

## AGENDA

### MEDA RLF Working Group Conference Call

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Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 at 10am

On the call: Carolyn Jones, Karyl Tobel of MDOC; Samantha Chagnon and Tiffany Melby, Bear Paw; Krista Lammers; Jillann Knutson, Beartooth RC&D; Brent Donnelly, USDA; Pat Hilgendorf, NeighborWorks; and Gloria O'Rourke, MEDA.

- New Topics for Discussion
  - Brownfields Program – Samantha reported on the Brownfields project(s) under Bear Paw which includes an RLF. She shared an introduction to what Brownfields means and the work that it entails. Questions were asked about assessments and mechanics of the program. There is a variable on the interest rate charged because income is not being made from the property at this stage. Usually there is 0% interest; although there are exceptions if income is obtained.
    - MDOC is working on an application to obtain Brownfield needs in areas that are not currently covered by existing RLFs. An MOU is in the works between MEDA and MDOC as well as MDOC and MDEQ.
    - EPA recently released a funding announcement for \$50 million in assessment, RLF, and cleanup grants. More info available at <https://www.epa.gov/grants/office-land-and-emergency-management-grants-and-funding>
  - Code of Ethics - <http://www.medamembers.org/meda/membership/about-us/code-of-conduct-and-ethics>  
Gloria shared the MEDA code of ethics and asked Brent to visit about boundaries within USDA funding requirements. When lending IRP funds the first time they must follow those guidelines and workplan. If an intermediary wants to modify that workplan, it can be requested. Permission should be gained from the out-of-boundary entity.  
  
Carolyn said the Micro loans are handled the same way. Being a low population state, there are sometimes when relationships cause lines to be blurred.
- Topics for Next Meeting  
Everyone was encouraged to send topics for discussion to Tiffany.
  - Next Meeting – December 19, 2017 at 10am