Western IPM Center

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Applications are due by 5 p.m. PST, Friday, December 4, 2026

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Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- Where can I find the NOFO?
  - Western IPM Center October Newsletter
  - *http://westernipm.org/*



Where do I start

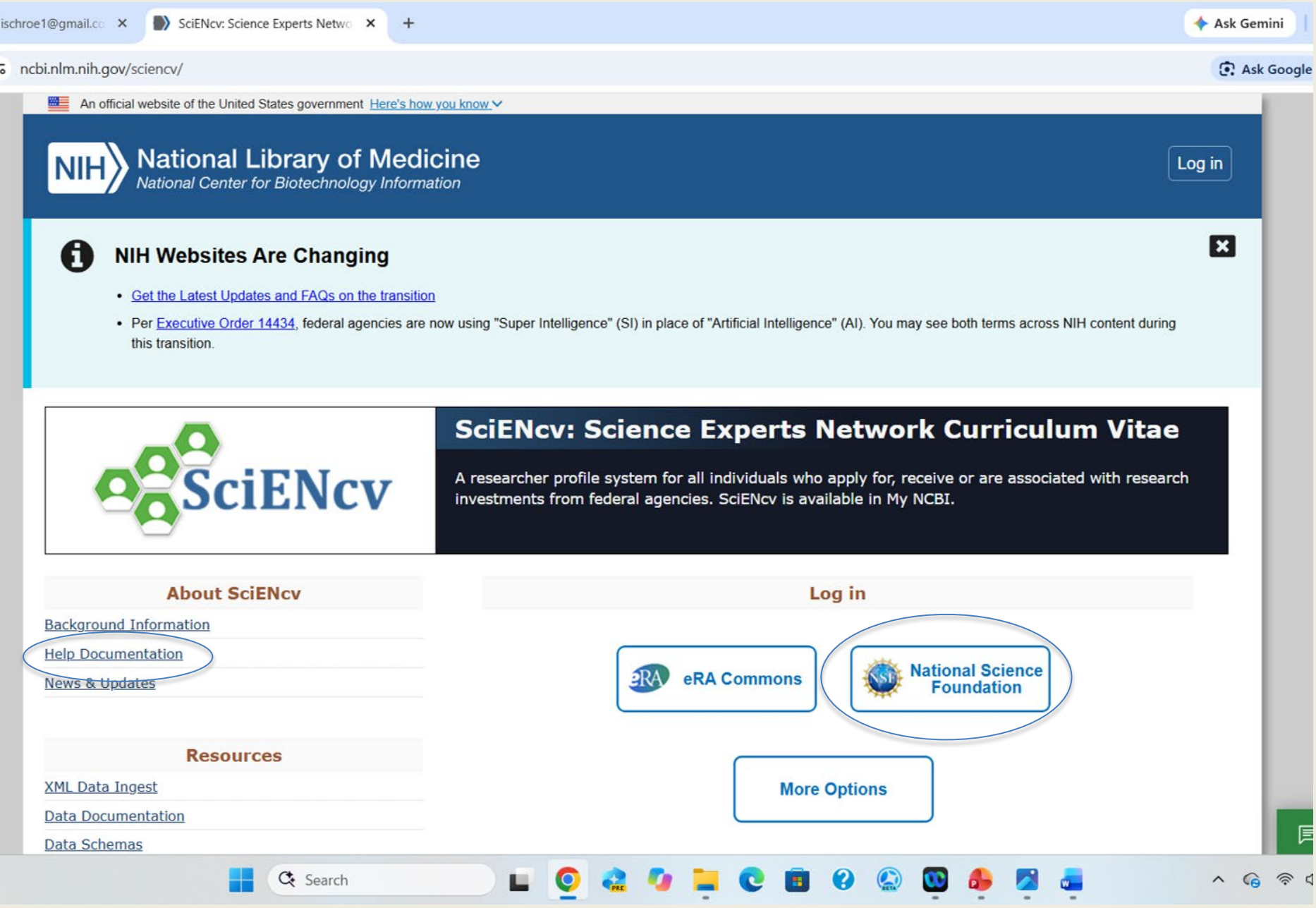
- **Read the NOFO**
- Register at https://grants.ipmcenters.org
- Download, from the portal, two forms and complete them fully.
  - Application form (one per proposal application)
  - Conflict of Interest (COI) form for each PD/coPD
- **If these forms are not completed in full, your proposal will not be reviewed.**

