

Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program



Water Resources Commission Meeting
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Overview

- **Historic overview**
- **Summary of applications received**
- **Scoring by Application Review Team**
- **Public Comments**
- **Funding Recommendations**
- **Second Grant Cycle**
- **Staff Recommendation**

Grant Program

- **The Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program was established by Senate Bill 1069 (2008).**
- **Designed to fund qualifying costs of planning studies that evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse or storage projects.**
- **2.4 Million Awarded since 2008**
- **39 Studies Completed**



Third Biennium

**Grant Solicitation August 15 through
November 1, 2013**

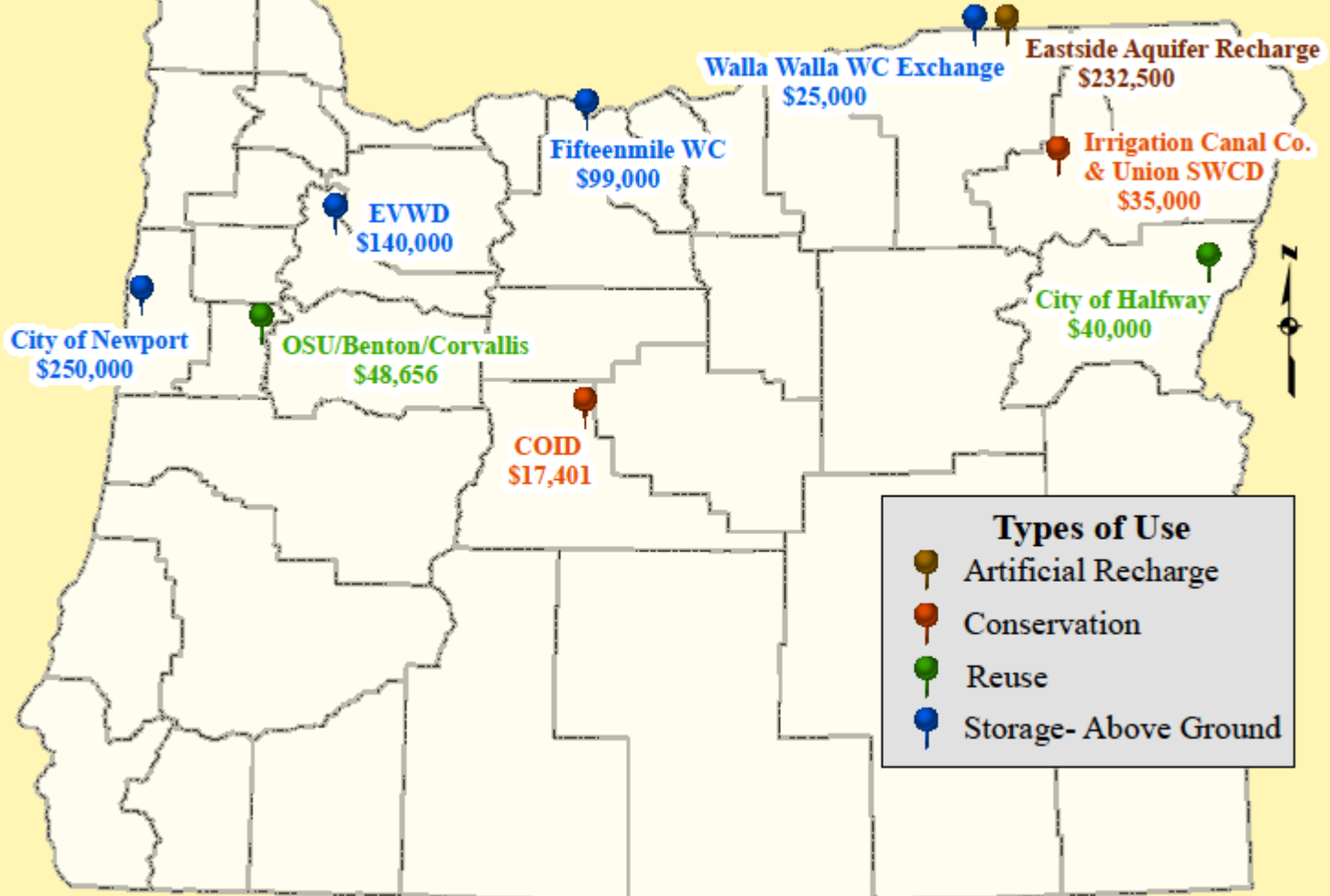


Received 9 Applications

- **2 - Reuse**
- **2 - Conservation**
- **5 - Storage**



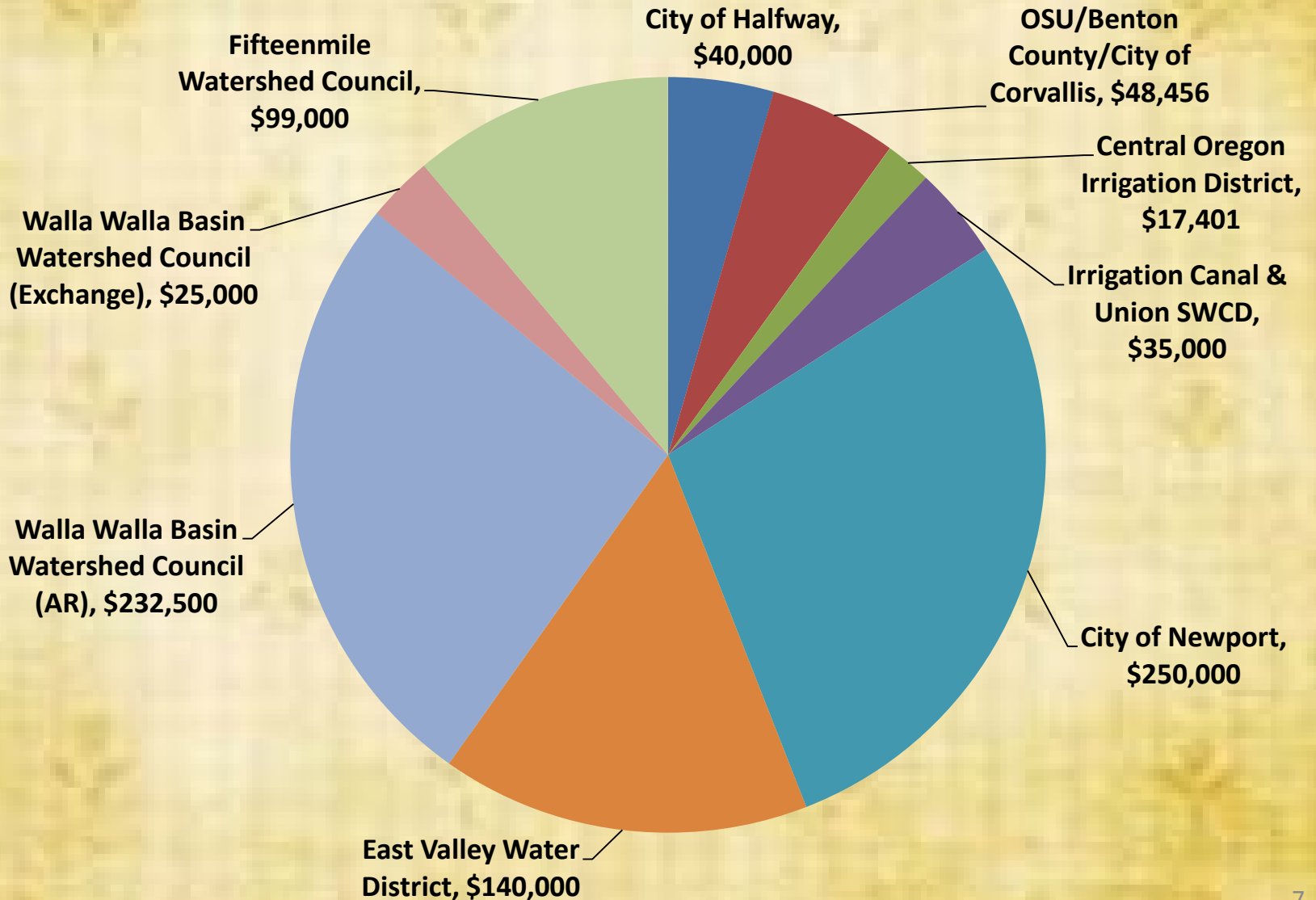
Water Conservation, Reuse, and Storage Grant Applications 2013- 2015



