



## ELIGIBILITY FOR MULTI-ROUND AIM FUNDING

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The intention of AIM grant funding has been, and continues to be, to support capacity building within organizations. We have always felt strongly that it doesn't do any good to provide funding for mitigation work if you don't have the people to run the chipper you just bought or work with homeowners to provide site assessments. Because our funding is limited, the AIM program tries to help jumpstart new organizations, or provide funding to help existing organizations sustain existing programs that are working and/or to expand their program offerings. We have funded some groups more than once; however, AIM funding is not something awardees should plan to apply for year after year.

In consideration of awardee eligibility to apply for consecutive AIM Awards, COCO has adopted the following policy:

- I. Previous or current awardees that have not held back-to-back AIM awards are eligible to apply for a consecutive round of funding, and can apply while still working on the existing award if their work is considered substantially completed.
  - A. Any current funding must be spent in full prior to the new award being made available and a contract or amendment signed.
  - B. The organization must be in good standing and in compliance with the requirements of the existing agreement, including the submission of the final report.
  - C. If granted consecutive AIM awards, or the organization has been granted two previous awards in total, two full funding rounds must pass before an organization is again eligible to apply for another AIM Grant. Typically, two funding rounds happen each calendar year.
- II. Applications from previous awardees will be assessed for additional funding based on how well their proposal builds upon the original program of work, supports the expansion of the work, and/or if funding is deemed to be critical to support the organization's ongoing efforts.