

GP-CESU Executive Meeting

GP-CESU Update



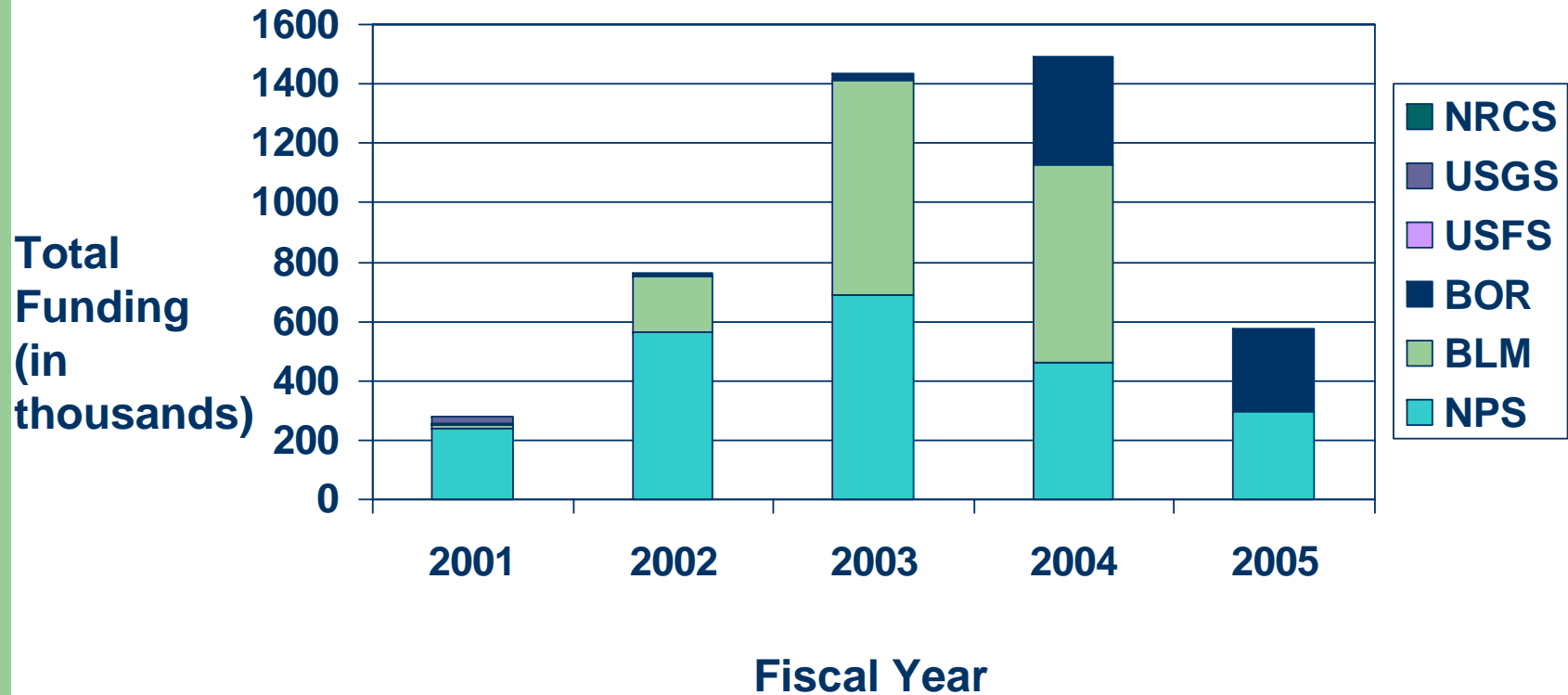
Comments from CESU Council Review of the GP-CESU

- Consider engaging more undergraduate institutions
- Challenge of reaching out to minority schools
- Good distribution of projects across partners and across agencies
- Collaborative projects
- Quantify total number of students involved

