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Catchment Restoration Fund for England

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- Details of the Fund
- What restoration activity is covered?
- Administration Details
- How applications will be appraised
- Update on Window 1 applications
- What we are looking for in the projects
- How will we evaluate work
- Questions

High Level Aim:

- Tackle water quality (ecological quality) problems caused by the social and economic use in England



Sub-level aims:

- Open, robust and transparent mechanism.
- Sustain and improve status of water bodies in line with key WFD objectives : ensuring no deterioration and aiming to achieve Good Status.
- Work with a broad range of partners particularly Third Sector.
- Improve ambition for first cycle.
- Evidence for future Government funding.

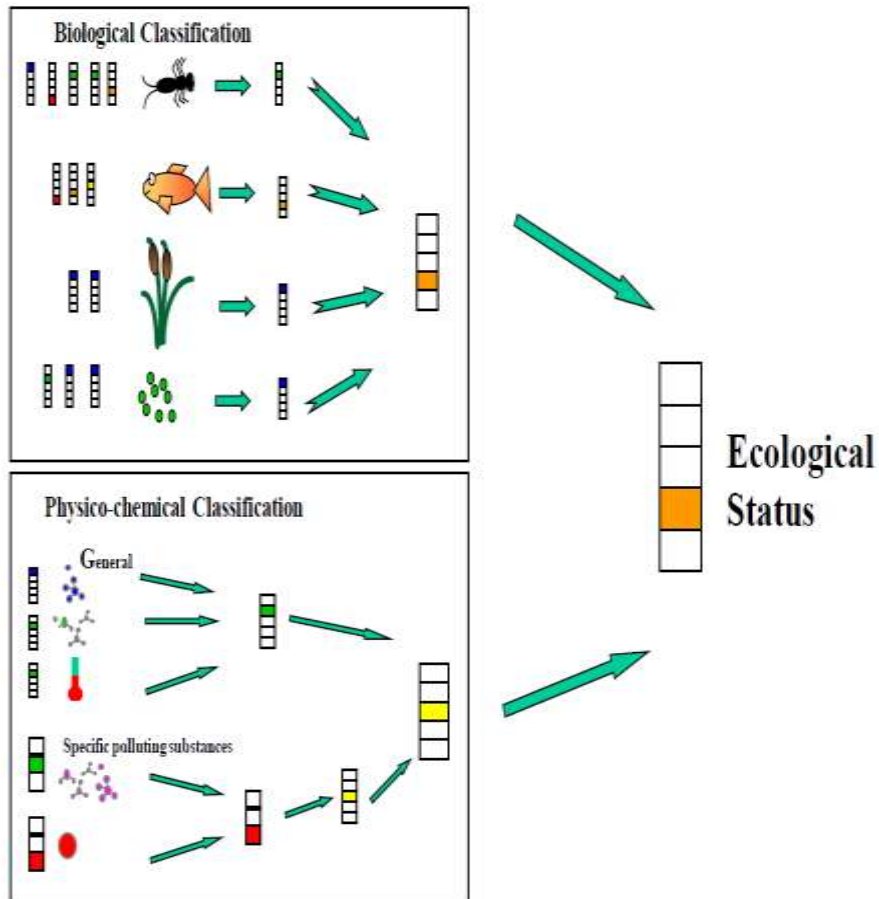
Details of the Fund: Size and Duration



- Defra has made new funding available to Third Sector groups to bring forward projects to help England achieve its WFD objectives.
- CRF is providing up to £10m a year for three years from 2012. Projects must be delivered in 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- If successful, we will bid for CRF to continue in the next SR. Evaluating benefits are therefore important here.

Details of the Fund: Restoration Activity

Ecological Classification



Ultimately, projects must aim to achieve improved status or prevent deterioration in one or more quality elements in one or more water bodies in England **through**

reductions in pollution, improvements in ecological or morphological conditions, **OR**

aim to achieve objectives for a Water Framework Directive Protected Area in England.

Details of the Fund: Restoration Activity



Restore more natural features in and around waters.



Reduce the impact of man-made structures on wildlife in waters.



Reduce the impact of small, spread-out (diffuse) sources of pollution that arise from rural and urban land use.

