

Water Resources Department

Water Resources Development Program Funding Opportunities Update

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Water Resources Development Program



Place-based planning is a voluntary, locally initiated and led effort which includes identifying and prioritizing strategic solutions to address water needs



Grant funding to cover 50% of the cost of conducting Feasibility Studies



Grants and Loans to evaluate, plan and implement water development projects that have economic, environmental and social/cultural benefits

Place Based Planning

Feasibility Studies

Water Projects

Funding:

\$750,000

\$2.8 Mil

\$14 Mil

Match:

25% Match

50% Match
(\$1 for \$1)

25% Match
(Grants)

App Cutoff:

12-7-15

7-31-15
2-1-16

1-19-16





Feasibility Studies

By Type

Conservation	7	\$ 485,993
Reuse	6	\$ 274,250
Above Ground Storage	9	\$ 841,973
Below Ground Storage	9	\$ 723,658

By Region

Northwest	8	\$ 1,050,131
North Central	10	\$ 720,967
Southwest	7	\$ 391,561
South Central	3	\$ 31,250
East	3	\$ 131,965



Water Project Grants and Loans

By Project Type

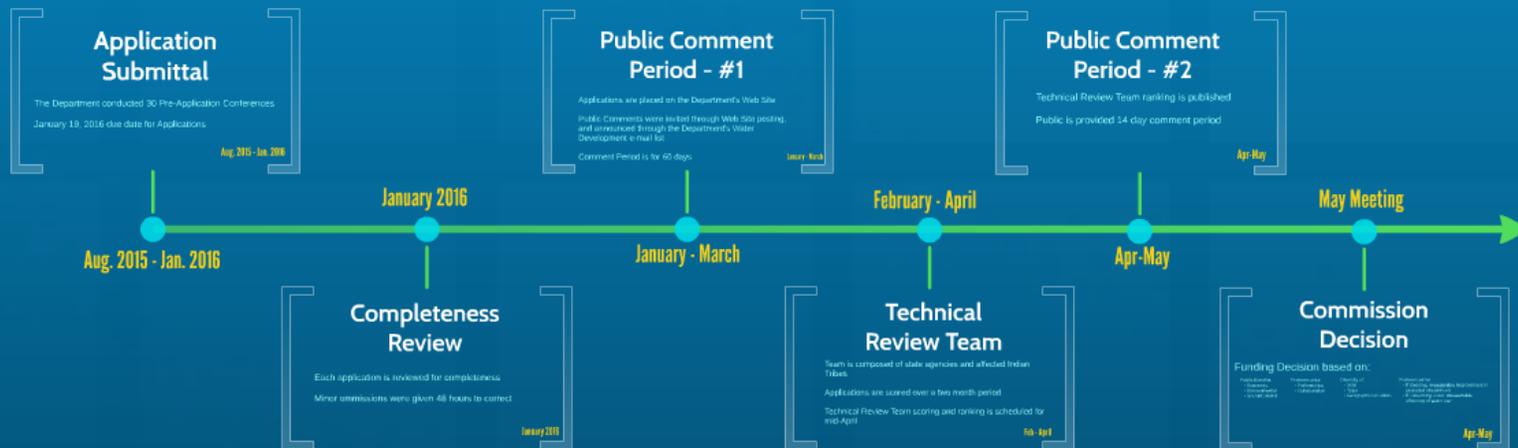
Above Ground Storage	3
Below Ground Storage	1
Repair or Replace Infrastructure	8
Streamflow Protection/Restoration	6
Water Conservation	14
Water Reuse	4
Other *	18

By Region

Northwest	9	\$	4,122,982
North Central	11	\$	25,486,670
Southwest	1	\$	149,330
South Central	6	\$	3,156,345
East	10	\$	18,044,193



Water Project Grants and Loans Award Process



Criteria	Weight	Score
1. Project Description	20%	15
2. Financial Feasibility	20%	18
3. Environmental Impact	20%	12
4. Technical Feasibility	20%	16
5. Community Support	20%	14
Total Score		75

