

Feasibility Study Grants Funding Recommendations

Action Item

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Funding Purpose

Purpose: Provide funding to evaluate feasibility of a water conservation, reuse, or storage project

Deadline: Fall each year (October 18, 2023)

Funding Decision: Spring each year (March 2024)



Conservation



Reuse



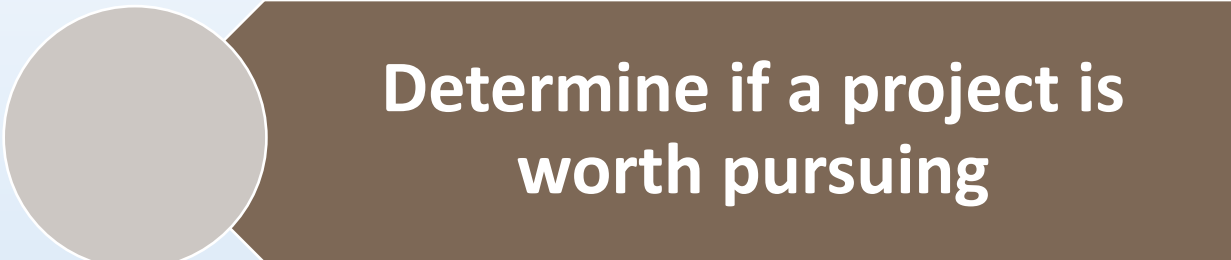
Storage



Purpose of Feasibility Studies



**Investigate to reach the
feasibility study goal**

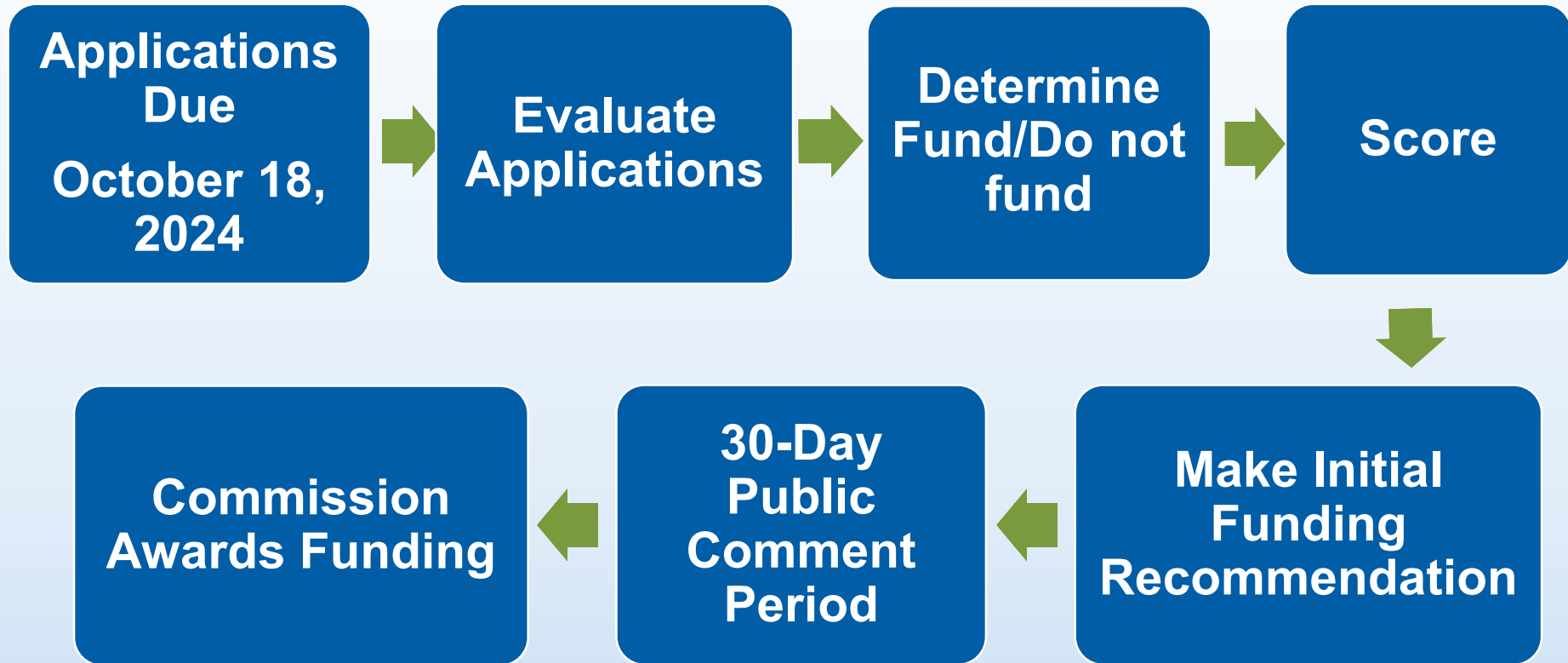


**Determine if a project is
worth pursuing**



Prepare for implementation

Application Review Process



Application Evaluation

Application Review Team makes a fund/do not fund vote, considering:

