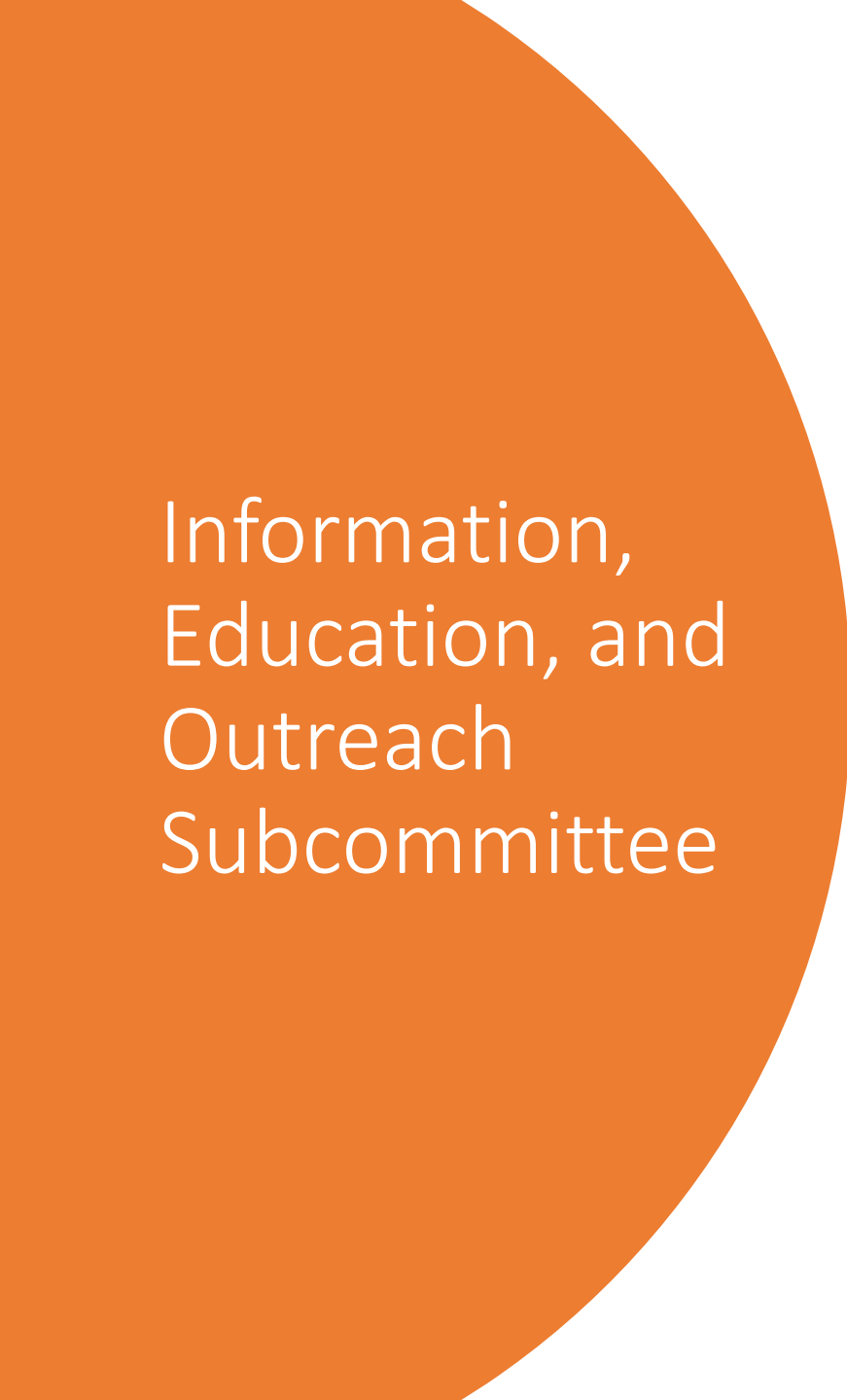




IEO Subcommittee Update Winter 2023

Lori Roberts IEO Chair

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Information, Education, and Outreach Subcommittee

- Ally Turner (USFWS), Bitterroot Ecosystem
 - Christy Johnson-Hughes (USFWS), Selkirk and Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem
 - Danielle Oyler (MTFWP), Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
 - Denise Schultz (NPS), North Cascade Ecosystem
 - Dillon Tabish (MTFWP), Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem
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5 Year Plan

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Goal 1: Ensure effective communication across all levels of IGBC

