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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Eric Williams, Grant Program Manager
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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item H – Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) Program Solicitation Schedule Approval and Funding Options Discussion July 26-27, 2016 Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

At its April 2016 meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed options for future FIP solicitation schedules and funding options based on the proportion of the spending plan allocated to FIP Implementation awards. This staff report requests the Board consider a FIP solicitation schedule and process for Board action. The report also provides background for continued Board discussion regarding funding options to be included in the 2017-19 and future spending plans.

II. Background

Initial FIP Capacity-Building and FIP Implementation awards were made in January 2016, seven months into the current biennium. FIP Capacity-Building grantees are developing or completing strategic action plans and partnership governance structures, which are necessary for partnerships to be eligible to apply for FIP Implementation funding. In many cases, this work will not be completed until February 2018, which is eight months into the 2017-2019 biennium.

FIP Implementation grantees recently executed partnership agreements and are just beginning to work on the initial project grant agreements funded under the FIP, requiring significant FIP and partner staff resources during this start-up period.

For these reasons, the Board expressed a desire to begin the next FIP Implementation solicitation during the 2017-2019 biennium such that partnership agreements and start-up actions can take place in advance of a Board award in July 2019 for the 2019-2021 biennium. Subsequent awards would be made in July of future biennia. Staff are also presenting an option for soliciting FIP Capacity-Building applications for Board award in the 2017-2019 biennium and future biennia.

III. FIP Capacity-Building Solicitation

a. Solicitation Schedule

Attachment A proposes a schedule that would complement the proposed FIP Implementation schedule discussed at the April 2016 Board meeting, with a \$1 million solicitation to take place in the 2017-19 biennium. The schedule would allow

future FIP Capacity-Building grantees approximately seven months between the end of the capacity building grant and the deadline for the FIP Implementation grant. This proposed schedule would be continued into future biennia.

b. Proposed Process Changes

Staff propose two changes to the FIP Capacity-Building process, shown in the attached schedule. The first is removing the Letter of Intent and replace it with a pre-application consultation between possible applicants and the Capacity Coordinator. The purpose of the conversation would be to ensure possible applicants understand the purpose of the grant offering and answer questions.

The second proposed change is to shift the FIP Capacity-Building recommendation to the Board from the FIP Subcommittee to staff. FIP Capacity-Building grants are similar to other grants OWEB offers (e.g., Council Capacity, Organizational Restructuring). Staff will keep the FIP Subcommittee apprised prior to Board action, but a formal FIP Subcommittee recommendation to the OWEB Board is not needed. Additional minor changes to the application will be proposed as well and reviewed with the FIP Subcommittee prior to application release in January 2017.

IV. FIP Implementation Solicitation

a. Solicitation Schedule

Attachment B provides a proposed solicitation schedule based on discussions at the April 2016 Board meeting. The proposed schedule will allow ample time for proposal evaluation, Board FIP Subcommittee deliberation, and a Board decision by January 2019. Successful applicants would then have six months to execute partnership agreements and complete project prioritization so that partnerships are ready to execute grant agreements as soon as the Board funding award is made in July 2019 for the 2019-2021 biennium.

b. Spending Plan

The FIP Implementation solicitation schedule outlined above will allow the Board to solicit an equal dollar value for new FIP Implementation partnerships each biennium. FIP Implementation awards currently comprise about 20% of the current biennium spending plan. Attachment C presents funding options at 20%, 25%, and 30% of the spending plan for consideration in future biennia. These will be discussed at the meeting to provide direction as staff begin to develop the 2017-19 Spending Plan.

