

## Oregon Way Advisory Group: Work Process

Governor Ted Kulongoski established the Oregon Way Advisory Group to assist him in evaluating competitive federal stimulus grant proposals from state agencies, local governments and others by identifying, developing and prioritizing proposals that meet the *Oregon Way* criteria. The Advisory Group will make recommendations to the Governor regarding projects that should be elevated for competitive federal stimulus funding consideration. The steps below provide an overview of the process the Advisory Group will follow in its work.

- In order for a project concept to be considered for submission to the Oregon Way Advisory Group, the team of public and private sponsors should contact the Economic Recovery Executive Team (ERET) ([oregon.way@state.or.us](mailto:oregon.way@state.or.us) or 503-378-6929). Sponsors should develop a detailed description of the project concept, including public and private partners, expected funding levels and sources, and aspects of the concept that achieve the *Oregon Way* criteria.
- With the above in mind, a project will be moved to the advisory group only after project sponsors have worked with the state agency or agencies applicable to their project concept, in order to build a public-private collaborative team. A list of agency contacts by category is available at <http://www.oregon.gov/recovery>.
- The co-chairs of the Advisory Group will work with the Governor and the ERET to identify project proposals ready for the Advisory Group to evaluate under the *Oregon Way* criteria.
- Once a project concept is selected for consideration, a lead member of the ERET will be assigned and the Advisory Group will hear presentations on concept details from public and private project sponsors. If the Advisory Group determines that the project concept meets the *Oregon Way* criteria, it may then forward it to the Governor for his consideration with any additional recommendations. Alternatively, the Advisory Group may decide to request further analysis of the proposal by the ERET. Decisions on how to proceed with project concepts will be determined by a majority vote of Advisory Group members present.
- For project concepts referred by the Advisory Group to the ERET for further analysis, the lead staff member will work closely with relevant agencies to prepare a report identifying competitive federal grant dollars that may be available, delineating how the project meets each of the *Oregon Way* criteria, evaluating scalability, and addressing any issues raised by Advisory Group members. Once the Advisory Group then reviews the staff report, it will determine whether to forward the proposal to the Governor for his consideration, with any additional recommendations, including possible modifications to the project concept.
- In light of the Advisory Group's recommendations, the Governor will then decide whether to assist in pursuing competitive federal funding of the project, and otherwise elevate the project in order to leverage state and federal dollars and private investment to maximize efforts that deliver short-term stimulus and long-term economic prosperity.