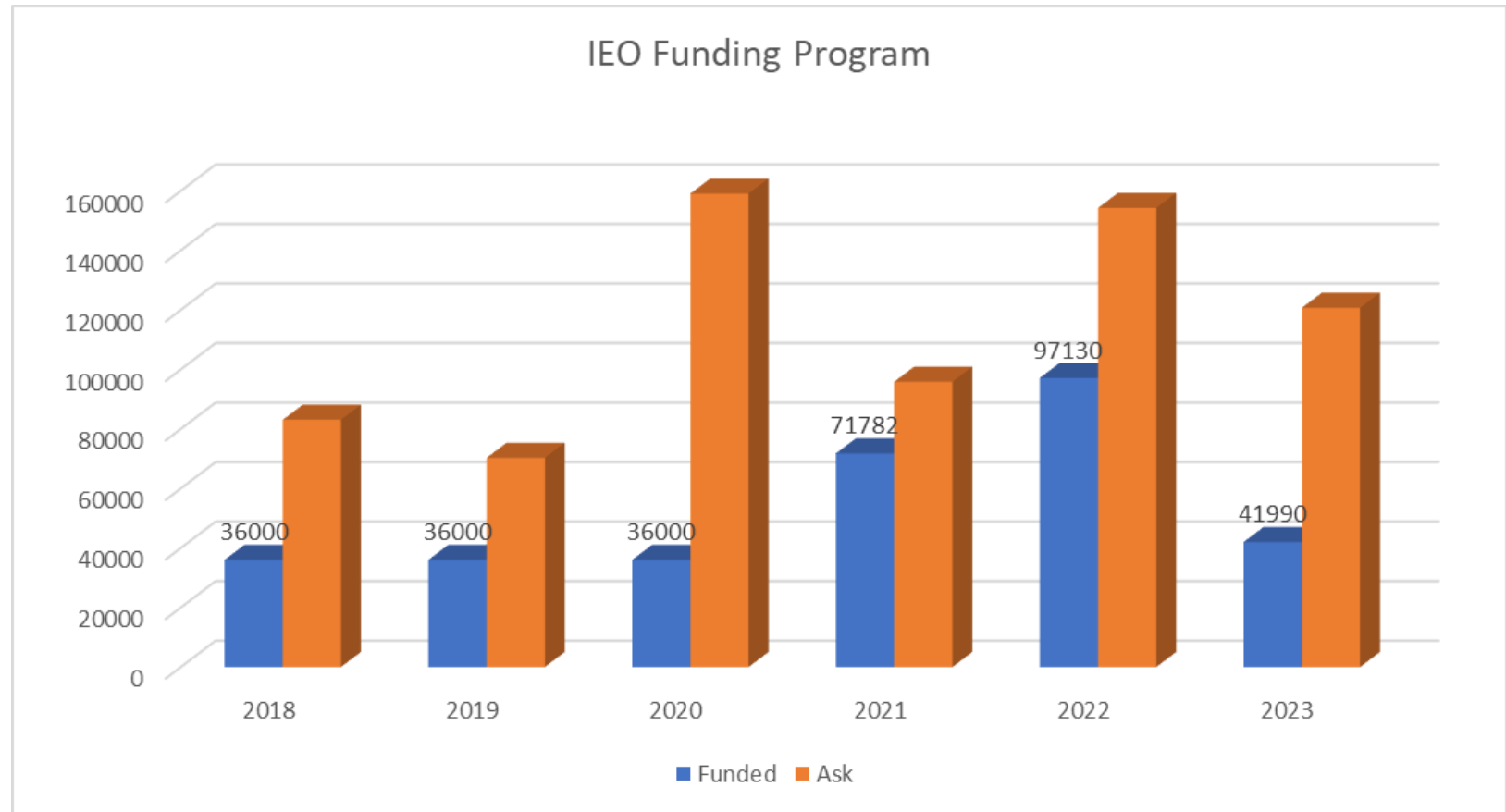
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Goal 2: Ensure consistency of messages across all IGBC IEO agencies

