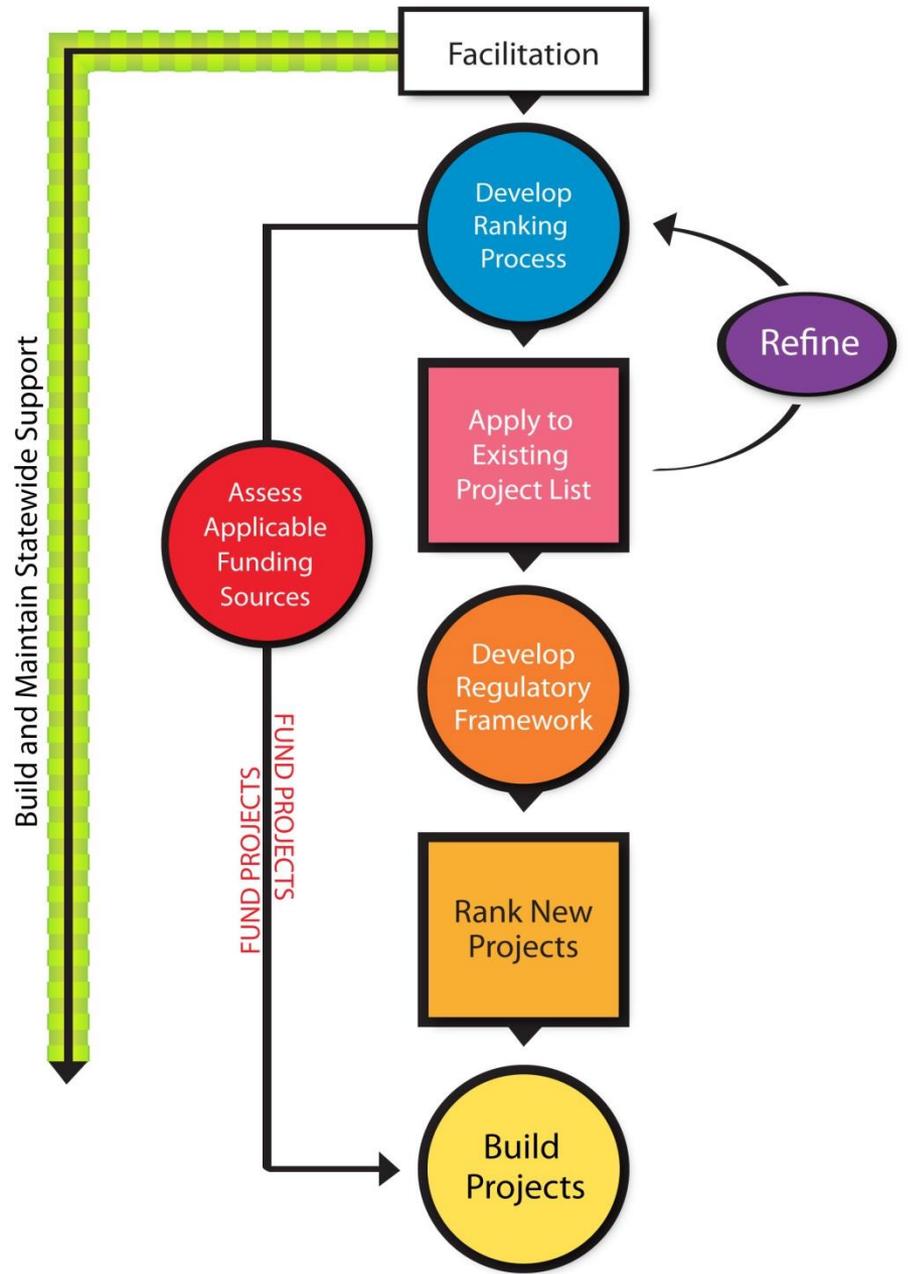


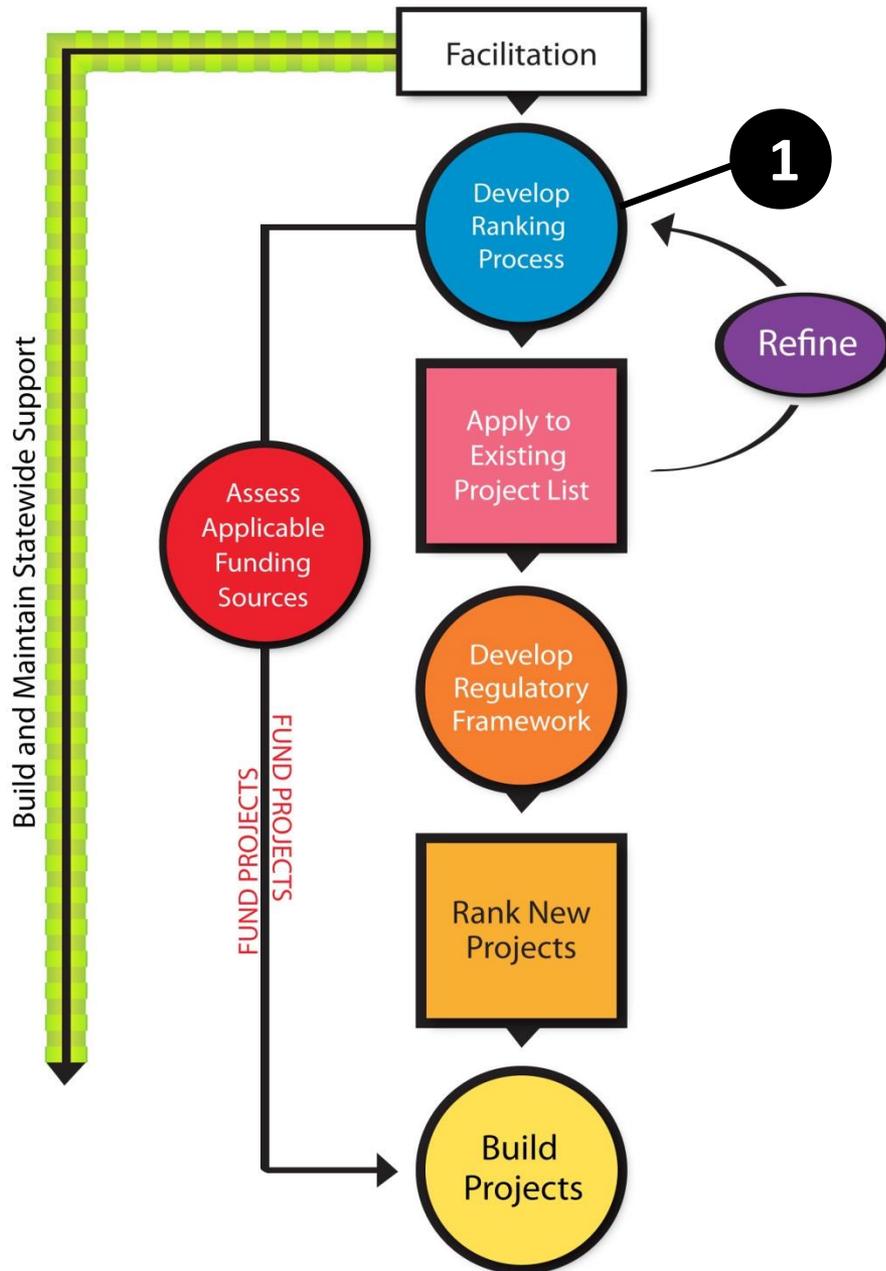