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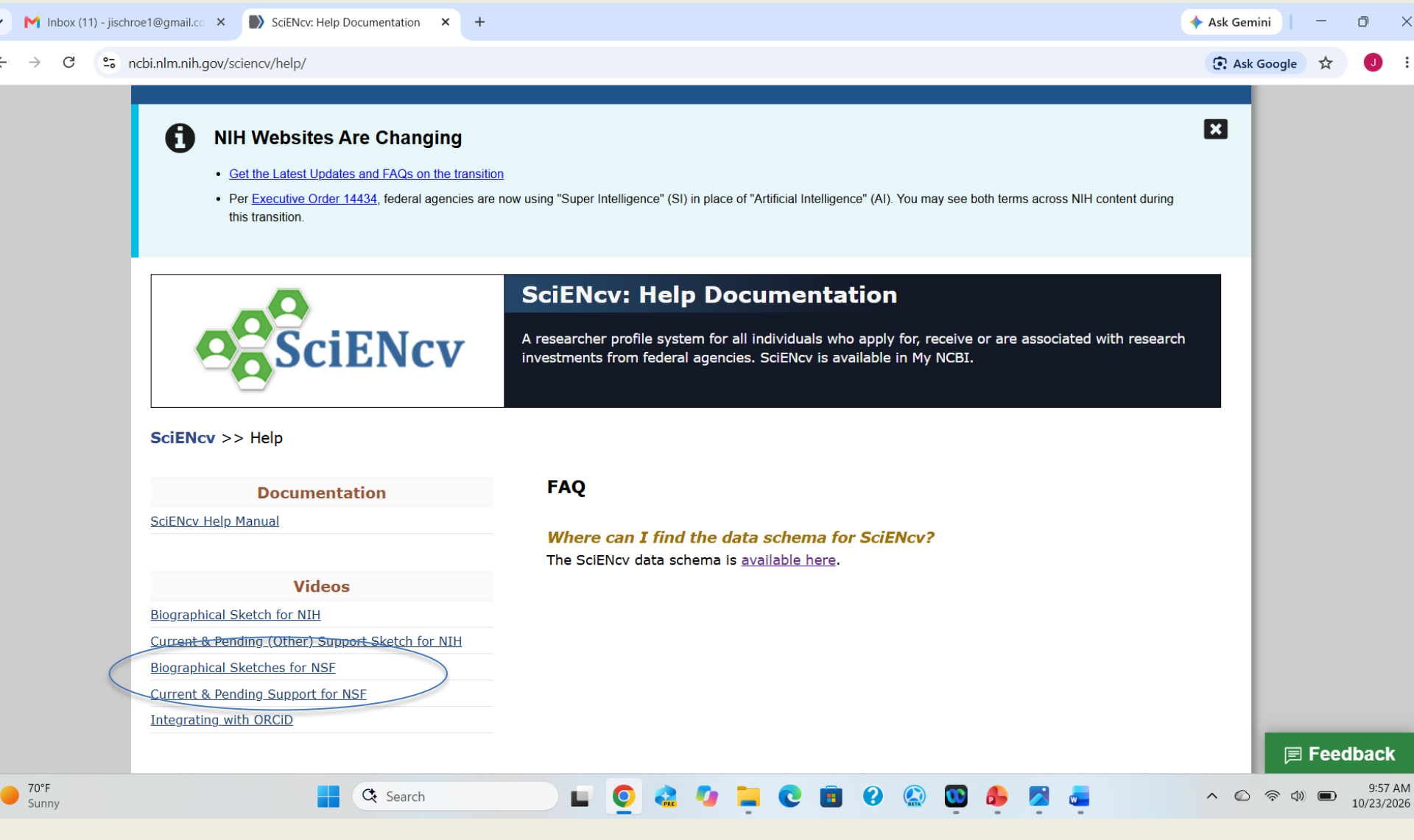
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- Each PD and coPD must complete two additional forms found at SciENcv
  - Biosketch form
  - Current and Pending form
- **Fully completed and certified C&P form(s) and biosketches are required for your proposal to be reviewed.**

SciENcv

- SciENcv – see NOFO p. 1 for link
  - www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/
  - Go to **help documentation** for tutorial videos on creating your login and for how to complete NSF forms
- **Register and Create, if necessary, a NSF Login** to access form templates
  - Log in
  - Use NSF forms to create your biosketch and C&P forms
  - Complete, certify, and upload the PDF into the proposal template.


