



Integration of Federal Funding into Long-Term Strategy and 2025-27 Budget Development Considerations

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INTENT

Board Discussion and Feedback on:

1. Options for how to structure a long-term federal funding strategy
2. Potential actions to include in a funding strategy
3. Potential funding-related actions to consider for the '25-27 budget development process.

LIMITATIONS AND CHALLENGES

- Partner Hesitations: Effort, Cost, and Administrative Burden
- Ad Hoc Grant Writing Limitations
- Need for Sustainable Federal Funding Approach

PIVOTING TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

- Board emphasis on Large-Scale Fish, Flood, and Multi-benefit Projects
- Balancing Top-Down and Grassroots Approaches

SUCCESS STORY

Inspiration from Aberdeen and Hoquiam

- Direct Federal Appropriation & \$50M BRIC Grant
- Transforming Dollars into North Shore Levee Project Impact



Figure 1

GUIDING ACTIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY

- Crafting a Multifaceted Strategy
- Diversifying Funding Streams
- Strategic Project Bundling for Amplified Impact
- State-Led Applications

JANUARY HABITAT PARTNER WORKSHOP: 01/30/2023

Workshop Focus:

- Identify Basin Projects for Federal Funding
- Enhance coordination among Chehalis Partners

NAVIGATING 2025-2027 BUDGETING

- Strategic Priorities: Federal Spending Authority, Local Capacity Building
- Technical Assistance: Empowering Grassroots Grant Writing
- Consultant Support: Guiding Competitive Project Selection, Ensuring Fit, and Impact

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QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION