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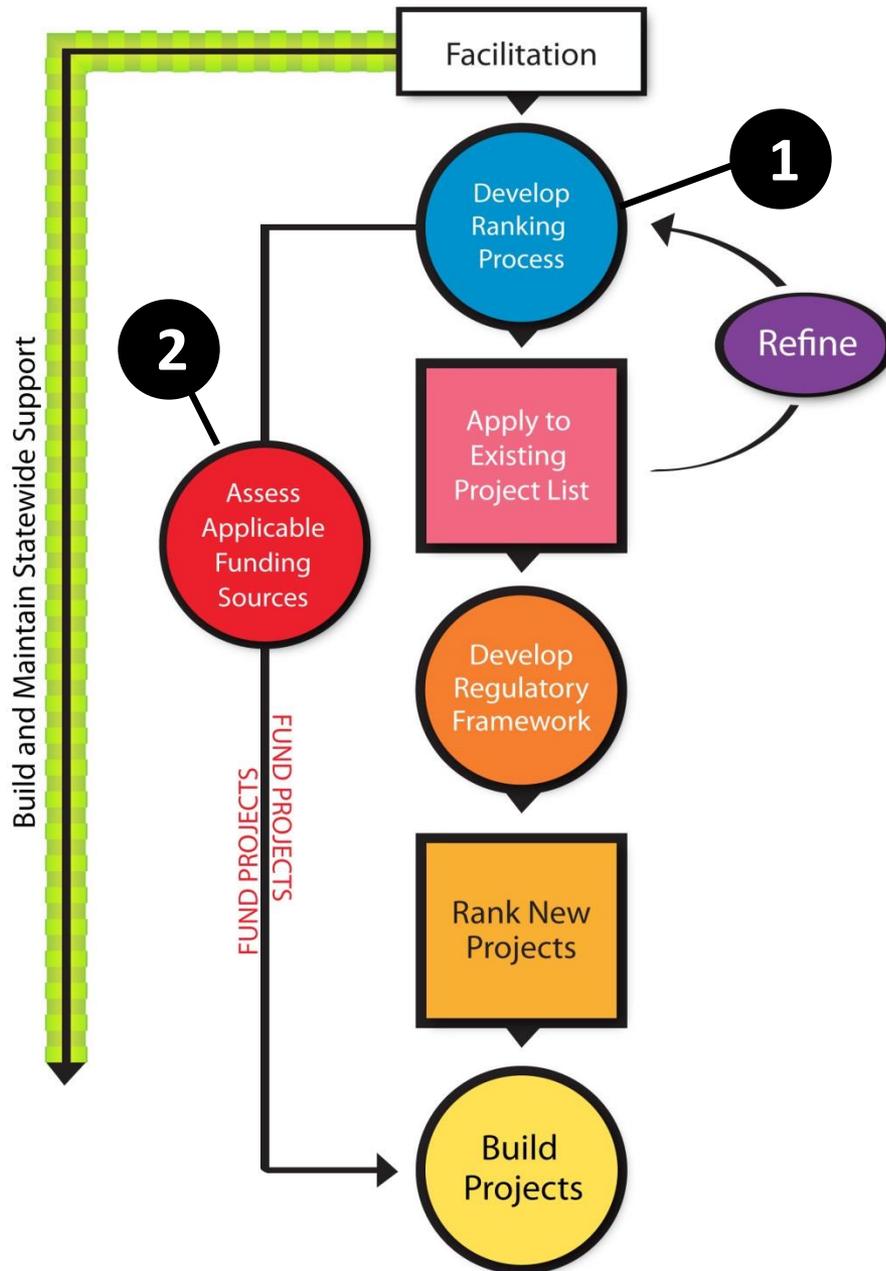


