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“Funding Referral Service”

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A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away....

- Every grant-seeking entity -- government, non-profit organization, agency, department, watershed group, and empire had a **PLAN!**
Do or do not... There is no try.

- There was tons of public input in the creation of this PLAN, so that none of the proposed projects were somebody’s “pet” project. Everyone can see their dreams in the PLAN.

- This plan has a list of projects, their order of implementation, and a timeline for making it all come true.

- But – this is not reality. There is one major limiting factor....
LMCP can only provide ~$600,000 annually, distributed among many grantees – requests are for $1M +

Many groups are taking advantage of many funding opportunities.

However, many funding opportunities exist which are not being taken advantage of. WHY???
Needs Assessment

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Funding Needs Assessment Questions

1) Does your organization/government have projects planned? If so, how many? What types of projects? (can be anything, not only natural resource related)

2) Is lack of funding a limitation to accomplishing these projects?

3) Do you think you/your organization has a good understanding of what grant opportunities are available to you?

4) Why or why not? What would help with this?

5) What are the limiting factors to taking advantage of these grant opportunities?

6) How many grant projects do you currently manage at any given moment?

7) Would you have the capacity to manage more? Why or why not?

8) Do you feel that grant management is a large administrative burden? (All of the different details, nuances, rules. Think about a time before you knew what grants were, and what the administrative requirements are, from cradle to grave?)
Suite of Proposed Services:

1.) Funding Source Matrix (already live)
2.) General timeline broken out by project type
3.) Capacity building workshops – general government grant information, grant writing
Funding Source Matrix

Spreadsheet compilation of various relevant funding opportunities

- government and private
- basic information
  - eligibility
  - project type
  - link to webpage
  - funding range
  - timelines
- contact information
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Next Steps

- Technical assistance or “consulting” – helping funding-seekers identify appropriate grant programs, reviewing proposals

- Timeline – promote better planning, as opposed to last-minute grant proposal writing

- General government grant writing workshops – covering basic principles which apply across all grant programs, as well as how to describe your project effectively; developing budgets
Questions, comments, suggestions are welcome!
Your input is needed!

Do you know a group who needs to see this presentation?

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