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Where do I start

- **Read the NOFO**
- Register at https://grants.ipmcenters.org
- Fill out administrative forms
- Determine which project type best addresses your program goals (more on this later)
- Prepare the grant application
  - Each section of the application proposal body will be filled into the form fields of the grant application portal.

Key items to consider and address throughout your application

1. WIPM Center priorities
2. Regional importance
3. Stakeholder priorities and needs

1. WIPM Center priorities

- Stakeholder groups in the Western Region identified priorities for the Center.
  - *listed on pages 1 and 2 of the NOFO*
  - *https://westernipm.org/grants/priorities/*
- Identify up to three Center priorities that your project will address.
- Discuss how your project will address these priorities in your justification.

2. Proposals must demonstrate regional scope

- The Center grant program seeks to support collaboration among states, islands, territories, and First Nations
  - projects should have participants from multiple states, islands, or First Nations [can be a state and a tribe within that state]
  - or clearly demonstrate how the project will benefit the western region.
- Exceptions are allowed only when the project director can document that the host/pest combination occurs only in one state

Western Region

Includes:

Western U.S mainland
Alaska
Hawaii
American Samoa
Federated states of Micronesia
Guam
Northern Mariana Islands
First Nations within this geographic area

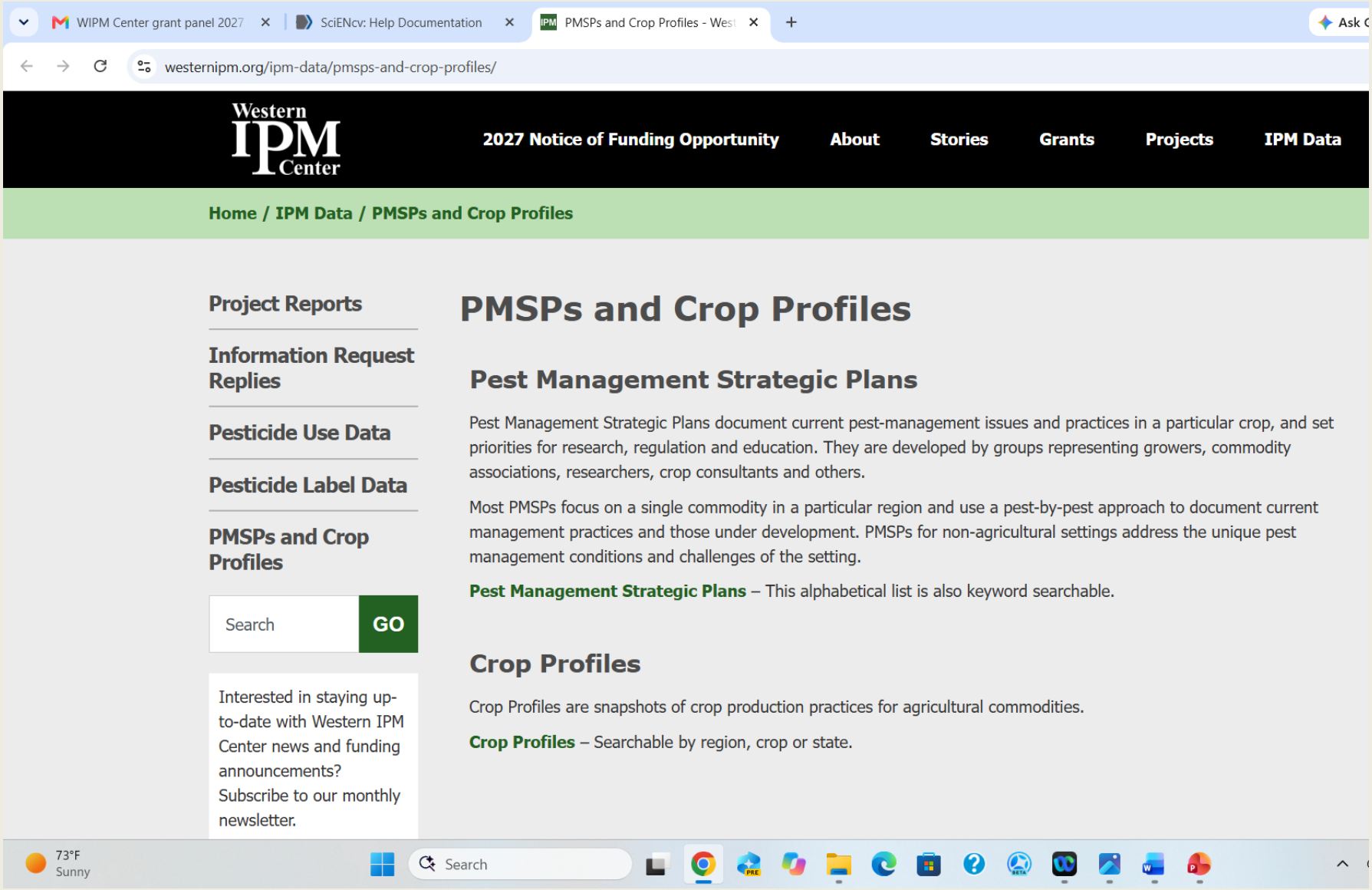


PD must be from within this region

Co-PDs may be from outside this region

3. Document Stakeholder Need

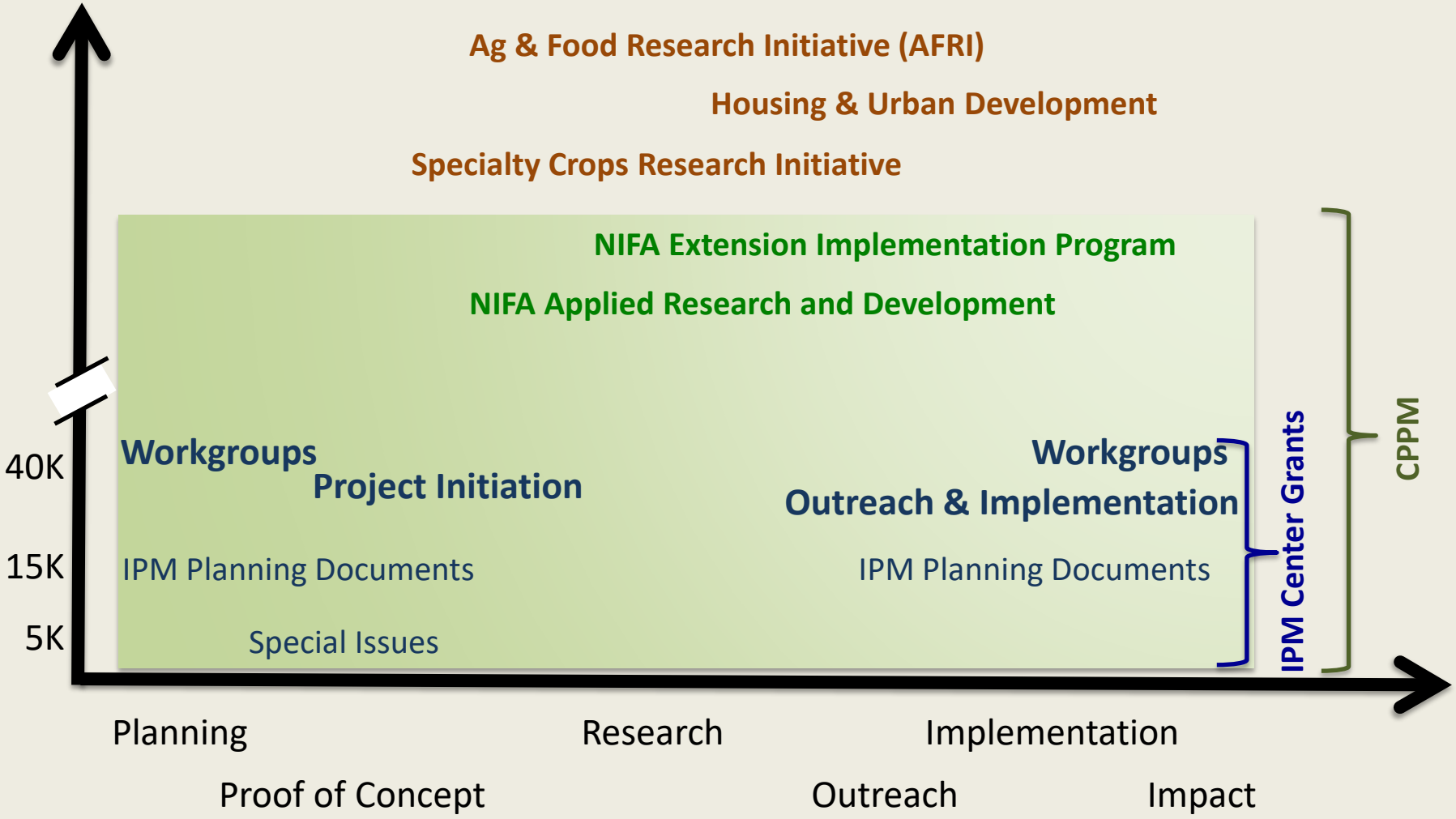
- Pest management strategic plans
  - *https://westernipm.org/ipm-data/pmsps-and-crop-profiles/*
- Recommendations from Western Extension, Research and Academic (WERA) groups
  - *National Information Management & Support System (NIMSS) available at www.nimss.org)*
- Reports published by stakeholder groups such as commodity boards
- Letters of support from or surveys of stakeholders that document need for your proposed work.