Project Flow Chart



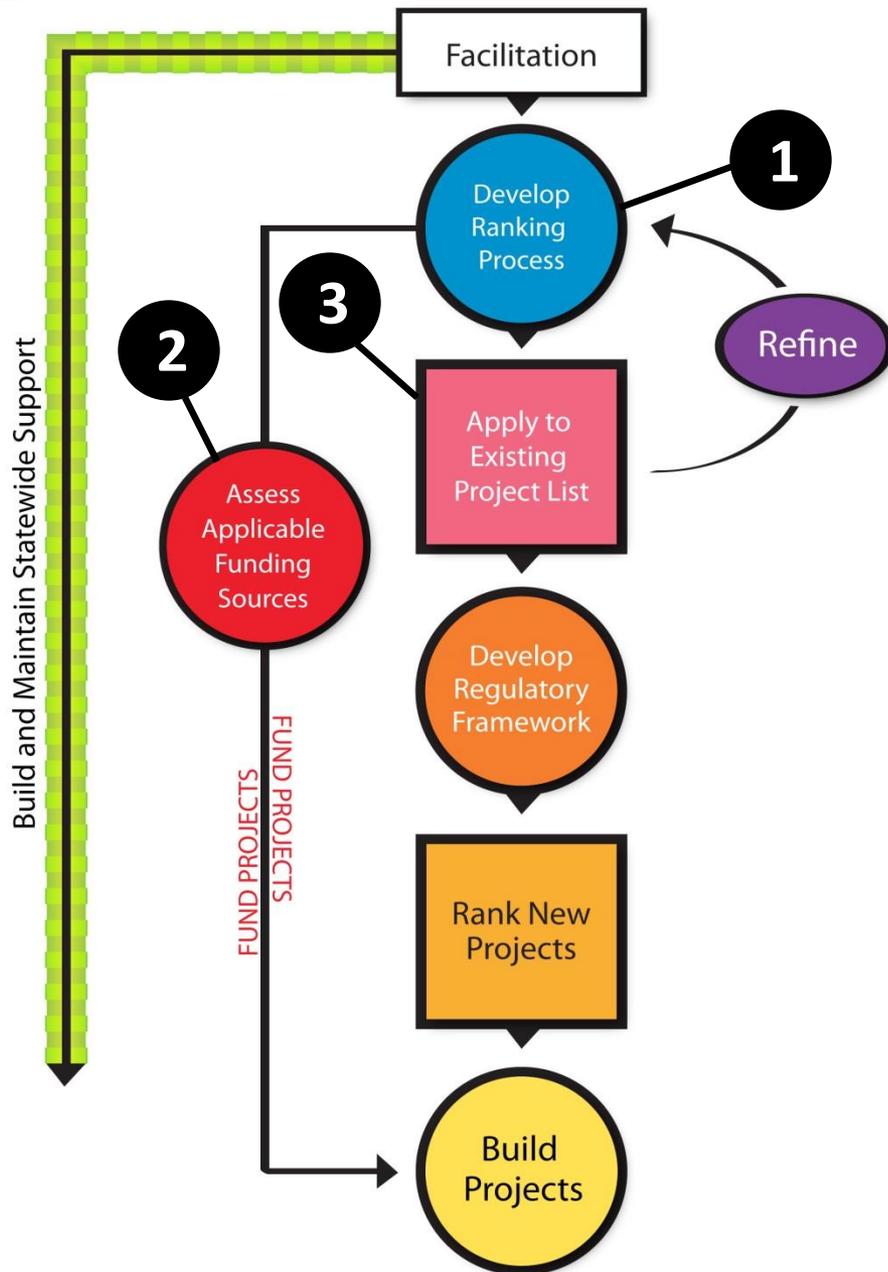


LR314 Group 1 – Water Basics
Background information from which we discern how to apply the