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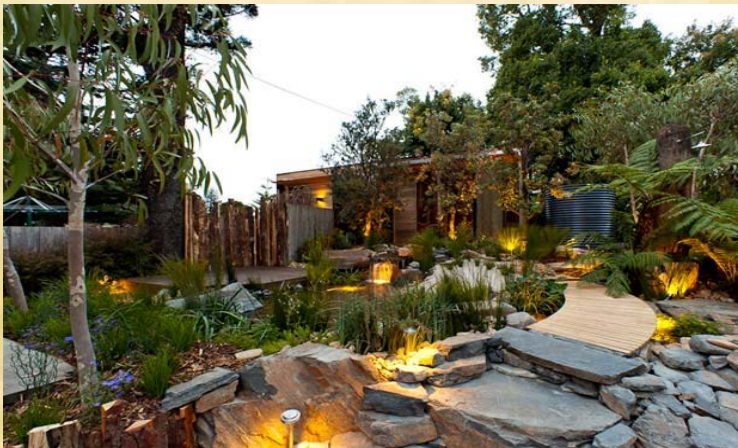
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Funding Requests



Reuse Projects

- **City of Halfway: \$40,000**
- **OSU/Benton County/City of Corvallis: \$48,456**



Conservation Projects

- **Central Oregon Irrigation District:**
 - **\$17,401**
- **Irrigation Canal & Union SWCD:**
 - **\$35,000**



Storage Projects

- **City of Newport: \$250,000**
- **Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council:**
 - **Artificial Recharge; \$232,500**
 - **River Exchange; \$25,000**
- **East Valley Water District: \$140,000**
- **Fifteenmile Watershed Council: \$99,000**



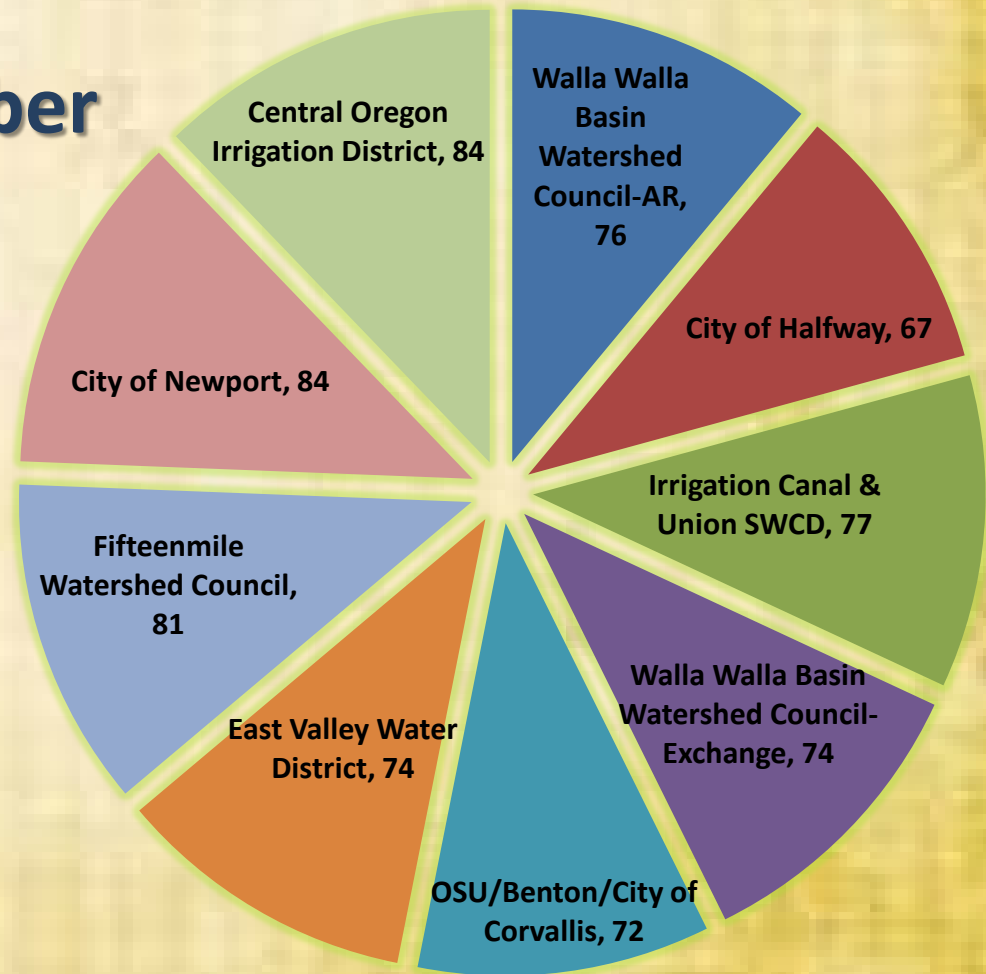
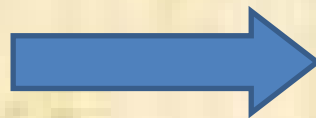
Application Review Team