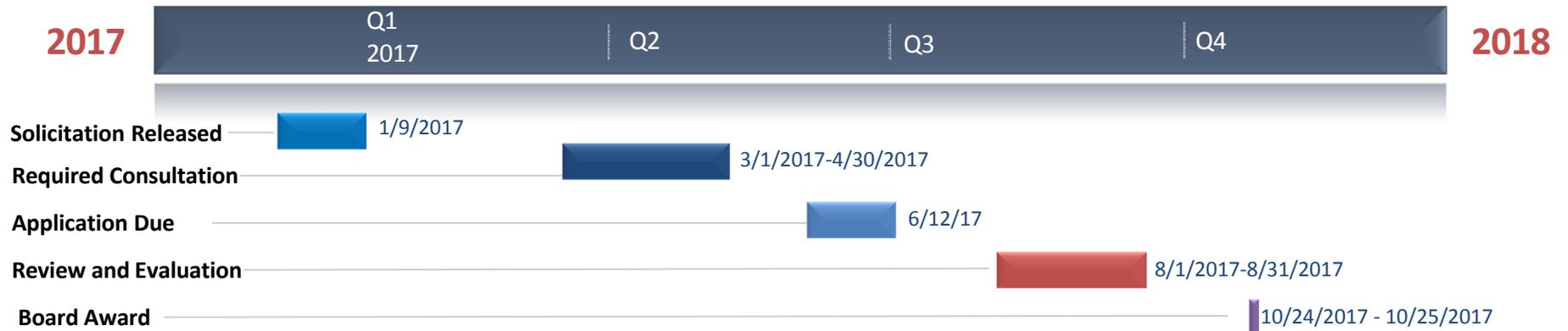
V. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend the Board approve the proposed solicitation schedules for FIP Capacity-Building and FIP Implementation awards.

Attachments

- A. Proposed Capacity Building FIP Schedule
- B. Proposed FIP Implementation Schedule
- C. Future FIP Funding Options