different needs across the State to different PPAs and PPA types.



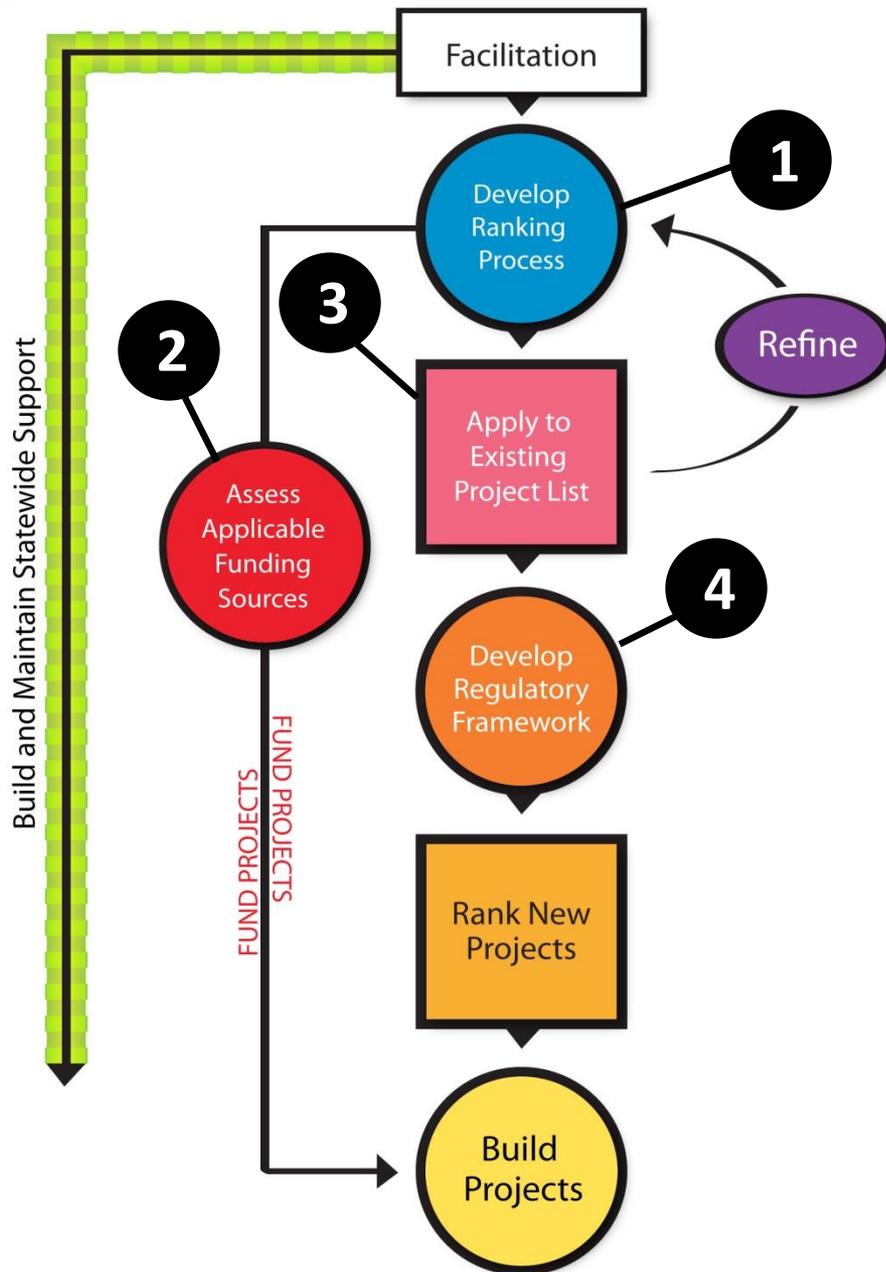
LR314 Group 2 – Existing Funding Resources

