

WQ FY15 Application Cycle Overview

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Funds Available

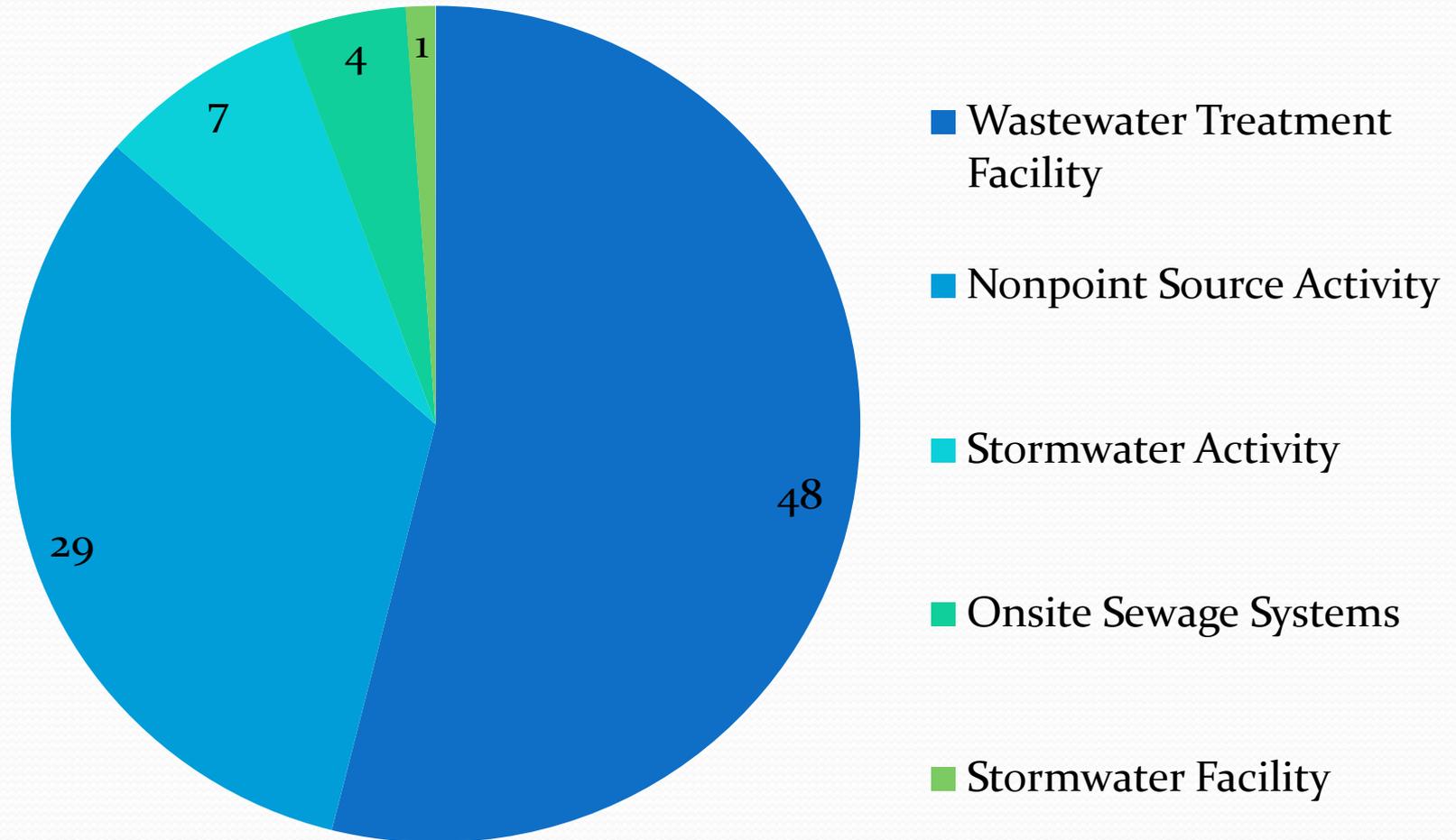
• SRF Loan Funds(includes acceleration)	\$180M
• Additional Subsidization Reserve	\$1.3-1.99M
• GPR (10% of cap grant)	\$2.4M
• Centennial Grant	\$22M
• 319 Grant	\$1.56M
• Total funds available	\$204M