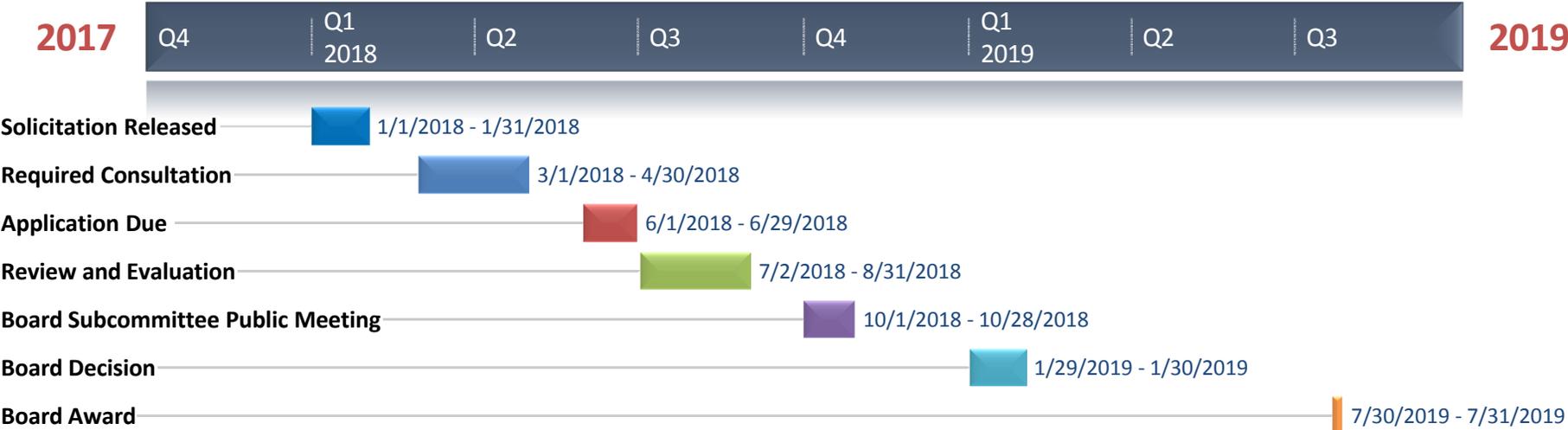
Proposed Capacity Building FIP Schedule



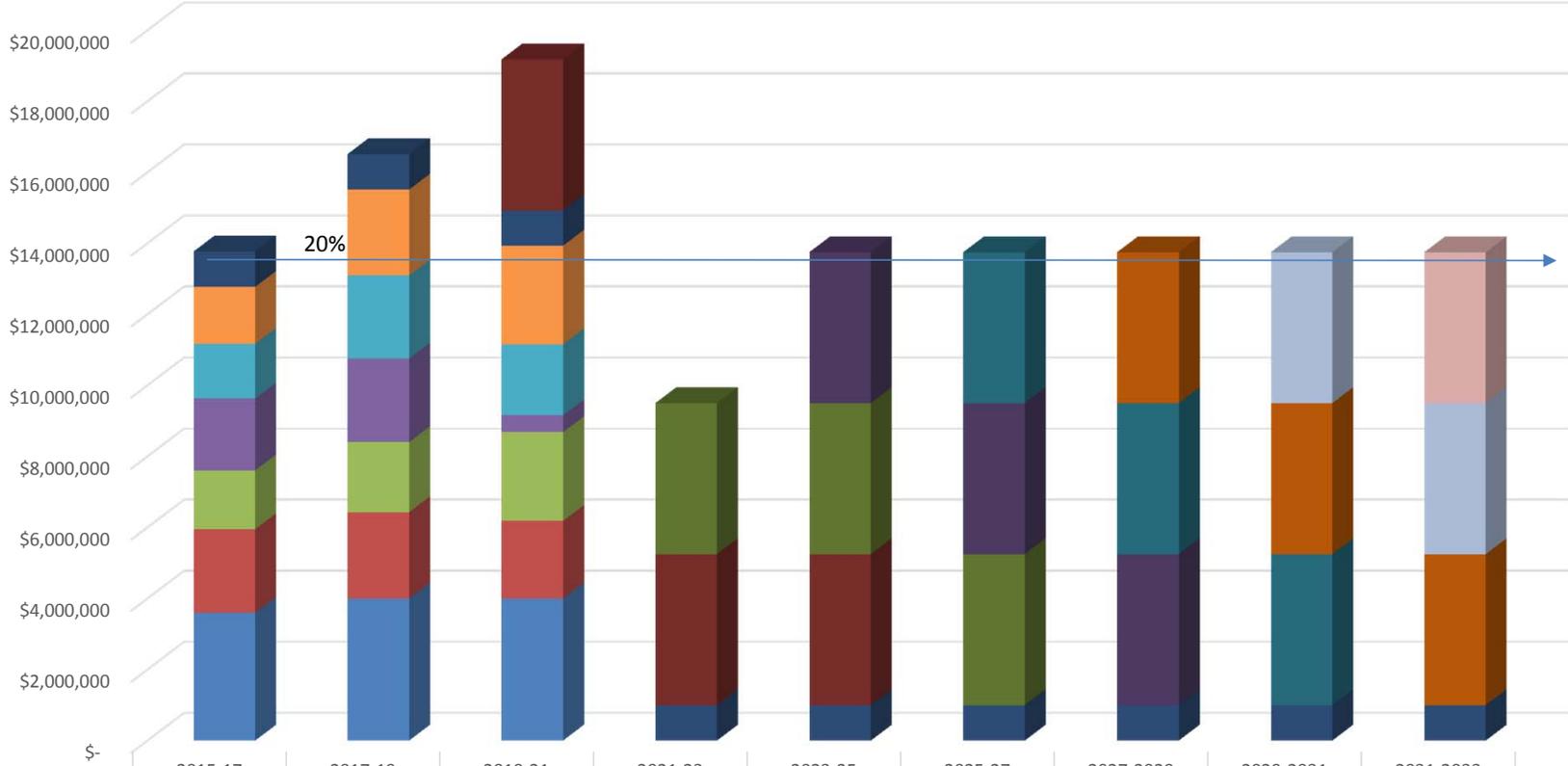
2017-2019 C-FIP grants would be open November 2017-November 2019, allowing potential 2021-2023 I-FIP applicants about 7 months from the end of the C-FIP grant until the application deadline for the I-FIP grant, which would be June 2020.

