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Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund Update

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Builds partnerships and incentivizes Oregonians to pursue integrated and innovative solutions for complex water challenges and an uncertain water future.



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What is this new fund?

Regular Session - 2021

- Authorized by HB 2145
- Purpose - Provide financial assistance to permanently abandon, repair or replace a water well used for household purposes
- \$2M American Rescue Plan Act
- \$100k General Fund

What is this new fund?

Special Session – December 2021

- Focus - Prioritize financial assistance to persons of low to moderate income with domestic wells in areas recently impacted by drought or wildfire
- Additional ~ \$3.3M General Fund

Approach

Stage 1

- Meet urgent public health needs
- Focus on:
 - Low to moderate income
 - Areas recently impacted by drought or wildfire
- Accelerated schedule

Stage 2

- Follow with full fund implementation
- Build based on lessons learned in Stage 1

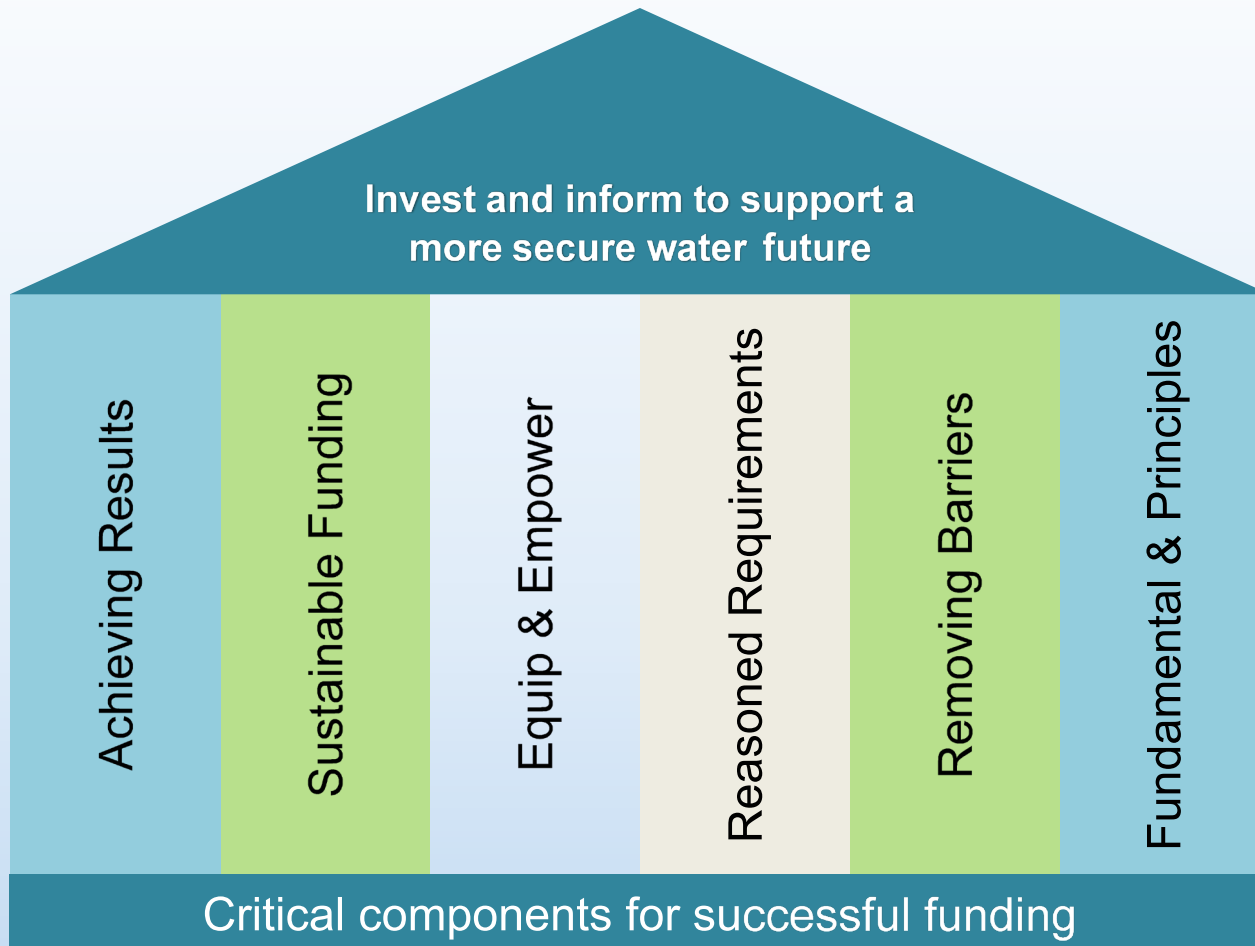
Stage 1

Project start date – January 2022

Anticipated launch date – May 2022

Stage 2 to follow

Using critical components



Potential barriers

- Technical and administrative challenges
- Unrealistic expectations
- Lack of available well drillers
- Timeline barriers
- Resource barriers

Designing a new funding program

- Identify questions now
- Tackle technical and administrative challenges upfront
- Integrate equity in design
- Reduce confusion and streamline processes

Thank you

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