Environment Agency appointed administrator of the Fund



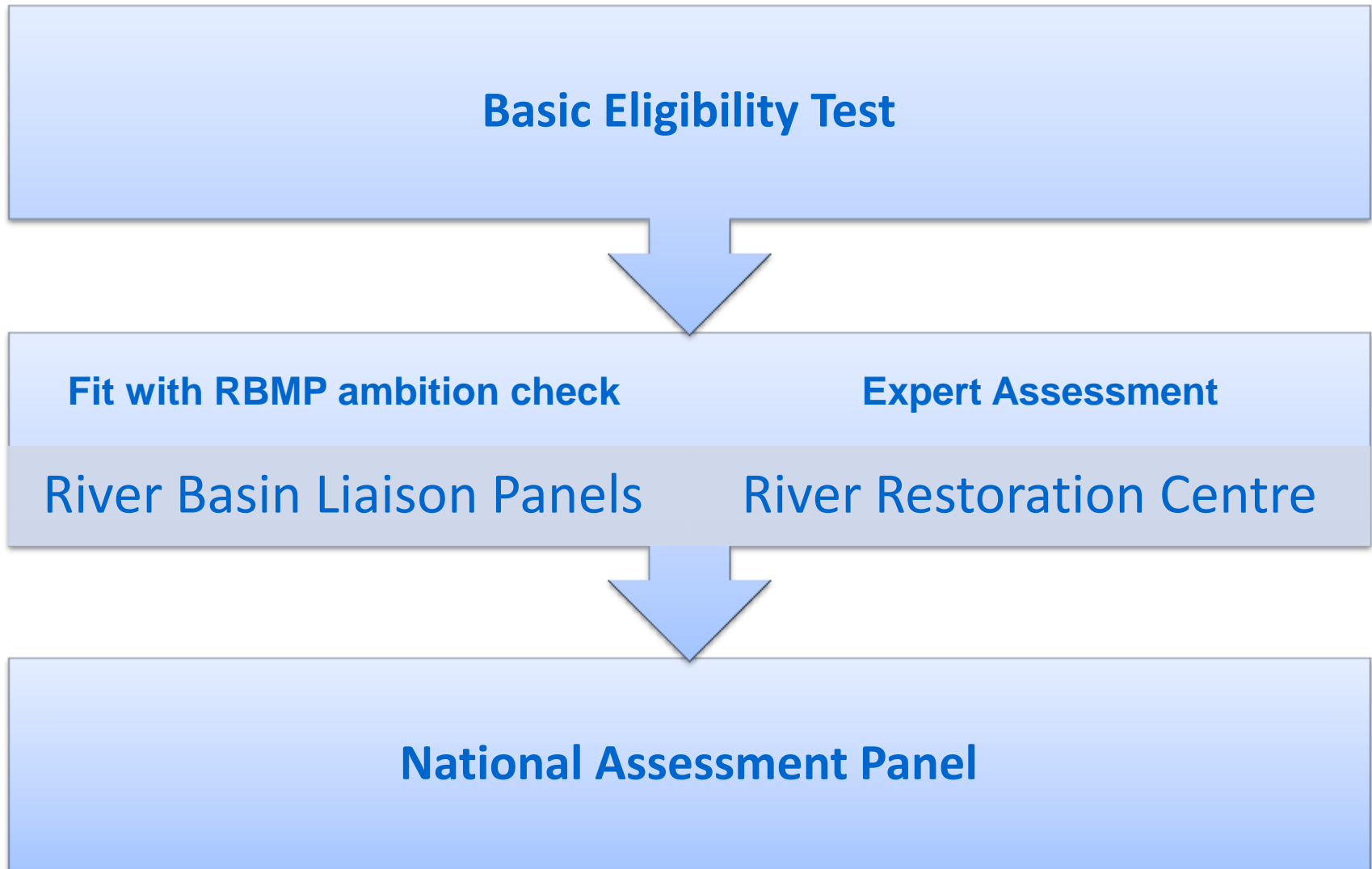
- Good fit with EA's Competent Authority function under WFD.
- Enable and require EA to engage better with local organisations.
- EA well placed to ensure projects are prioritised in the areas of highest priority and secure value for money

Administration of the Fund: Key dates



Water Quality

	Opens	Closes	
Window 1	3 Feb 2012	29 Feb 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• apply for funding from the first 2012/13 allocation• express an interest for the second 2012/13 allocation
Window 2	16 Apr 2012	18 May 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• apply for funding from the second 2012/13 allocation (not dependant on submitting an expression of interest during Window 1).• If you submitted an expression of interest in the first window for the second allocation you will still need to submit a full application using CRF1 form.
Window 3	Mid-Sep 2012	Mid-Oct 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• apply for funding from the 2013/14 allocation
Window 4	Mid-Sep 2013	Mid-Oct 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• apply for funding from the 2014/15 allocation





54 applications received from 35 different organisations

Total value of all projects was £23.6m

Final decisions to be made in May



Integration and engagement

- Good fit with other initiatives in a catchment
- Build capacity or extend involvement of organisations



Benefits

- progress towards good status
- enhanced biodiversity
- Ecosystem service provision to society



Feasibility

- Confidence that the proposed solution can be delivered within the time and cost proposed, and certainty that the proposed benefits will accrue.

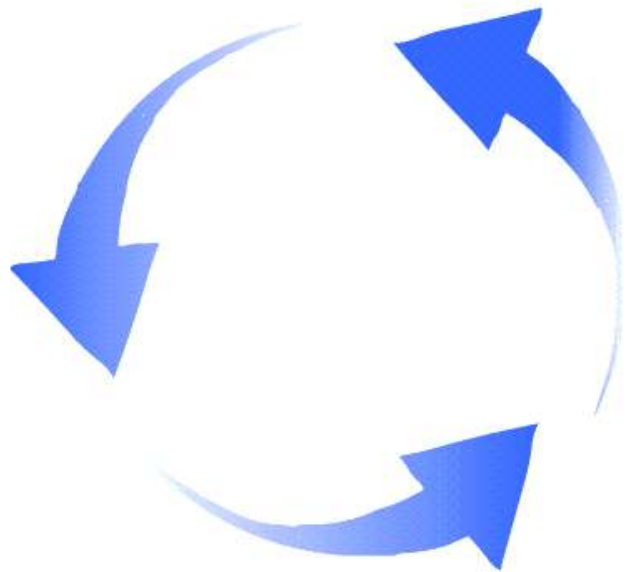


Evidence and Innovation

- lead to new understanding of how to tackle problems as a result of carrying out the Project



- Each project is responsible for monitoring and evaluating outputs
- We are currently discussion best way to take forward evaluation at national level
- Individual projects are required to provide the necessary information to assist the meta-evaluation.



Catchment Restoration Fund is a pilot approach to help deliver WFD objectives

Keen to hear from practitioners on how approach can be improved and also on what is working well to inform ongoing development of the fund.

Who to contact

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
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