- **Members:**

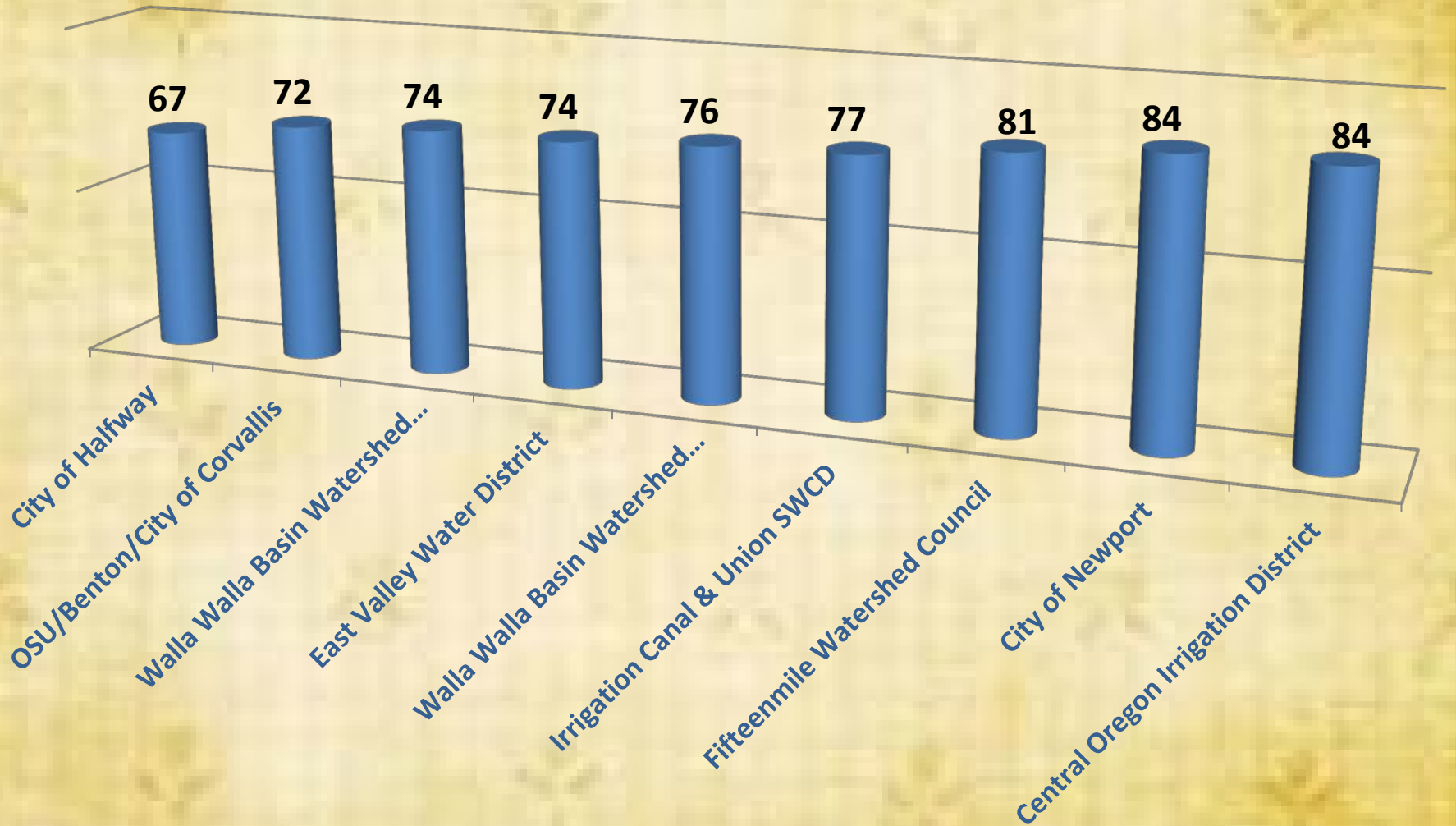
- ***Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife***
- ***Oregon Department of Environmental Quality***
- ***Oregon Department of Agriculture***
- ***Oregon Parks and Recreation Department***
- ***Business Oregon-Infrastructure Finance Authority***
- ***Oregon Association of Water Utilities***
- ***Oregon Department of Water Resources***