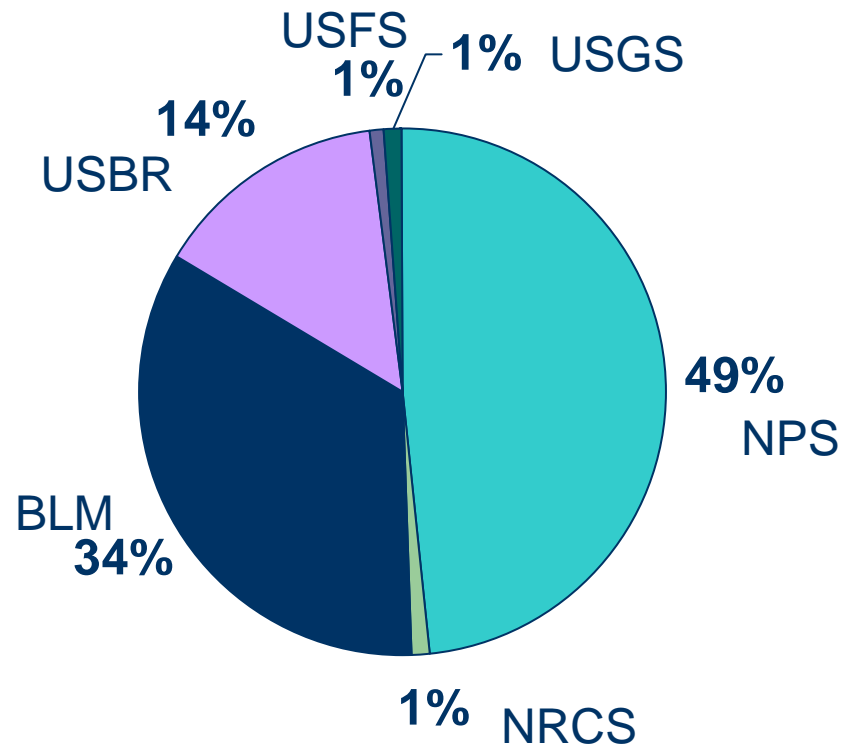
Project Spotlight, FY01-05

Project Funds: \$4,543,794
Number of Projects: 140

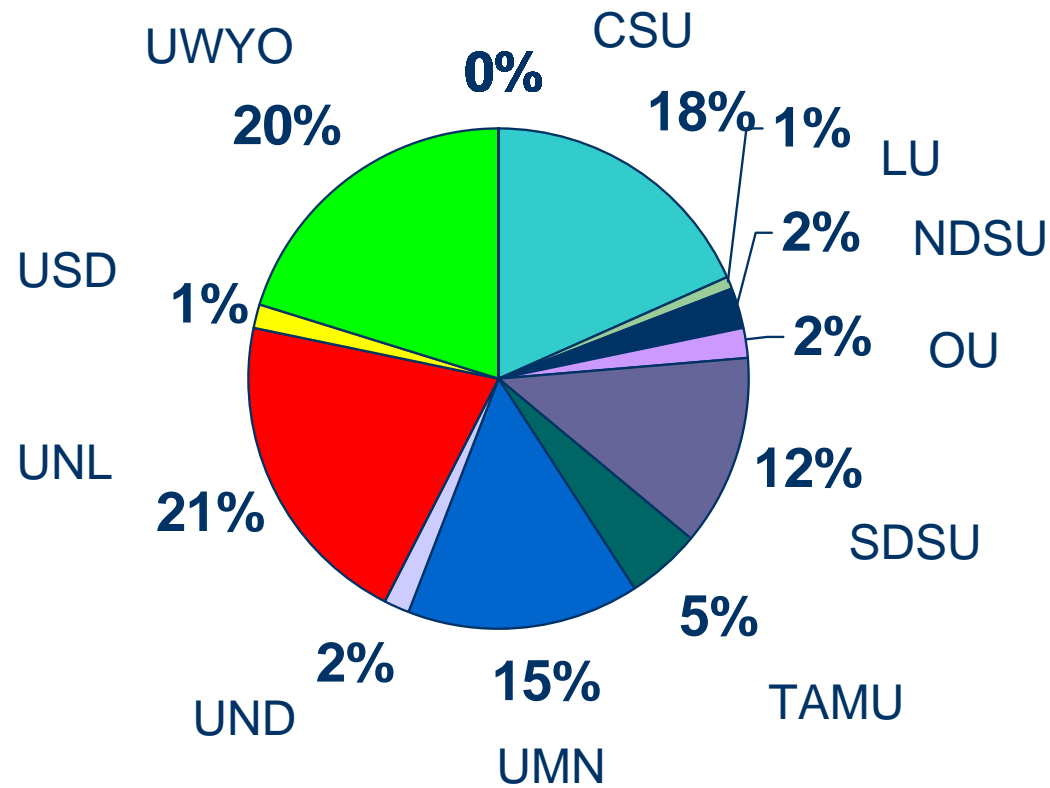
Funded Dollars by Funding Agency, FY01 -05



Percent Total Funds, by Agency



Percent Total Funds by Partner University



FY05 Project Summary

- 17 task agreements (8 new projects, 9 modifications to projects)
- \$576,228
- 11 NPS
- 6 USBR
- 7 research, 8 technical assistance, 2 education

FY05 Summary

- Included first NPS task agreement with Colorado State University, “Strategies for Dissemination of Plans and Accomplishments of the Heartland and Prairie Cluster Prototype”
- Year one of a five-year USBR project with University of Nebraska funded for \$380,000, “Modeling and Field Experimentation to determine the Effects of Land Terracing - Republican River Basin”

FY06 Projects include:

- First project with Kansas State University, funded by NPS, “LIDAR Map Production”
- Several other NPS TA’s in the works
- USGS funding a project with KSU, “Kansas Aquatic GAP Project”
- USBR project with UWYO, “Cultural resources inventory and trenching of a prehistoric cave in the Shoshone Canyon”

Current Activities

- Web Site: revamped, new location, expertise database, research needs
- GP-CESU PowerPoint Presentation: updated and will provide a CD to all partners
- Research Needs of Parks in the Great Plains
- Quantify student involvement

Great Plains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit Draft Annual Work Plan for FY06 (October 05 – September 06)

- Meet with Nebraska Indian Community College to discuss/pursue their interest in becoming a partner in the GP-CESU
- Meet with Army Corps in Omaha District Office to encourage them to join the GP-CESU
- Identify appropriate NGO's that could be members to the GP-CESU
- Quantify the number of undergraduate and graduate students involved in GP-CESU projects
- Launch re-designed web site
- Prepare and send GP-CESU PowerPoint Presentation on CD to all partners for use in presentations to agency staff and university faculty
- Collect agency information to complete a searchable research needs catalog and directories of federal and university personnel and expertise
- Facilitate identification of multi-agency, ecosystem based project(s)
- Increased marketing of the GP-CESU to agency cultural resource and social science staffs
- Increased communication/interaction with the GP-CESU minority universities
- Support more consistency in agency participation in Managers Committee meetings and conference calls
- Make contact with NRCS staff in Lincoln office
- Develop closer working relationship with USGS:
 - Make contact with Hydrology unit in Lincoln
 - Increase contact with Geography unit in Sioux Falls, SD
 - Invite Central Region Science Coordinator to annual meeting

Questions?