Allows the TF to look at what already exists and therefore, determine any shortcomings in the designed program.



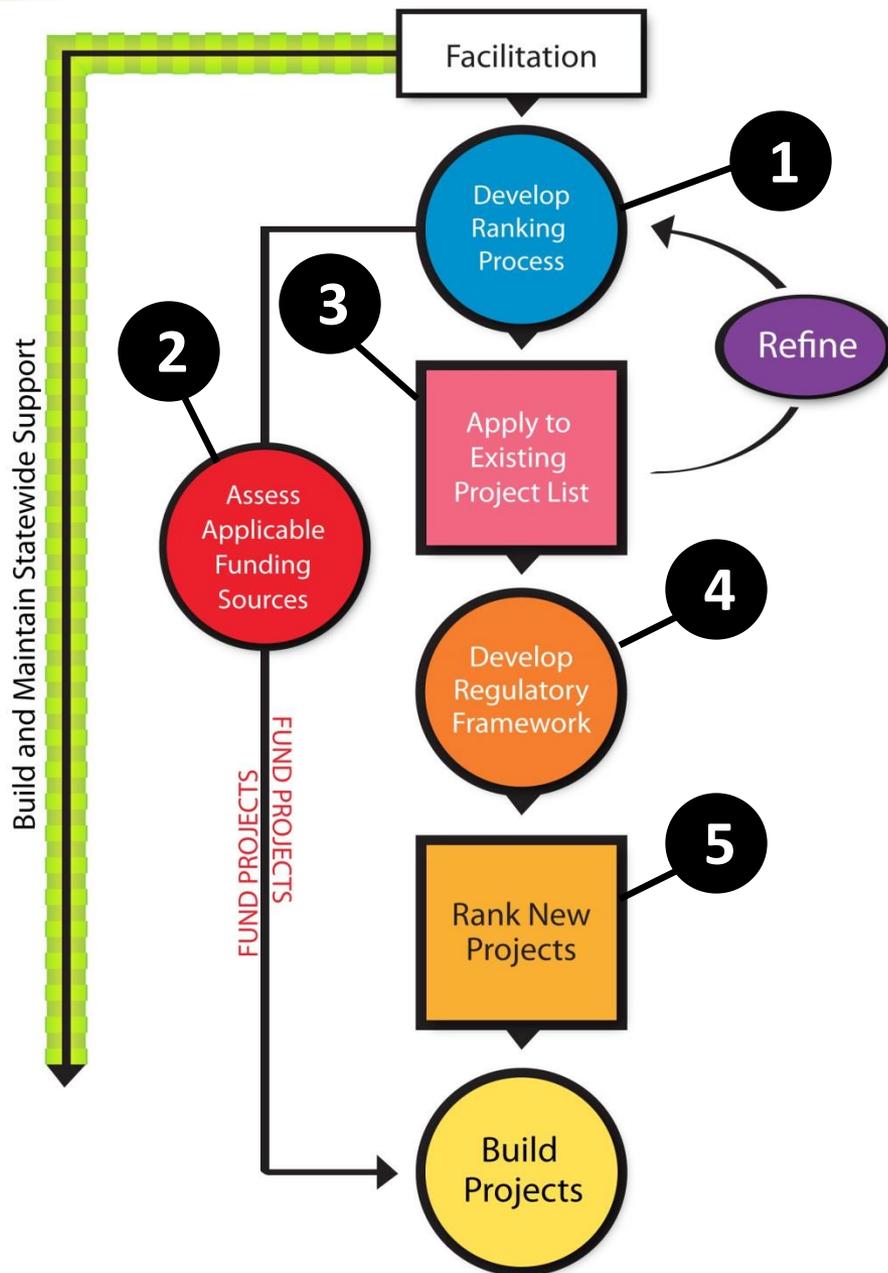
LR314 Group 3 – Current Uses & Associated Costs