Application Review Team

- **Met in Early November**
- **Scored Applications**
- **Scores:**



Application Scores



Public Comment

- **December 3, 2013 through January 3, 2014**
- **Received eight comments**
 - **OSU/Benton County/Corvallis, 1**
 - **East Valley Water District, 7**

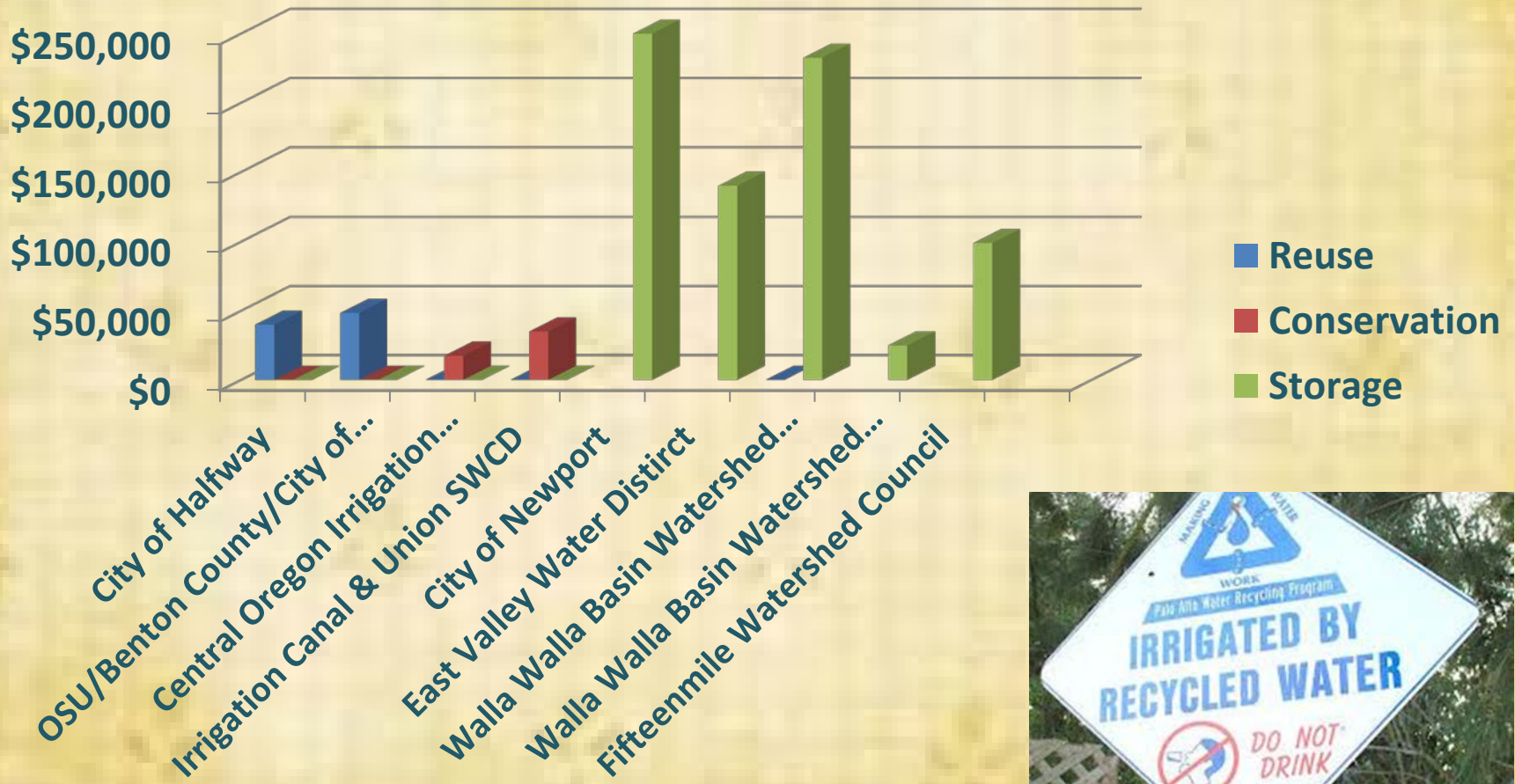


