



# Federal Funding Strategy - Technical Support Program

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# FEDERAL FUNDING STRATEGY PRIORITY

The Chehalis Basin Board identified a priority need of the long-term Strategy should include a process that would put together the needs of Strategy partners with federal funding programs.

# TIMELINE

- **October 2022:** Board requested Federal grant writer support
- **January 2023:** ICF Consulting firm hired
- **March 2023:** Convened a Federal funding support advisory committee
- **June 2023:** Developed a technical support structure
- **August 2023:** Board report out

# ADVISORY GROUP REPRESENTATION

Organization	Participant
American Rivers	Brandon Parsons
City of Aberdeen	Nick Bird
City of Centralia	Kim Ashmore
City of Hoquiam	Brian Shay
Ecology's Floodplains by Design	Bobbak Talebi
Flood Authority	Scott Boettcher
Flood Control Zone District	Eric Martin
Salmon Lead Entity	Kirsten Harna

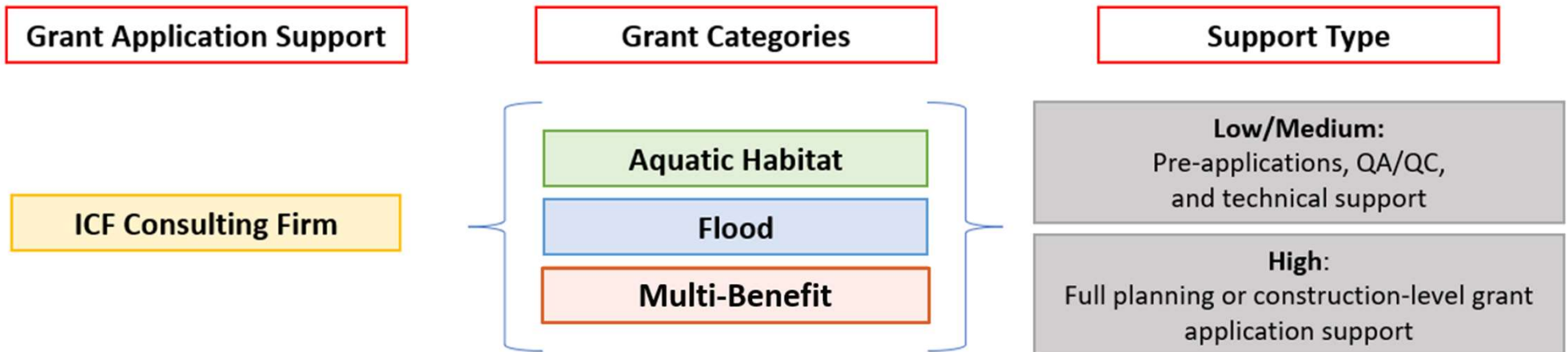
**Additional outreach and participation includes:**

**Chehalis Tribe**

**Quinault Indian Nation**

**State Agencies: RCO, WDFW, WSCC, DNR, & WSDOT**

# TECHNICAL RESOURCES SUPPORT APPROACH



# OCB SUPPORT CONSIDERATION PROCESS

\*Relevance Questions/Considerations:

- Eligibility
- OCB Strategy Alignment
- Level of Effort/Contractor Support

# GRANT COMPETITIVENESS EVALUATION

\*Competitiveness Questions/Considerations Scoring:

- Grant criteria
- Local match
- Project benefit & impact
- Project status & planning
- Community/partnership support



\*Scores receive 0-5 points for each question (except for the evaluation of published grant criteria, which has a larger range of 0-10 points).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Technical resource support in lieu of funding:

- Federal Grant Tracker
- Letter of support template
- Points of contact list



# PROPOSED BOARD LETTER OF SUPPORT PROCESS

Project Sponsor contacts OCB for a Board letter of support.

OCB staff works with the Board Chair and OCB Director to get Project Sponsors on the Board Agenda.

Project Sponsor presents project relevance to the Strategy & makes a formal support request.

If approved, Project Sponsor will receive a letter of support that includes signatures of all Board members.

# TIME SENSITIVE LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST

Project Sponsor contacts OCB for a Board letter of support.

OCB staff identifies if the request is time sensitive.

Project Sponsor presents project relevance to the Strategy to Board Chair and OCB Director & makes a formal support request.

If approved, Project Sponsor will receive a letter of support that includes Board Chair and OCB Director signatures.

OCB Staff will return to the subsequent Board meeting to notify the Board of the letter of support provided.

# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

**Please take a few minutes to consider the following questions:**

1. Is this the level of support you envision OCB would provide through a Federal funding strategy?
2. What frequency do Board members want updates on the process?
3. Does the Board want to see a formalized process developed for CBB letters of support requests?

## PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

- OCB implementation of funding support structure for the Federal Grant Technical Support Program.
- Finalize a process for Board's letter of support

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THANK YOU!