ATTACHMENT B

Proposed Implementation FIP Schedule

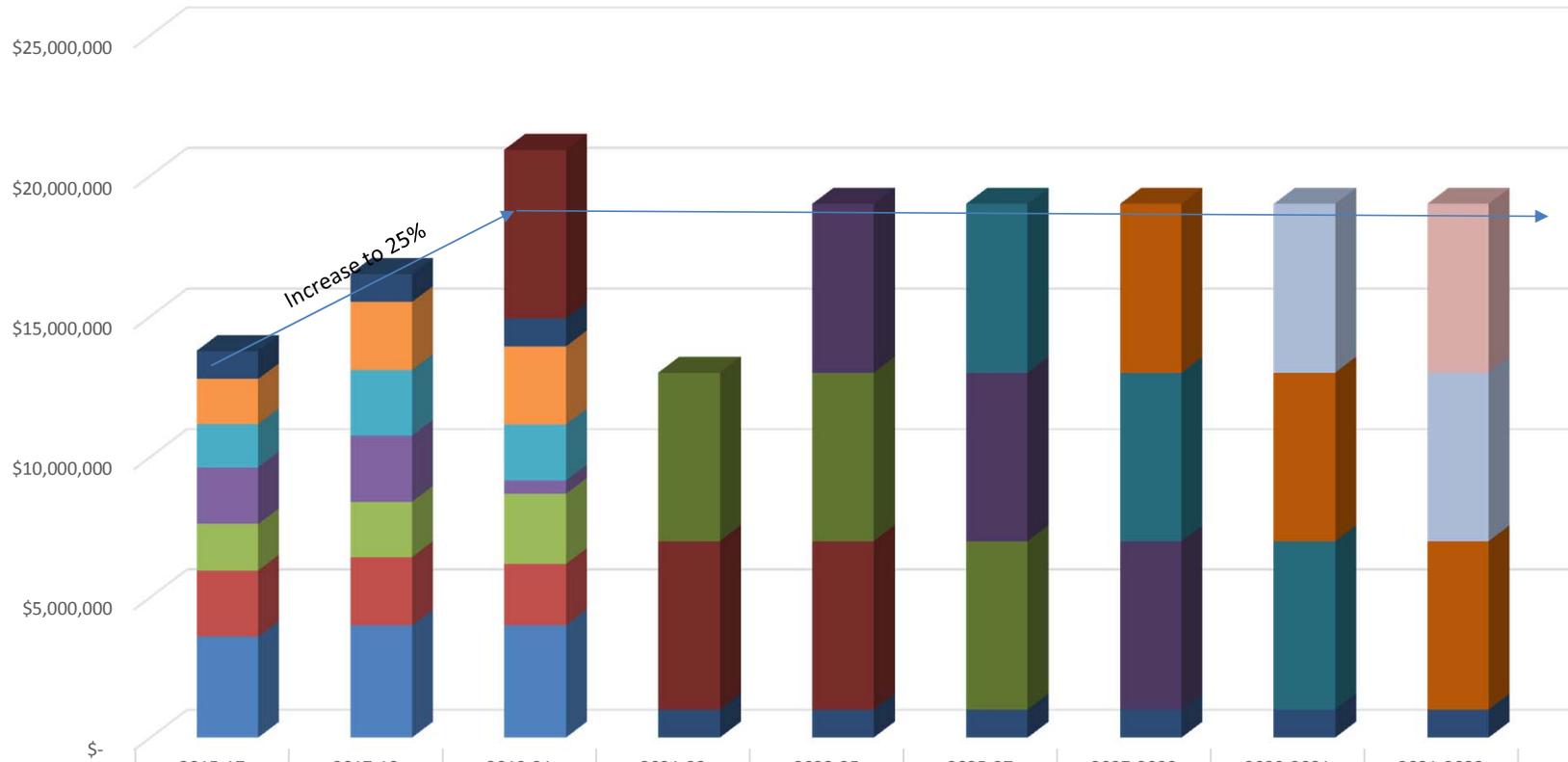


20% Focused Investments



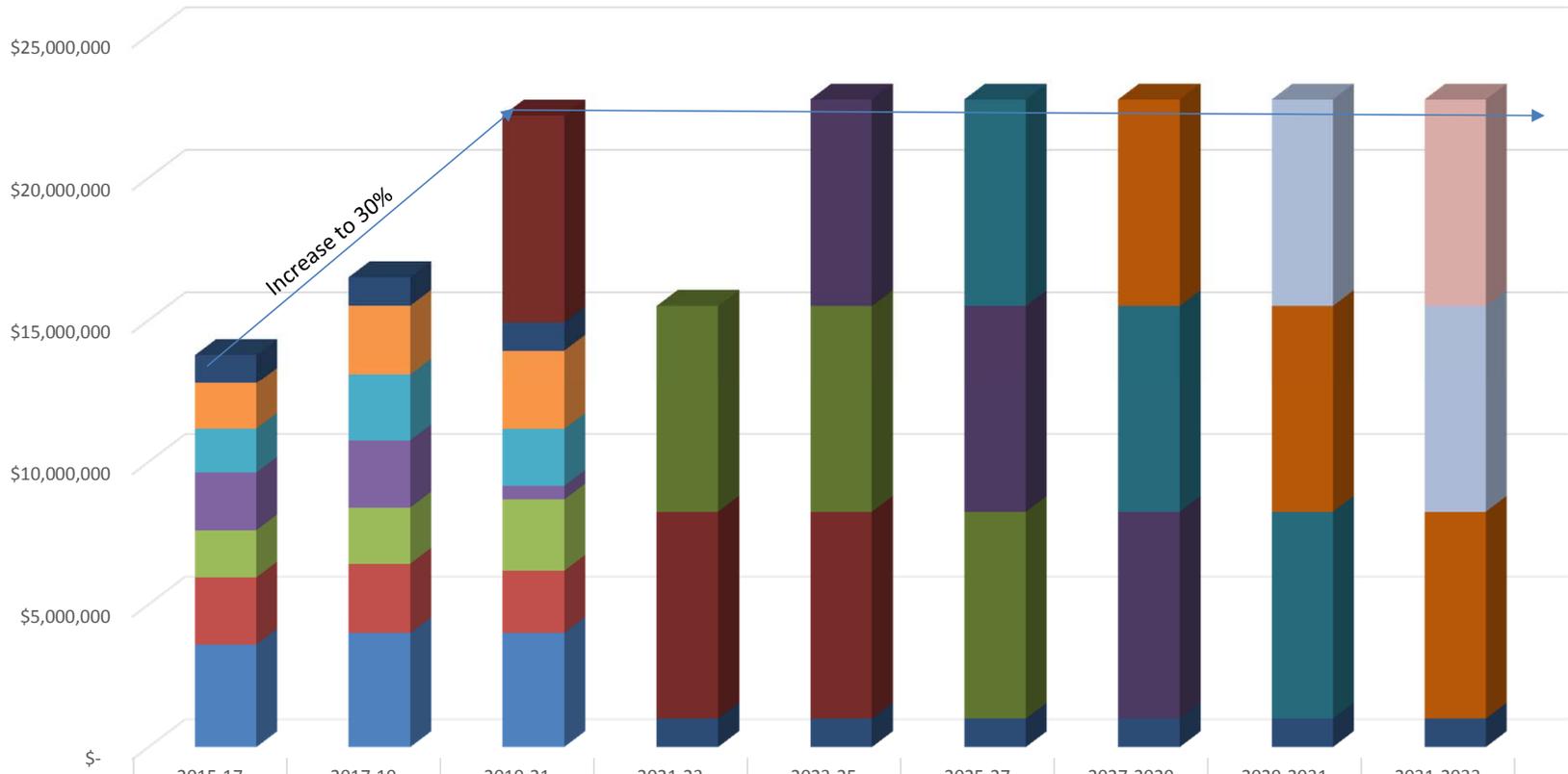
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FIP 2031 (20%)									\$4,250,000
FIP 2029 (20%)								\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000
FIP 2027 (20%)							\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000
FIP 2025 (20%)						\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000	
FIP 2023 (20%)					\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000		
FIP 2021 (20%)				\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000			
FIP 2019 (20%)			\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000	\$4,250,000				
FIP Capacity	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Grande Ronde	\$1,601,460	\$2,416,500	\$2,777,000						
Ashland Forests	\$1,543,800	\$2,340,000	\$2,000,000						
Sage-Grouse	\$2,019,030	\$2,355,250	\$473,732						
Harney Wetlands	\$1,655,400	\$1,970,000	\$2,500,000						
Willamette	\$2,351,100	\$2,430,000	\$2,180,000						
Deschutes	\$3,600,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000						

25% Focused Investments



	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27	2027-2029	2029-2031	2031-2033
FIP 2031 (25%)									\$6,000,000
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30% Focused Investment



	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27	2027-2029	2029-2031	2031-2033
FIP 2031 (30%)									\$7,250,000
FIP 2029 (30%)								\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000
FIP 2027 (30%)							\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000
FIP 2025 (30%)						\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000	
FIP 2023 (30%)					\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000		
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