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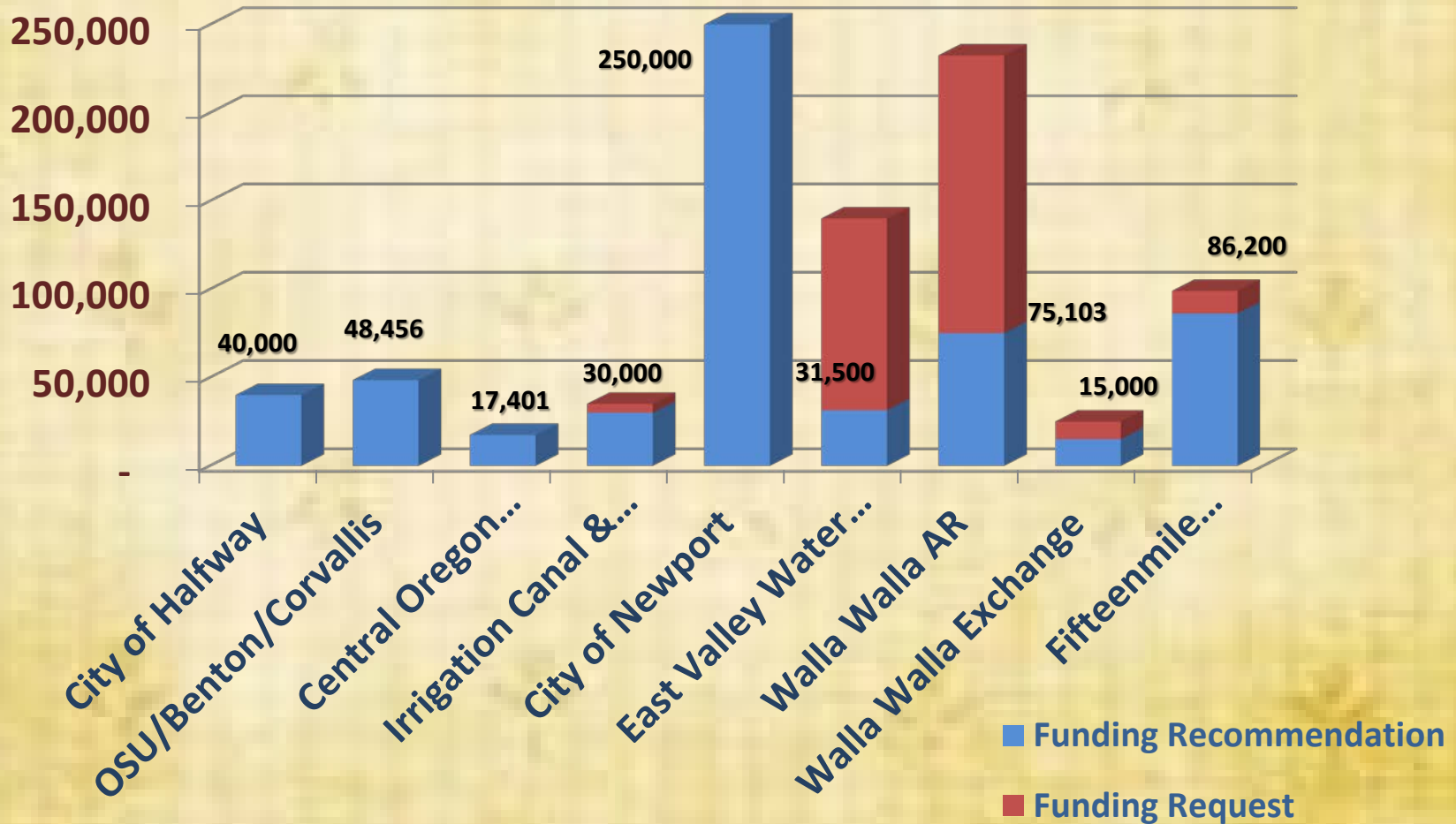
- **Majority of comments were in support of projects**
- **Concern expressed on the *Drift Creek Storage Project*;**
 - **old data used in the analysis**
 - **impacts on private property**
 - **project support**