Existing project lists allows the TF to assess the sustainability, and other factors (including costs) for current project types known.



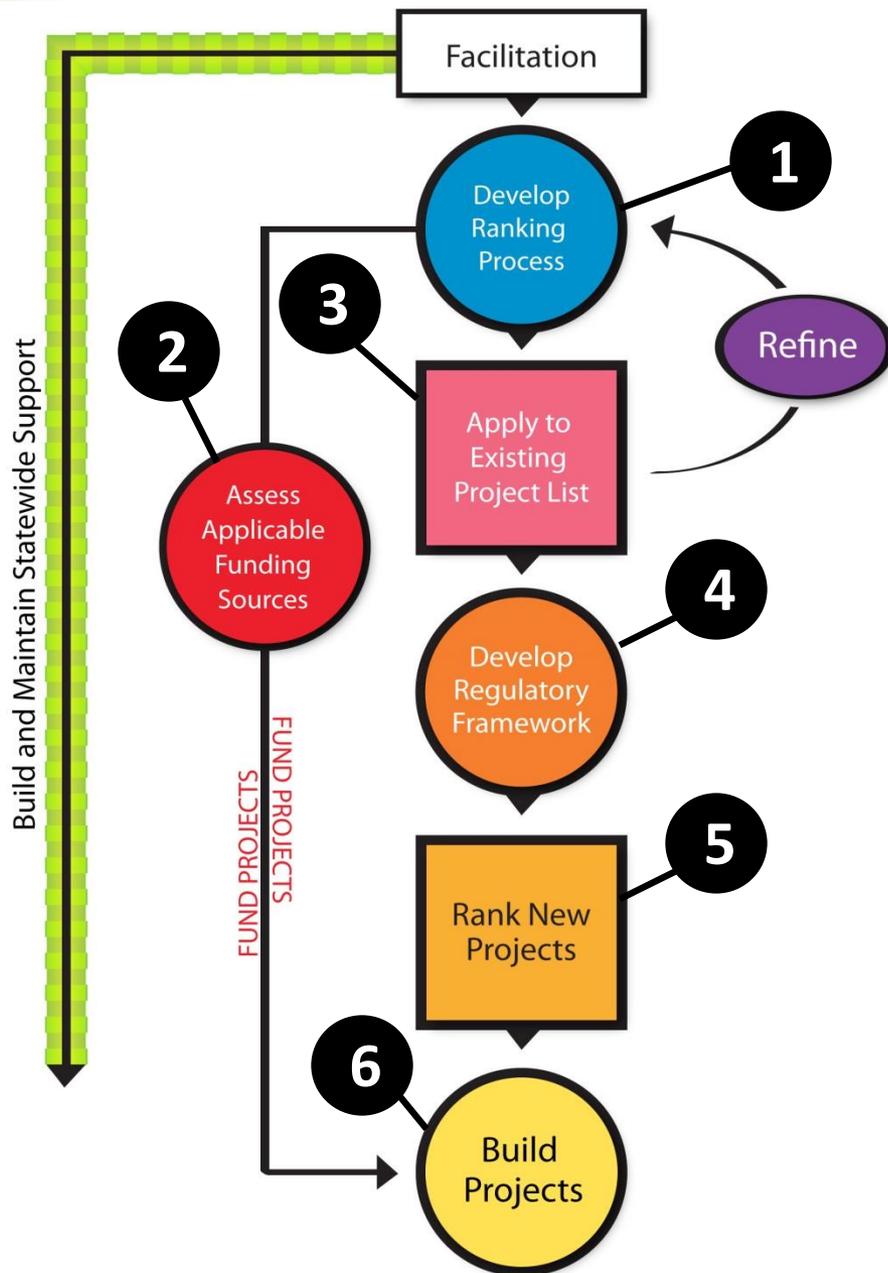
LR314 Group 4 – Predicting Future Needs

With an understanding of current needs, the ability to predict future needs allows the program to be shaped correctly.



LR314 Group 5 – Available Information

A detailed list of work that has been compiled within the industry will allow the program to understand better and therefore effectively assess the viability of new projects.



LR314 Group 6 – DNR and the NRDs

Understanding of the capabilities and limitations of these entities will allow the TF to assess the framework in which new projects are administered.

Where do we go from here?

- 1. Develop the New System!**
- 2. Create New Ranking Criteria?**
- 3. Assess the Need to “Compartmentalize” Programs (Existing or New)**
- 4. Test the New System**
- 5. Revise the New System**
- 6. Develop the Framework in Which the New System Works (Including Funding and Administration)**

Suggested PPA Reconfiguration

Ranking Criteria	Projects, Programs and Activities				LB517
	Water Quality	Water Quantity	Timing/Distribution	Watershed Functions & Aesthetics	
<i>The extent to which the PPA contributes to multiple water supply management goals, including, but not limited to flood control; municipal uses, agricultural uses; recreational benefits; wildlife habitat; conservation of water resources, and preservation of water resources for future generations.</i>					vii
<i>The extent to which the PPA provides increased water productivity and otherwise maximizes the beneficial use of Nebraska's water resources</i>					i
<i>The cost effectiveness of the PPA in meeting the state's water management goals</i>					v
<i>The extent to which the PPA assists the state in meeting its obligations under interstate compacts or decrees or other formal contracts or agreements</i>					ii