WIPM Center grant panel 2027
SciENcv: Help Documentation
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PMSPs and Crop Profiles
Pest Management Strategic Plans
Pest Management Strategic Plans document current pest-management issues and practices in a particular crop, and set priorities for research, regulation and education. They are developed by groups representing growers, commodity associations, researchers, crop consultants and others.
Most PMSPs focus on a single commodity in a particular region and use a pest-by-pest approach to document current management practices and those under development. PMSPs for non-agricultural settings address the unique pest management conditions and challenges of the setting.
Pest Management Strategic Plans – This alphabetical list is also keyword searchable.
Crop Profiles
Crop Profiles are snapshots of crop production practices for agricultural commodities.
Crop Profiles – Searchable by region, crop or state.
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Three (3) grant types ($40,000 budget maximum per proposal)

- Grant types – *see p. 3-4 of NOFO for descriptions*
  - Project Initiation
  - IPM Workgroups
  - Outreach and Implementation
- Proposal timeline
  - 1-year projects
  - Start date March 1, 2027; end date February 29, 2028
- All three types are scored together

How the different grants funded by WIPM fit into NIFA programs



Proposal Score Sheet

- See *page 5* of NOFO for score sheet
  - Reviewers will refer to this score sheet to find scoring criteria for each proposal type and guide their reviews.

Proposal Score Sheet

- Preparation (5 pts)
  - Information is clearly presented
  - Complete and addresses all aspects of the NOFO
  - No typographical or grammatical errors noted.

Proposal Score Sheet

- Problem & Justification (20 pts)
  - The proposal identifies the proposal type and,
  - lists a maximum of 3 Center priorities and describes how the project addresses them
  - identifies and documents the issue as regional or local
  - describes the pest issue and the importance of the problem
  - documents stakeholder need with letters of support, Pest Management Strategic Plan, etc.
  - documents how the project benefits/integrates into a new or established IPM program

Proposal Score Sheet

- Potential for success (20 pts) –
- Criteria vary by project type (*p. 5 NOFO*)
  - Objectives outline a logical solution to the problem
  - Procedures/plans are linked to the objectives and are likely to address the problem.
  - Describes what success looks like; measures to assess how well the outcomes meet this definition of success are described.
  - Can the project be completed within the 1-year funding cycle? Consider including a timeline.