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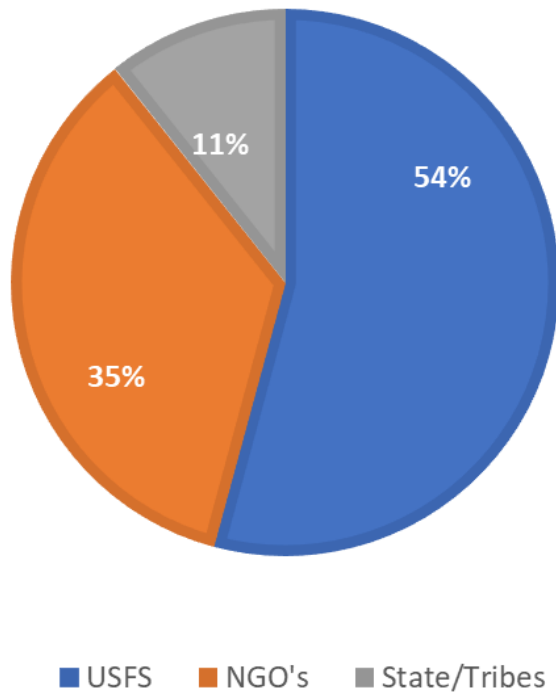
Goal 3: Increase use of bear spray by people who live, work, and recreate in bear range.

IEO Funding Program 2018-2023

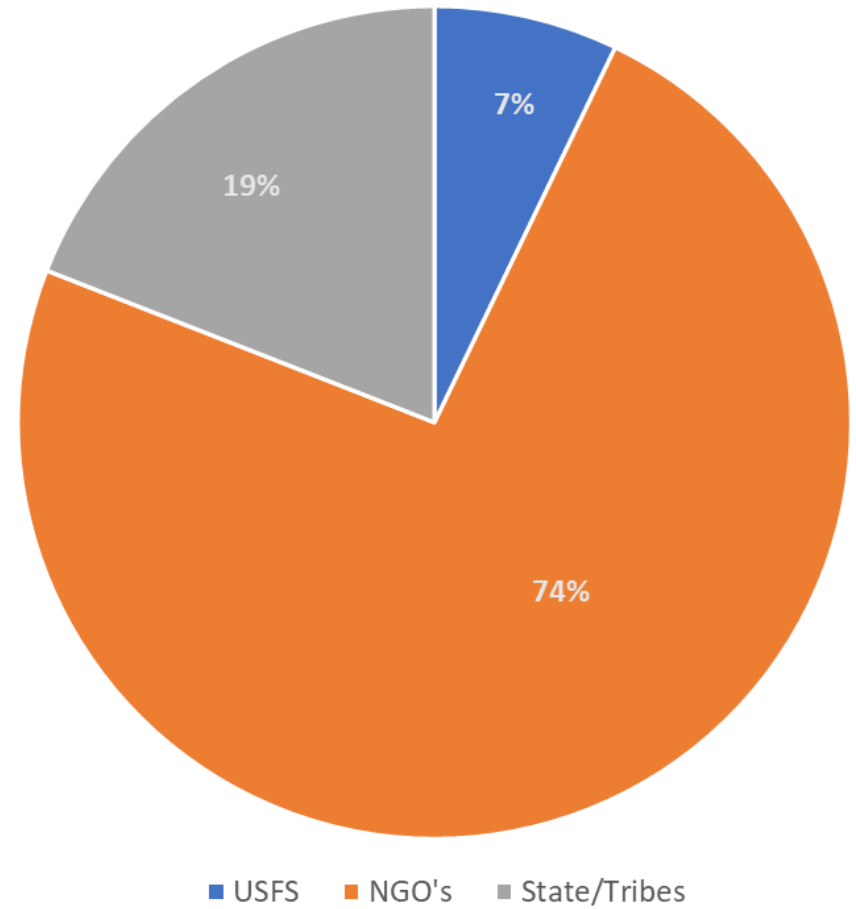


Funding Affiliation

FUNDED ENTITIES 2015-2020



FY2023 Projects Funded



FY 2023 Funded Projects- \$41,990

Bitterroot Ecosystem

- No Applications Submitted

Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem

- Idaho Fish and Game- \$3,000

Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

- Bear Creek Council- \$4,990
- American Bear Foundation- \$4,200

North Cascades Ecosystem

- Western Wildlife Outreach- \$5,000

Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem

- Swan Valley Connections- \$3,800
- Rocky Mountain Front Ranchlands Group- \$3,000

Selkirk Ecosystem

- Colville National Forest- \$3,000

All Ecosystems

- Defenders of Wildlife- \$5,000
- People and Carnivores- \$5,000



Colville National Forest



- Road closure signs
- Bear Resistant Food Locker
- Purchased gate locks for gates within the bear management units
- Stickers and Magnets