Application Submittal

The Department conducted 30 Pre-Application Conferences

January 19, 2016 due date for Applications

Aug. 2015 - Jan. 2016



Completeness Review

Each application is reviewed for completeness

Minor omissions were given 48 hours to correct

January 2016

Public Comment Period - #1

Applications are placed on the Department's Web Site

Public Comments were invited through Web Site posting,
and announced through the Department's Water
Development e-mail list

Comment Period is for 60 days

January - March

Technical Review Team

Team is composed of state agencies and affected Indian Tribes

Applications are scored over a two month period

Technical Review Team scoring and ranking is scheduled for mid-April

Feb - April

Water Project Grants and Loans Public Benefit Scoring - 2016 Funding Cycle

		Max Unit Score	Raw Score
1. Economic	The evaluation of economic benefits for a project shall be based on the changes in economic conditions expected to result from the project, including but not limited to conditions related to:		
	(a) Job creation or retention;	5	
	(b) Increases in economic activity;	5	
	(c) Increases in efficiency or innovation;	5	
	(d) Enhancement of infrastructure, farmland, public resource lands, industrial lands, commercial lands or lands having other key uses;	5	
	(e) Enhanced economic value associated with tourism or recreational or commercial fishing, with fisheries involving native fish of cultural significance to Indian tribes or with other economic values resulting from restoring or protecting water in-stream; and	5	
	(f) Increases in irrigated land for agriculture.	5	
	Total Economic	30	
2. Environmental	The evaluation of environmental benefits for a project shall be based on the changes in environmental conditions expected to result from the project, including but not limited to conditions related to:	5	
	(a) A measurable improvement in protected streamflows that: (A) Supports the natural hydrograph; (B) Improves floodplain function; (C) Supports state or federally listed sensitive, threatened or endangered fish species; (D) Supports native fish species of cultural importance to Indian tribes; or (E) Supports riparian habitat important for wildlife;	5	
	(b) A measurable improvement in groundwater levels that enhances environmental conditions in groundwater restricted areas or other areas;	5	
	(c) A measurable improvement in the quality of surface water or groundwater;	5	
	(d) Water conservation;	5	
	(e) Increased ecosystem resiliency to climate change impacts; and	5	
	(f) Improvements that address one or more limiting ecological factors in the project watershed.	5	
	Total Environmental	30	
	NOTE: <i>Projects that dedicate 25% of conserved water or newly developed water instream receive a score at least midway between the minimum threshold score and the maximum score for the category. The project may demonstrate additional environmental benefits to increase its score.</i>		
3. Social or Cultural	The evaluation of the social or cultural benefits for a project shall be based on the changes in social or cultural conditions expected to result from the project, including but not limited to conditions related to:	5	
	(a) The promotion of public health and safety and of local food systems;	5	
	(b) A measurable improvement in conditions for members of minority or low-income communities, economically distressed rural communities, tribal communities or other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes;	5	
	(c) The promotion of recreation and scenic values;	5	
	(d) Contribution to the body of scientific data publicly available in this state;	5	
	(e) The promotion of state or local priorities, including but not limited to the restoration and protection of native fish species of cultural significance to Indian tribes; and	5	
	(f) The promotion of collaborative basin planning efforts, including but not limited to efforts under the state integrated water resources strategy.	5	
	Total Social or Cultural	30	
	Total Public Benefit Score	90	
4. Add – Ons	Preference points for collaboration. Repeat points from 3f here, if 3f \geq a median score	5	
	Total Score with Preference Points	95	
	Protected Stream Flow Tie-Breaker, if needed (will occur during final TRT meeting if necessary)		
	Water Conservation Tie-Breaker, if needed. (will occur during final TRT meeting if necessary)		

Public Comment Period - #2

Technical Review Team ranking is published

Public is provided 14 day comment period

Apr-May

Commission Decision

Funding Decision based on:

Public Benefits:

- Economic
- Environmental
- Social/Cultural

Preference for:

- Partnerships
- Collaboration

Diversity of:

- Size
- Type
- Geographic Locations

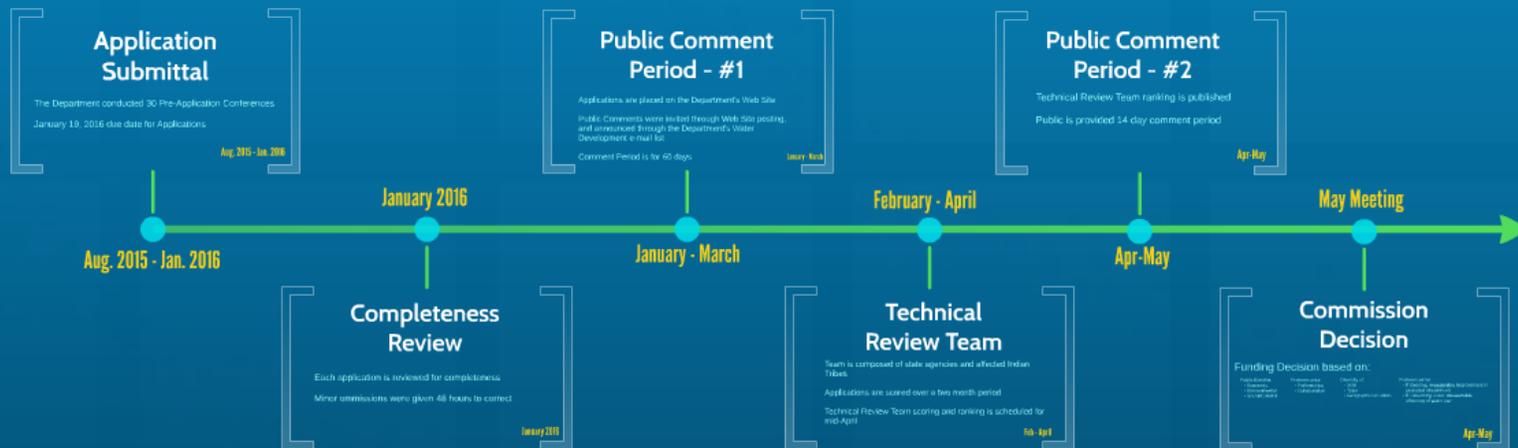
Preferences for:

- If diverting, **measurable** improvement in protected streamflows
- If conserving water, **measurable** efficiency of water use

Apr-May



Water Project Grants and Loans Award Process



Application ID	Criteria 1	Criteria 2	Criteria 3	Criteria 4	Criteria 5	Criteria 6	Criteria 7	Criteria 8	Criteria 9	Criteria 10	Criteria 11	Criteria 12	Criteria 13	Criteria 14	Criteria 15	Criteria 16	Criteria 17	Criteria 18	Criteria 19	Criteria 20	Criteria 21	Criteria 22	Criteria 23	Criteria 24	Criteria 25	Criteria 26	Criteria 27	Criteria 28	Criteria 29	Criteria 30	Criteria 31	Criteria 32	Criteria 33	Criteria 34	Criteria 35	Criteria 36	Criteria 37	Criteria 38	Criteria 39	Criteria 40	Criteria 41	Criteria 42	Criteria 43	Criteria 44	Criteria 45	Criteria 46	Criteria 47	Criteria 48	Criteria 49	Criteria 50	Criteria 51	Criteria 52	Criteria 53	Criteria 54	Criteria 55	Criteria 56	Criteria 57	Criteria 58	Criteria 59	Criteria 60	Criteria 61	Criteria 62	Criteria 63	Criteria 64	Criteria 65	Criteria 66	Criteria 67	Criteria 68	Criteria 69	Criteria 70	Criteria 71	Criteria 72	Criteria 73	Criteria 74	Criteria 75	Criteria 76	Criteria 77	Criteria 78	Criteria 79	Criteria 80	Criteria 81	Criteria 82	Criteria 83	Criteria 84	Criteria 85	Criteria 86	Criteria 87	Criteria 88	Criteria 89	Criteria 90	Criteria 91	Criteria 92	Criteria 93	Criteria 94	Criteria 95	Criteria 96	Criteria 97	Criteria 98	Criteria 99	Criteria 100
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Water Resources Development Program

Key Information

- **Feasibility Study Grants** - 31 requests for \$2.3 million; there is \$2.2 available.
- **Water Project Grants and Loans** - 37 requests for \$51 million; there is \$14 million available.
- **Recommendations** coming in May