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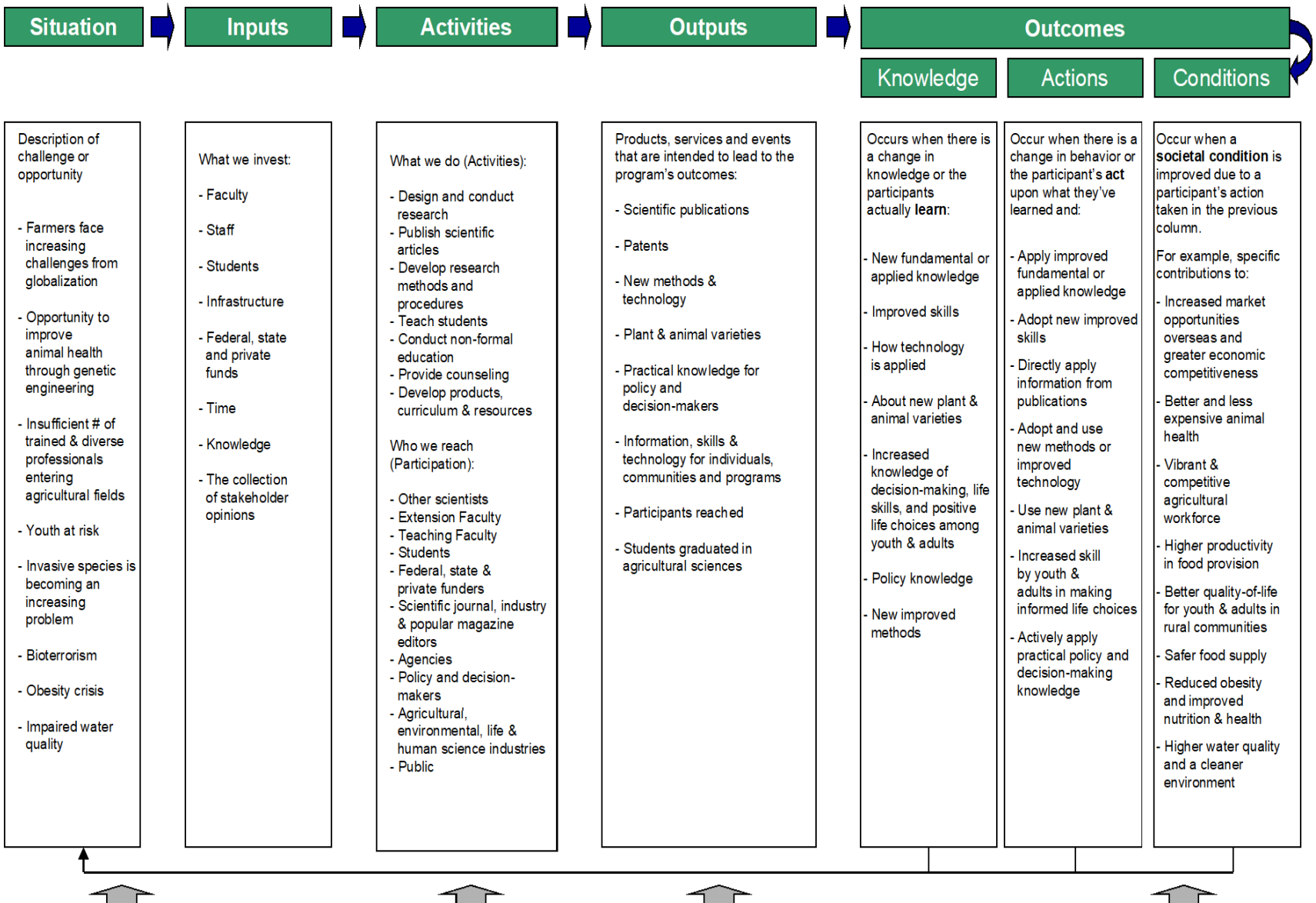
- Outputs and Outcomes (20 pts)
  - Outputs – what will the project produce?
    - link to objectives
    - Who is(are) the target audience(s)
  - Outcomes are the changes that may be influenced by the outputs.
    - Collect data to document change in knowledge, behavior, or condition OR collect baseline data to later evaluate change in knowledge, behavior or condition
    - What does success look like?
    - Outcomes relate to WIPM Center priorities and align with regional goals

Proposal Score Sheet

- Outputs and Outcomes (20 pts)
  - Logic Model is an excellent tool to demonstrate the connection between different project pieces (*https://logicmodels.ipmcenters.org/*)
  - Generic model for NIFA reporting https://www.nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/Generic%20Logic%20Model%20for%20NIFA%20Reporting.pdf
  - The program does NOT require that you include a logic model in your proposal.

