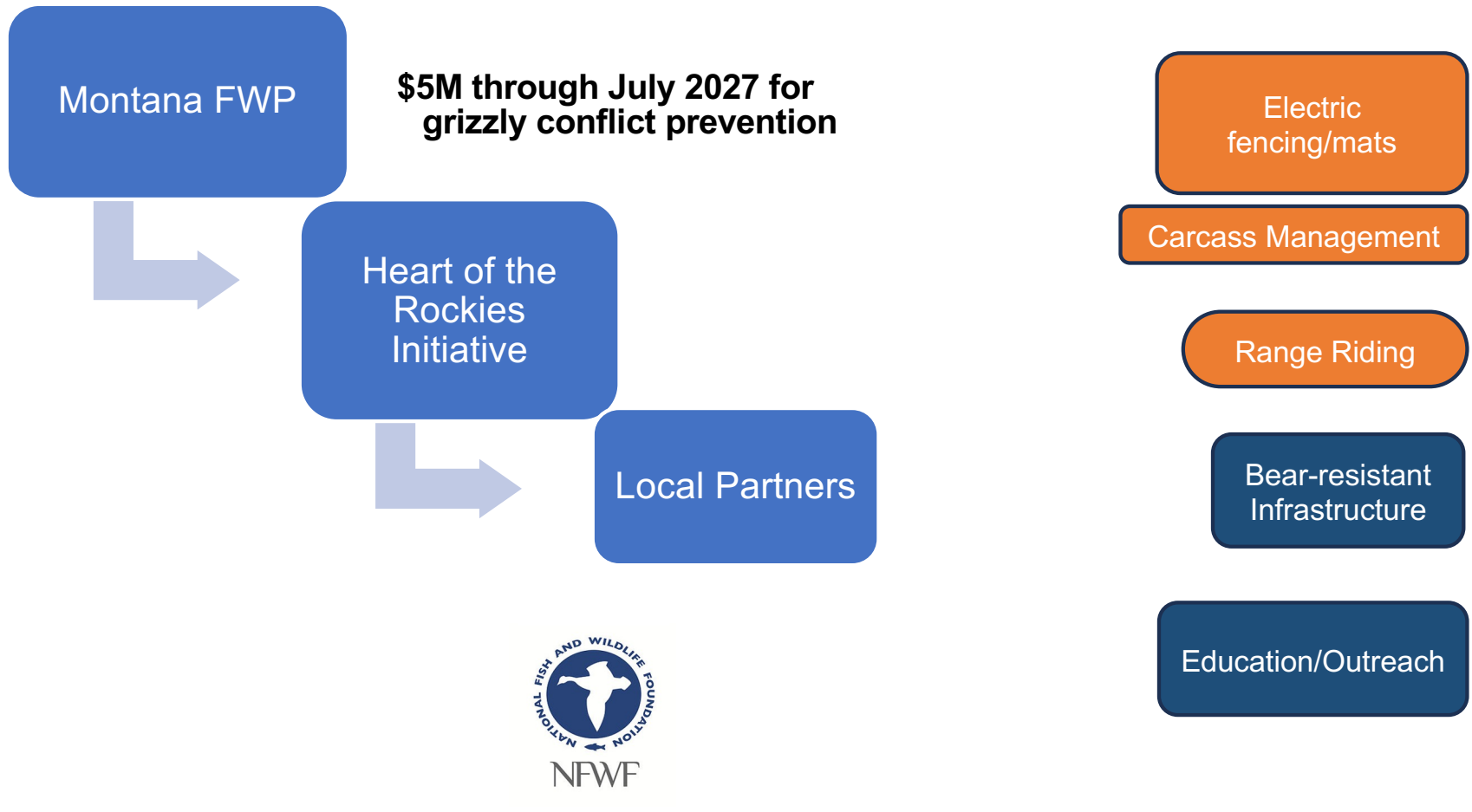


Funding Updates for Grizzly Bear Conflict Prevention in MT

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- \$2.2M currently obligated
 - 13 subrecipient agreements signed with partners, 7 pending
 - ~\$500k recently awarded to nine projects through a competitive RFP process
- Bear-resistant infrastructure and outreach in Alberton, Gardiner, Whitefish, Choteau, Clearwater Valley, Anaconda, and the Blackfeet Reservation
- Electric perimeter fence around Powell County landfill



NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant

- Awarded to Heart of the Rockies Initiative in partnership with Western Landowners Alliance
- \$6M to MT for grizzly bear and wolf conflict prevention through May 2029
- Supports range riding, carcass management, and electric fencing
- Over 50 producers signed up → ~19 contracts



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Coordinated Steps Forward

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Grizzly Bear Conflict Reduction Coordinating Committee

- Mapping prevention needs
- Mapping resource allocation
- Gap analysis
- Strategy Development
- Geographic focus: MT, WY, ID, WA
- Agencies, Tribes, NGOs, landowner & watershed groups, community leaders
- Bridging the divide between producer needs and community needs

THANK YOU



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