Bear Creek Council

- Distributed 96 Bear Safe Toter trash Cans
- Cost shared over \$20,000 in dumpsters and other permanent solutions for businesses and vacation rentals in Gardiner
- Replaced 11 grease traps with bear resistant traps
- Hosted an online meeting for residence and MTFWP
- Apple Picking Program
- Conducted a community hazard assessment and working on Community Plan this winter





American Bear Foundation

Purchased and distributed bear spray cans for free

Western Wildlife Outreach

- Farmer Frog Forest School
- Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council
- Nisqually Watershed Festival





- Swan Valley Bear Resources Bear Ranger
- Bear Resistant Containers





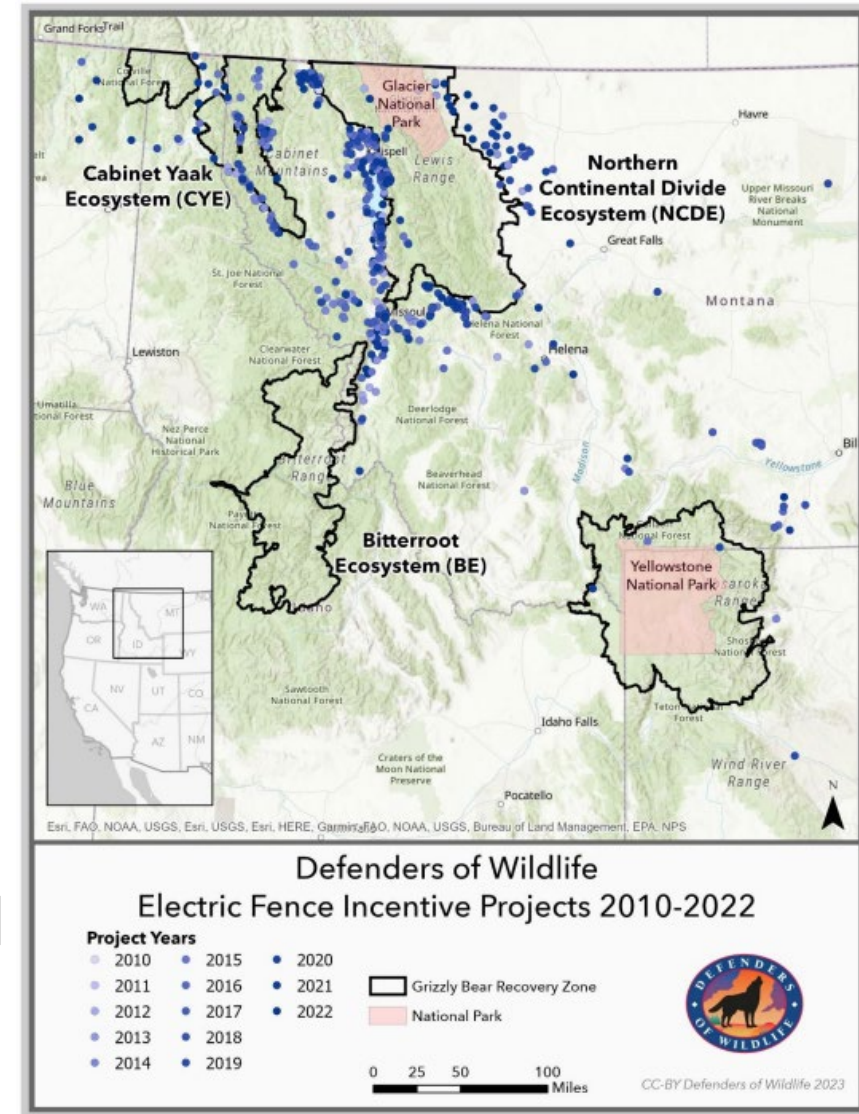
- Hosted two Guard Dog Workshops





Surveyed 300 past participants:

- 52% experienced past bear conflicts at their site.
- 85% report their electric fence is still in use.
- 97% report that they have rarely or never had a depredation occur since their fence was installed.
- 3% report experiencing some type of fence failure resulting in a conflict.
- When asked how about how effective they considered their fence to be, on a scale of 1 (not effective) to 10 (very effective), participants reported 9.2 on average.