Generic Logic Model for NIFA Reporting

(This model is intended to be illustrative guide for reporting on NIFA-funded research, education and extension activities. It is not a comprehensive inventory of our programs.)



ASSUMPTIONS - These are the premises based on theory, research, evaluation knowledge etc. that support the relationships of the elements shown above, and upon which the success of the portfolio, program, or project rests. For example, finding animal gene markers for particular diseases will lead to better animal therapies.

EXTERNAL FACTORS - A brief discussion of what variables have an effect on the portfolio, program or project, but which cannot be changed by managers of the portfolio, program, or project. For example, a plant breeding program's success may depend on the variability of the weather...etc.

Version 1.3

Proposal Score Sheet

- Expertise and participation (10 points)
  - Reviewers are evaluating whether the proposal participants have the expertise needed to be successful.
  - Biosketches created on SciENcv for project directors and co-project directors are required.
  - Letters of collaboration from other participants clearly define the roles and responsibilities of all involved parties.

Definitions

- Key personnel
  - The Project Director and Co-Project Directors are the project leaders who are directly responsible for completing the objectives of the project.
  - Collaborators are also considered key personnel; these individuals will be providing assistance needed to complete the objectives of the project. Collaborators do not need to provide a biosketch.

Definitions

- Stakeholders
  - Stakeholders are those individuals or groups who benefit from the project results.
- Collaborators
  - Collaborators are actively involved in the project.

Proposal Score Sheet

- Stakeholder Engagement (15 points)
  - Who are your stakeholders?
  - How will your stakeholders benefit from the project results?
- Letters of support from key stakeholders can help document their need.

Proposal Score Sheet

- Budget (10 points)
  - Budget is well defined in the form that is provided (see budget section in the portal for the submission form)
  - Costs are reasonable for the proposed project
    - Note that equipment is not an allowed expense.
  - Budget narrative fully justifies the budget items.
    - Narrative follows the order of the budget form
    - Narrative explains how costs not covered by the grant will be funded
  - Sub-contract (if included) expenses must be fully explained and justified.

Supporting documents

- Tables and figures to support Problem statement (not required)
  - If included, reference these in the text
- Letters of support or collaboration
  - Co-director and Collaborator letters of intent or statements of work (collated into single pdf)
  - Stakeholder letters of support and/or to document need for the project (collated into pdf)
- Progress report for Workgroup renewal applications.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- START EARLY
- Read the NOFO carefully
- Projects should be regional in scope
- How does this proposal address priorities of the WIPM Center?
- Does the proposal address stakeholder priorities and document engagement with stakeholders?
- Can the work be accomplished in one year?
- Think about/describe how this proposal fits into your long-term plan for the project or IPM program

Resources

- Submission site to register
  - *Https://grants.ipmcenters.org/*
  - This link can be found in the RFA
- Tutorials for submission site or to create forms are found at
  - *https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbGDFwpS4sk7LMIQjLNIcFCajhsj9WVwR*
  - *SciENcv (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/)*
- Tips from successful grant writers:
  - Blog posts by former Communication Coordinator Steve Elliot : *https://westernipm.org/grants/for-applicants/*
  - WSWS IPM Hour Episode 27: Western IPM Center New Grant Applicant Overview and Q&A *https://westernipm.org/about/publications/ipm-hour/*

Key items

- Forms are available to download for administrative sections – complete each form in full and upload as PDF files
  - Grant application form
    - Needs to be signed by the Authorized Organizational Representative
  - Conflict of Interest List for PD and co-PDs
- Upload biosketch and Current and Pending forms that were completed using the NSF format on SciENcv.
- All information for the narrative will be filled into form fields directly or by cut-and-paste.

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Questions?

Grant Management System

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