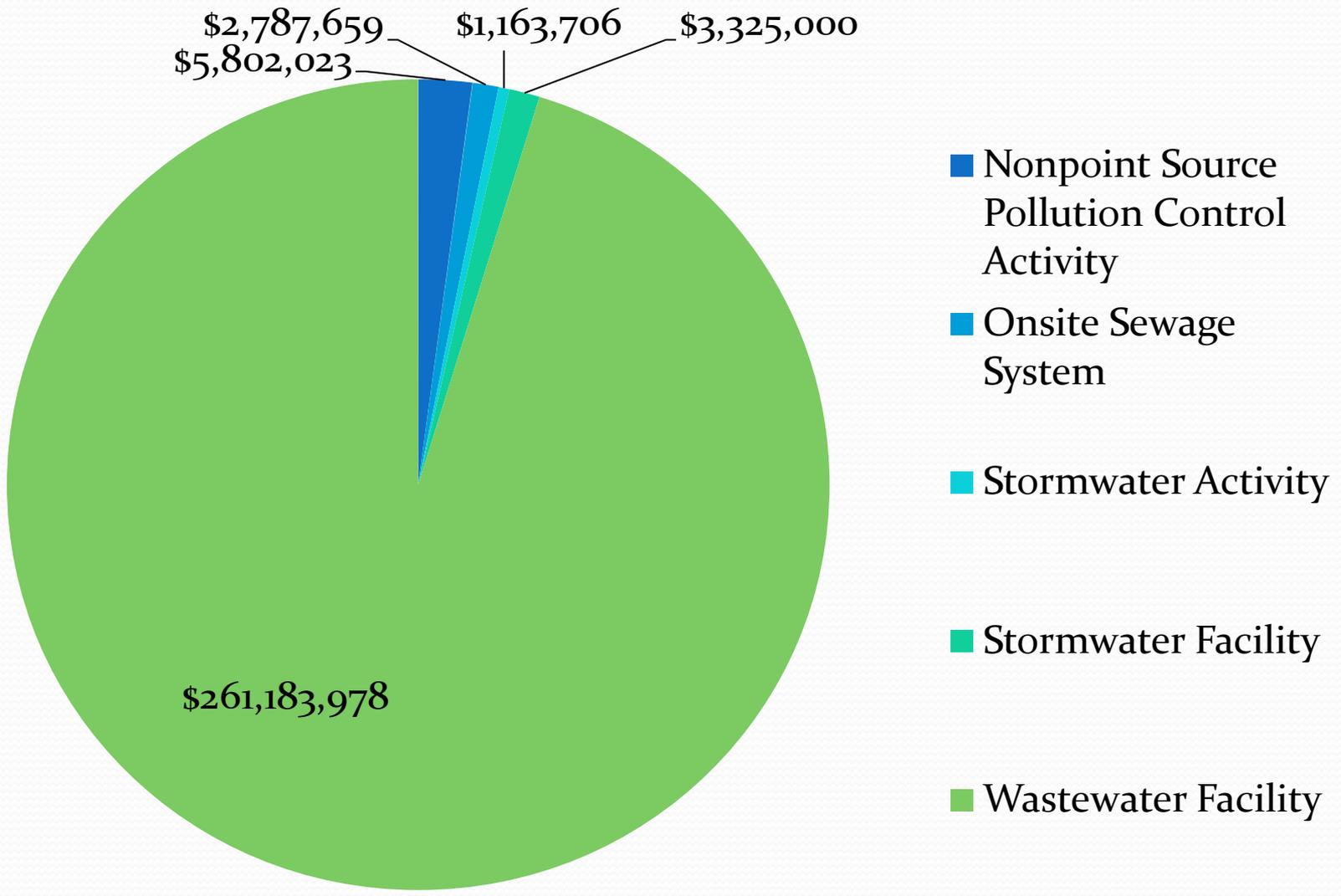
Applications Received

- 64 Jurisdictions
- 89 Projects
 - \$304M in Total Project Cost (TPC)
 - Cost to complete proposed projects. Includes additional funds above requested amount from Ecology
 - \$282M in Total Eligible Cost (TEC)
 - Request from Ecology including match
- Requested
 - \$265.3M SRF Loan
 - \$9M Grant
- Eligible for Hardship Subsidy
 - \$15.3M in Financial Hardship for Construction
 - \$1.1M in Preconstruction
- 7 Ineligible Projects
- 2 Refinance Projects
- 9 didn't score high enough in the rating and ranking

Distribution of Requests by Category



Distribution of Requests by Amount



SFY15 Funding Cycle – Next Steps

- Published the Draft Funding Offer List and Intended Use Plan on February 21
- Hold public meeting and accept comments; meeting details:
 - Date: Friday, March 7
 - Time: 1:00PM
 - Place: Pierce County Library, PAC - Processing and Administrative Center, 3005 112th Street East, Tacoma, WA 98446
- Accept comments until Monday, March 24
- Publish Final List by July 1

Proposed Funding by Category/Source

Category	Projects	SRF Loan	SRF Forgivable Principal	Centennial Grant	319 Grant
Nonpoint Activity	22	\$0	\$0	\$2,616,665	\$1,568,600
Onsite Sewage System	4	\$1,548,500	\$0	\$1,537,659	\$0
Stormwater Activity	4	\$32,337	\$0	\$774,977	\$0
Stormwater Facility	1	\$3,325,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wastewater Facility	39	\$173,989,813	\$1,104,350	\$15,333,954	\$0
<i>Financial Hardship</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>\$20,842,130</i>	<i>\$366,105</i>	<i>\$15,333,954</i>	
<i>Preconstruction</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>\$11,515,700</i>	<i>\$1,104,350</i>		
Totals	70	\$178,895,650	\$1,104,350	\$20,263,254	\$1,568,600



Online Application

- First cycle using EAGL for our application process
- “Laying the tracks before the train comes”
 - Ecology was working on content, seeing the Agate product and testing the application function of EAGL shortly before launching
