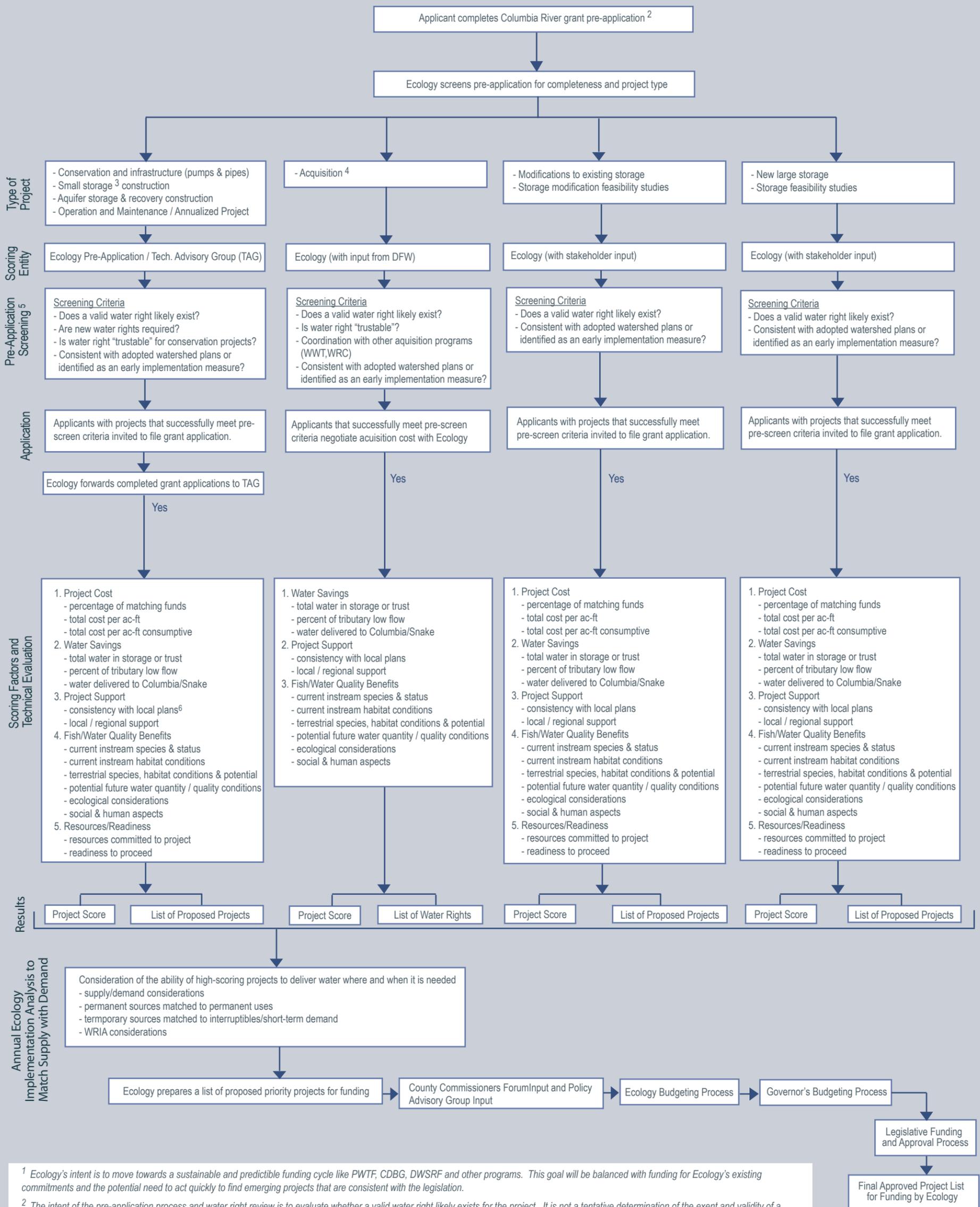


Developing Water Supply for the Columbia River Basin Water Management Program ¹

Funding Process -- First Cycle



¹ Ecology's intent is to move towards a sustainable and predictable funding cycle like PWTF, CDBG, DWSRF and other programs. This goal will be balanced with funding for Ecology's existing commitments and the potential need to act quickly to find emerging projects that are consistent with the legislation.

² The intent of the pre-application process and water right review is to evaluate whether a valid water right likely exists for the project. It is not a tentative determination of the extent and validity of a water right. However, Ecology will use many of the same tools that it uses when preparing a Report of Examination for a water right transfer, including a site examination and evaluation of historic beneficial use. This process is similar to that used in Ecology's Irrigation Efficiency Program.

³ "Small storage" will be determined annually by Ecology depending on factors like the size of project and the lead for the feasibility study (e.g. local vs. federal).

⁴ Ecology's initial acquisition efforts will likely focus on specific auctions and partnerships with other programs and groups. Columbia River "acquisition" is defined in Chapter 6 of the PEIS.

⁵ A project may not meet minimum screening criteria because the water is not "trustable" (e.g. based on a claim), because a project is not consistent with an adopted watershed plan, because of uncertainty about whether a relinquishment exemption exists to excuse nonuse, because a change application for the water right may be needed, because a new water right may be needed, or others.

⁶ Plans include watershed plans / early implementation measures, salmon recovery plans and others.