PEOPLE AND CARNIVORES

Media from IGBC IEO 2023 Projects:

Building Capacity for Grizzly Bear Connectivity

- Increase preparedness on public lands
- Reduce conflicts and attractants on private lands
- Support rural agricultural communities
- Expand general community support/resources



Bear Safety Trainings across the High Divide



At Home Bear Safety Toolkit
(for HOA and residential outreach)



Vacation Rental Bear Safety Toolkit
(for Vacation Rental Owners and Managers)

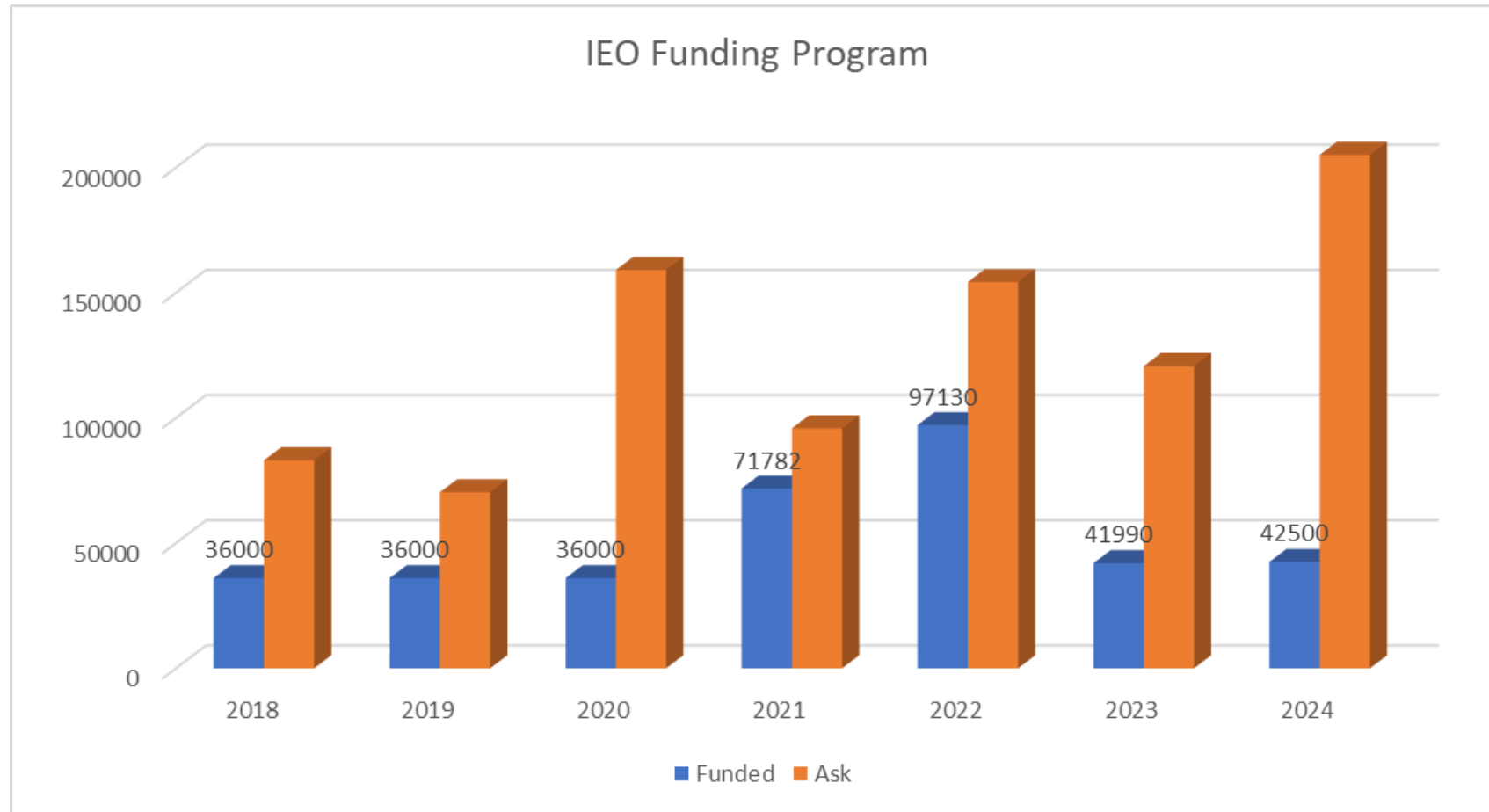


Audience Specific Bear Safety Flyers



Food Storage Signage for
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

FY 2024 Funding





Next Subcommittee Meeting Topics

- Add NGOs to subcommittee in an advisor role
- Review of Funding Program Criteria
- IEO Summit Summary
- 2024 Goals
- Tracking Bear Smart Communities

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Questions / Comments