- The EAGL Project Manager, Agate and WQ/FMS staff worked very hard to make this happen
- No glitches prevented anybody from submitting their applications!



Applicant Survey Results

- 12.7% response rate
- 75% of the respondents ranked their computer skills high (4's and 5's)
- 70% of the respondents attended an applicant workshop
- 45% of the respondents ranked the quality of the workshops high (4's and 5's)
- 60% ranked EAGL's ease of navigation high (4's and 5's)
- 90% used the user guide
- 40% ranked the helpfulness of the guide high (4' and 5's)



Applicant Comments

- People who have submitted our application before, saw the efficiency of the system
- “I think you all did a great job, especially for a first-year rollout “
- It’s good to have a live person to support applicants. Big Kudos to Brian Brada!
- Applicants want an overview of the application to help prepare. Pre-App tool text file needs work.
- Some questions seemed redundant, consider streamlining
- Warn potential applicants to leave plenty of time to apply, it takes longer then you think
- Send out the survey right after the application deadline



Applicant Comments

- Confusion expressed about:
 - They thought once they had a *SAW* account, they had immediate access to the system
 - Initial navigation, forms and status based system
 - Adding tasks
 - How to return to your original application
 - How to pdf or print the application (feature wasn't working for awhile but was fixed)
 - Where to attach documents
 - Total Eligible Cost (TEC), Total Project Cost (TPC) and Grant Request
 - User's can't add other users

Continuous Process Improvement

- Plan, Do, Check, Act
 - Evaluating feedback and determining if:
 - It's a change we can make to our questions and forms
 - It's a change that would alter the core product of the "off the shelf" system.
 - This requires agency wide agreement and resources to change
 - It's something that can't be changed and we need to strengthen our user guide and trainings on.
- The learning curve won't be as high
- Focus on minor adjustments to improve efficiency