Funding Request Type



Staff Recommendation



Funding Recommendation

Applicant:	Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
City of Halfway	\$40,000	\$40,000
OSU/Benton/Corvallis	\$48,456	\$48,456
Central Oregon Irrigation District	\$17,401	\$17,401
Irrigation Canal & Union SWCD	\$35,000	\$30,000
City of Newport	\$250,000	\$250,000
East Valley Water District	\$140,000	\$31,500
Walla Walla AR	\$232,500	\$75,103
Walla Walla Exchange	\$25,000	\$15,000
Fifteenmile Watershed council	\$99,000	\$86,200
Total	\$887,357	\$593,660

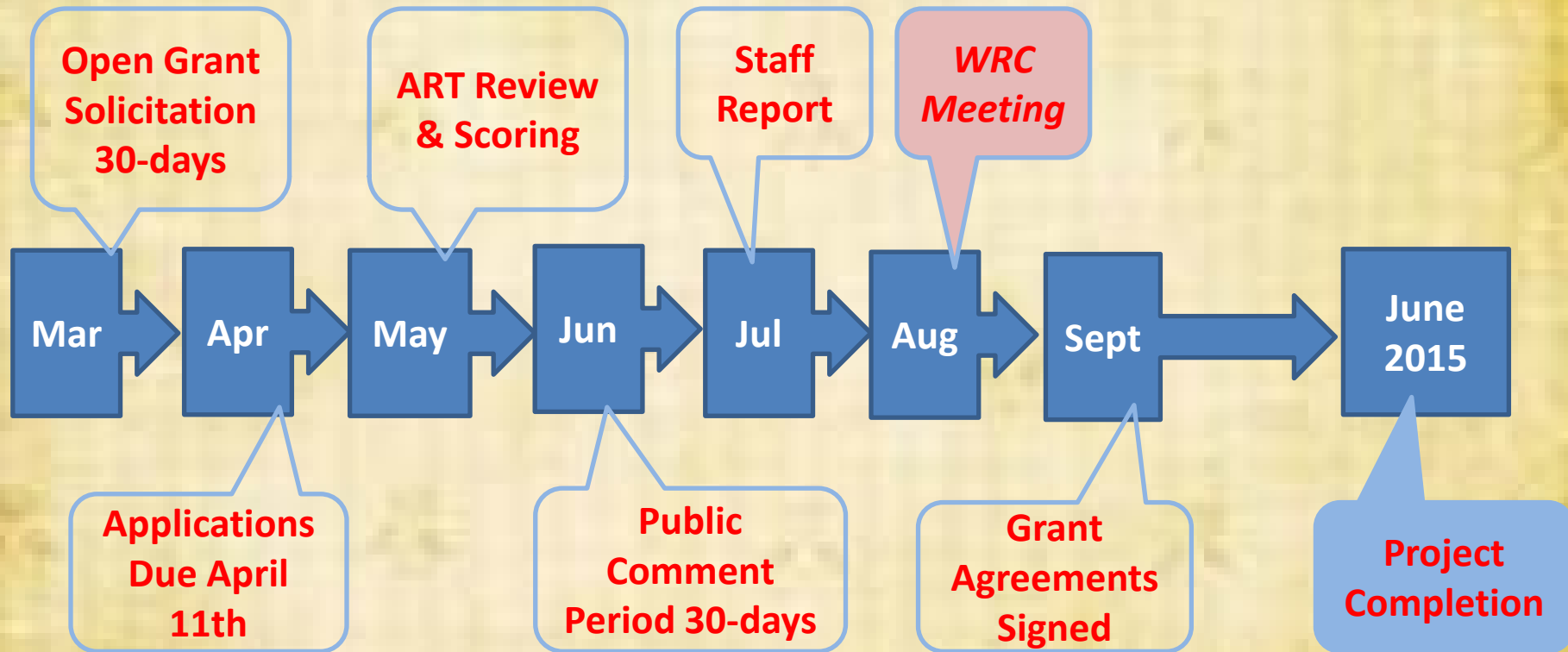
Funding Cycles

\$750,000 Available 2013-2015

- **Cycle 1: \$593,660**
- **Cycle 2: \$156,340**



2014-15 Grant Cycle (\$156,340)



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Websites: www.wrd.state.or.us

www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/LAW/conservation_reuse_storage_grant_program.aspx