- Is the proposal a feasibility study?
- Is the proposal ready for funding?
 - Missing elements
 - Insufficient details
- Is water available? (Or, will this question be evaluated in the study?)

Application Evaluation

- Projects that receive a “fund” vote are scored on:
 - Study goal
 - Water need
 - Community benefit
 - Technical planning and preparedness
- Projects are ranked by score and recommended for funding based on fund availability

2023-24 Funding Cycle

- Approximately \$750,000 available in funding
- Four applications received
- Requesting \$285,179 in funding
- 1 conservation study
- 2 reuse studies
- 1 below ground storage study

Applications Received

Study Name	Project Type	Funding Requested
Brophy Ditch Big Butte Creek Water Conservation Project	Conservation	\$82,679
Clackamas Water Environment Services MBR Water Reuse Feasibility Study	Reuse	\$75,000
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Tickle Creek, Tributary of Clackamas River	Reuse	\$75,000
	Total	\$285,179



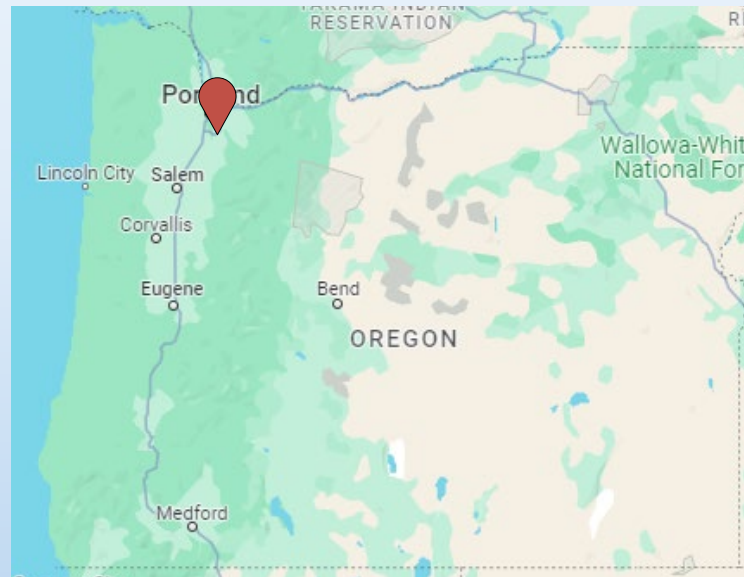
Brophy Ditch Big Butte Creek Water Conservation Project

Study Type	Water Conservation
Applicant	Trout Unlimited
Funding request	\$82,679
Total cost	\$166,585
County	Jackson



Clackamas Water Environment Services MBR Water Reuse

Study Type	Reuse
Applicant	Clackamas Water Environment Services
Funding request	\$75,000
Total cost	\$150,000
County	Clackamas



Lower Willow Creek Managed Aquifer Recharge Feasibility Study

Study Type	Below Ground Storage
Applicant	Morrow SWCD, Gilliam SWCD
Funding request	\$52,500
Total cost	\$105,000
County	Morrow and Gilliam



Tickle Creek, Tributary of Clackamas River - Reuse Study

Study Type	Reuse
Applicant	City of Sandy
Funding request	\$75,000
Total cost	\$150,000
County	Clackamas



ART Funding Recommendation

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	Total	\$232,679

Comments on Applications

OWRD hosted 30-day public comment period
February 6 – March 7, 2024

- One public comment received

Tribes notified of funding recommendation
and invited to provide comments for
Commission consideration

- No comments received

Comments on Applications

- Submitted by applicant: Morrow and Gilliam Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Application: Lower Willow Creek Managed Aquifer Recharge Feasibility Study
- Comments address reasons ART did not recommend study for funding:
 - 1) disconnect between goal and study tasks and water need applicants seeks to address
 - 2) Storage Specific Study Requirements

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Alternatives

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2. Adopt modified funding recommendations.
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Recommendation

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Thank you.
Questions?