

## **New BLM Budget Categories of Funds**

The revised 2015 PTA allocates funding into three key categories: Basic, Directed, and Flex funds.

- Basic funding supports permanent labor costs and fixed costs for For the 2015 PTA, Basic funding was derived from the greater of either 2012 or 2013 actual permanent labor costs as defined by Budget Object Classes 11.1 (Full-time permanent labor) and 12.1 (Civilian Personnel Benefits), plus actual costs for rental payments to GSA and others, and some utility and communications costs (see Budget Object Class 23). Costs were then escalated by two percent each year for 2014 and 2015. An additional five percent increase was applied to provide an operational “margin of safety.”
- Directed Funding supports Administration, Secretarial, and Bureau priorities with specific funding allocations attached to them. For instance, the 2015 President’s Budget includes an increase of \$1.3 million in the Soil, Water and Air Management subactivity to support the Secretary’s Youth in the Great Outdoors initiative. In addition, to these priorities, WO Directorates have developed national project lists in some subactivities in order to prioritize funding across the BLM landscape.
- Flexible Funding supports other mission and operational requirements at the States and Centers. With this funding, States and Centers have the flexibility to apply funding to work on-the-ground. However, States and Centers should give should give consideration to the National Level priorities provided as a component of the PTA/AWP Directives when planning and obligating Flex Funding.