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WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT

Funding Opportunity Assessment Update

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Help Address Oregon's Instream and Out-of-Stream Water Needs



Placed-Based Planning

Plan & identify
actions



Feasibility Study Grants

Investigate
feasibility



Water Project Grants & Loans

Implement

Three Components

**Identify - Water Supply
Planning**

Separate
assessment

**Investigate - Feasibility
Study Grants**

Current
assessment

**Implement - Water
Project Grants and Loans**



Pathway of Support

Identify - Place-Based Planning: 2015 - SB 266

Investigate - Feasibility Study Grants: 2008 - SB
1069

Implement - Water Project Grants &
Loans: 2013 - SB 839

Phases of Assessment

Internal Assessment
Feb-May

External Assessment
May-Dec

Evaluate Findings
Dec-Feb

Key Questions

- What is working?
- What is not working?
- Where can improvements be made?

Internal Assessment

- Internal evaluation and identification of what works well and what can be improved
- Interviews with other divisions whose programs and work intersect with grant-funded projects
- Commission engagement

External Assessment

- Applicant and Grantee Surveys
- Review Team Member Surveys
- Policy Member Focus Groups
- Practitioner Focus Groups
- Tribal Engagement

Survey of Applicants and Grantees

Online surveys gathered feedback on:

Forms

- Application
- Progress/
final report
- Request
for funds

Department assistance

- Answering
questions
- Providing
support

Guidance or assistance

- Workshops
- Online
tutorials
- Webinar

General

- Apply
again?
- Other
feedback

Survey of Review Team Members

- Focused on review process
 - What works well?
 - What could be improved?
- Requested specific feedback on
 - Application
 - Evaluation criteria
 - What do they wish applicants knew or did?

Focus Groups


Participants

- Policy
 - Water users
 - Conservation
- Practitioner
 - Grantees
 - Consultants


Topics Covered

- Aligning the funding opportunities
- Target outcomes
- Eligible projects
- Requirements
- Evaluation criteria
- Other feedback

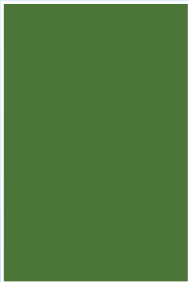
Tribal Engagement



Cultural Resources
Cluster

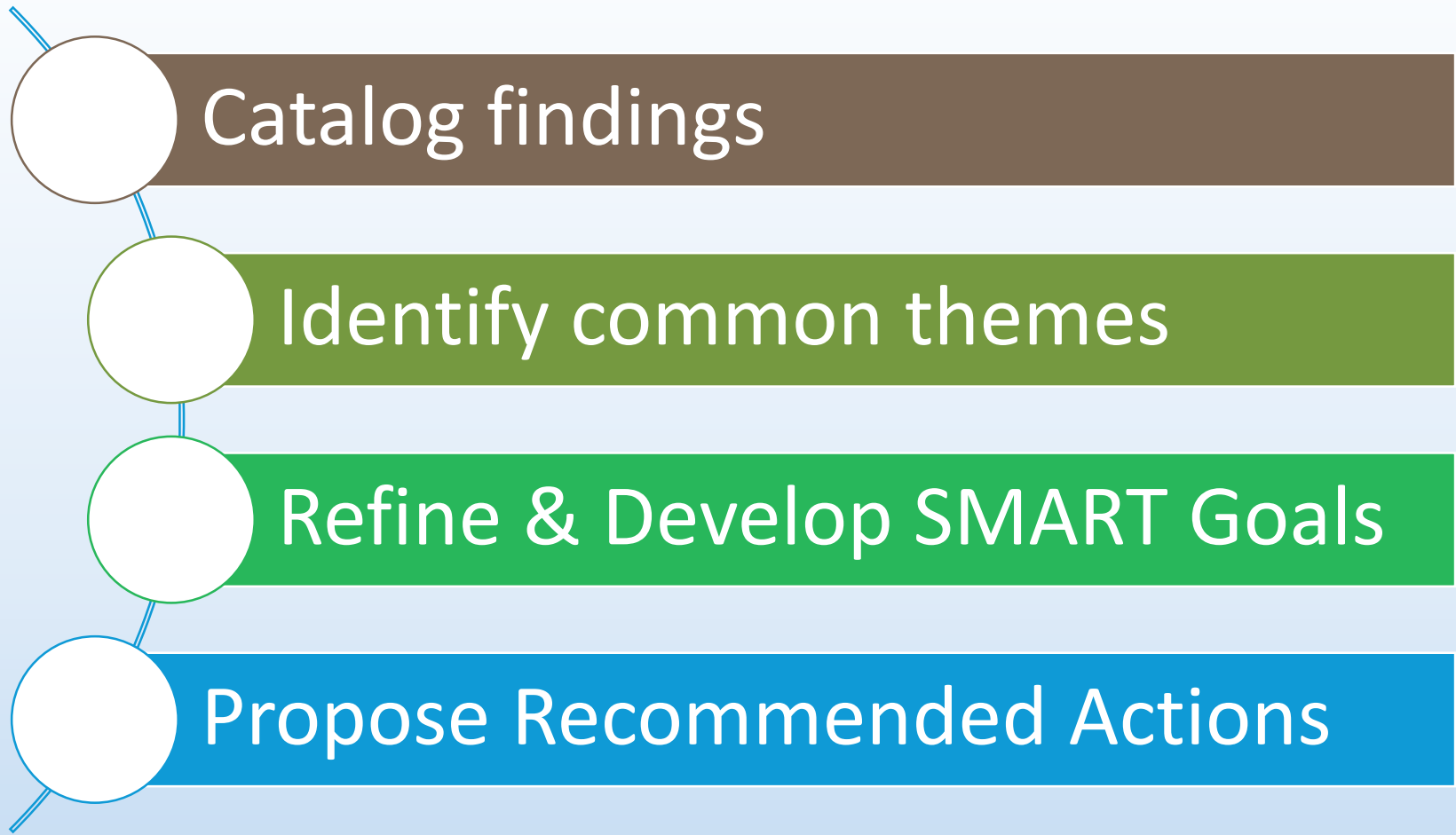


Natural Resources
Cluster



Individual outreach to
nine federally recognized
Tribes in Oregon

Evaluate Findings

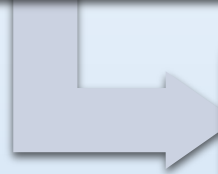


Future Work

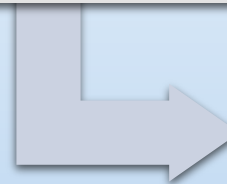
**Select
Recommended
Actions**



**Update
Commission on
Findings**



Develop Schedule



**Pursue
Improvement**



Thank you.
Questions?