<i>The extent to which the PPA promotes objectives described in the Annual Report and Plan of Work for the Nebraska State Water Planning and Review Process issued by DNR</i>					iii
<i>The extent to which the PPA contributes to the state's water management goals</i>					vi
<i>The extent to which the PPA has been approved for funding through an established state program</i>					iv
<i>Urgency</i>					
<i>Local Sponsor Ability to Pay</i>					
<i>End Users Identifiable</i>					

Where do we go from here?

- 1. Break LR314 PPA List Down Into “Categories”**
- 2. Report Breakdown of PPA Type**
- 3. Make Recommendation for “Silo” Types**
- 4. Run Past/Current/Future Projects Through Mock Prioritization Process**
- 5. Report Finding to Task Force**
- 6. Revise, Repeat**

Potential Funding Avenues

Local:

Municipalities
NRDs
Counties

State:

NDNR
NGPC
NDOR
NET
UNL?

Federal:

USACE
USBR
EPA
USFWS
NRCS

Funding Brainstorm

- 1. What additional information do we need about this source?**
- 2. What might it take to implement it?**
- 3. How much money can be created**
- 4. How long does it take for money to be available?**

Funding Brainstorm

1. **Additional sales tax**
2. **Portion of existing tax**
3. **Lottery money**
4. **Cigarette tax**
5. **User tax on water**
6. **State-wide occupation tax**
7. **Industrial and municipal water use tax**
8. **Funding formula based on beneficiaries**
9. **Wellhead tax**
10. **Irrigated acre tax – gw and/or sw**
11. **Voluntary donation**
12. **Bonding and loans**
13. **Tax on every acre of State**
14. **Excise tax**
15. **Energy tax**
16. **Fuel tax or toll on I-80**
17. **Bottle drink tax**
18. **Fertilizer tax – dedicated to water quality**
19. **Recycling Fund**
20. **Pitman-Roberts Fund**
21. **Private industry sustainability initiatives**
22. **Commodities tax /donation – dedicated to restoration**
23. **Commodity check off tax**
24. **Tax on trash**
25. **Tax Credits**