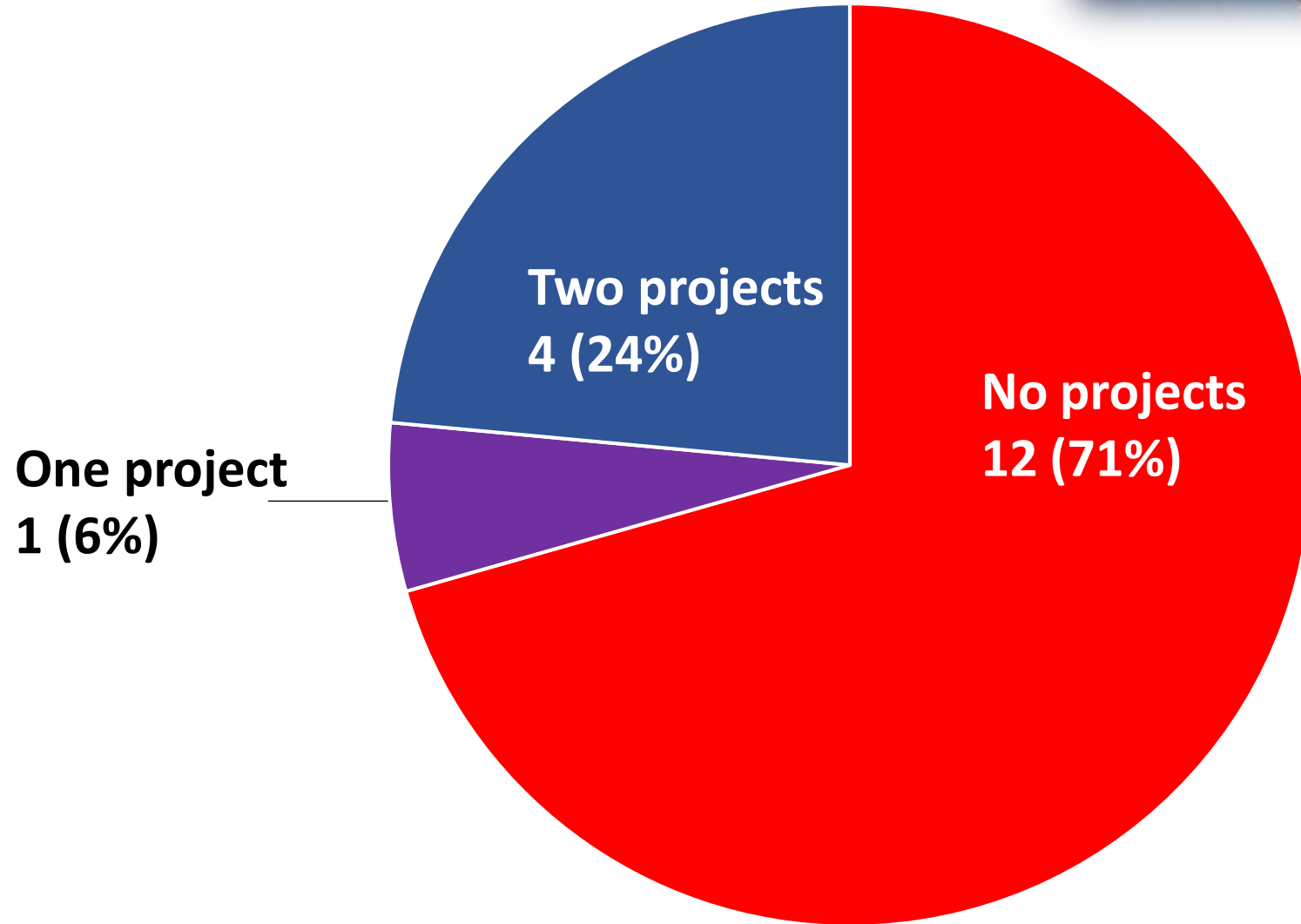
Unsure whether project was eligible based on the type of project

Other

Unable to address at least one NFHP National Conservation Priority



# Tribal projects expected



Total  
projects  
estimated  
9

How did uncertainty around grant administration such as FHP roles and the time commitment required affect your request for operations funding request?



- Major administrative gap to fill from FWS, unclear what the process (and thus workload) will be.
- Some want to ask for more funding, others will decrease other duties, most don't know.
- Uncertainty and opacity limits strategy and high function
- 1:1 match is a major challenge for some; ideas included assistance from Board with funds acquired for other purposes or exemption for operations

What other feedback from the application process would you like shared with the NFHP Board?



- Thank you for your support and investment in this program that offers so much
- Planning ahead and trying to provide FHP's (and our partners) insights on core questions
- Too many uncertainties → losing "social capital" with partners
- Board-approved NFHP/RFP guidance document that clearly articulates all the details that FHPs need to include in our RFPs.
- Need finalized template/guidance for the FY23 annual report/project submission form
- Long delay between proposal development and funding very challenging.
- [Decreased applications due to the] expected influx in funding through the bi-partisan infrastructure legislation.



Thank you!

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