

# Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee Project Recommendation

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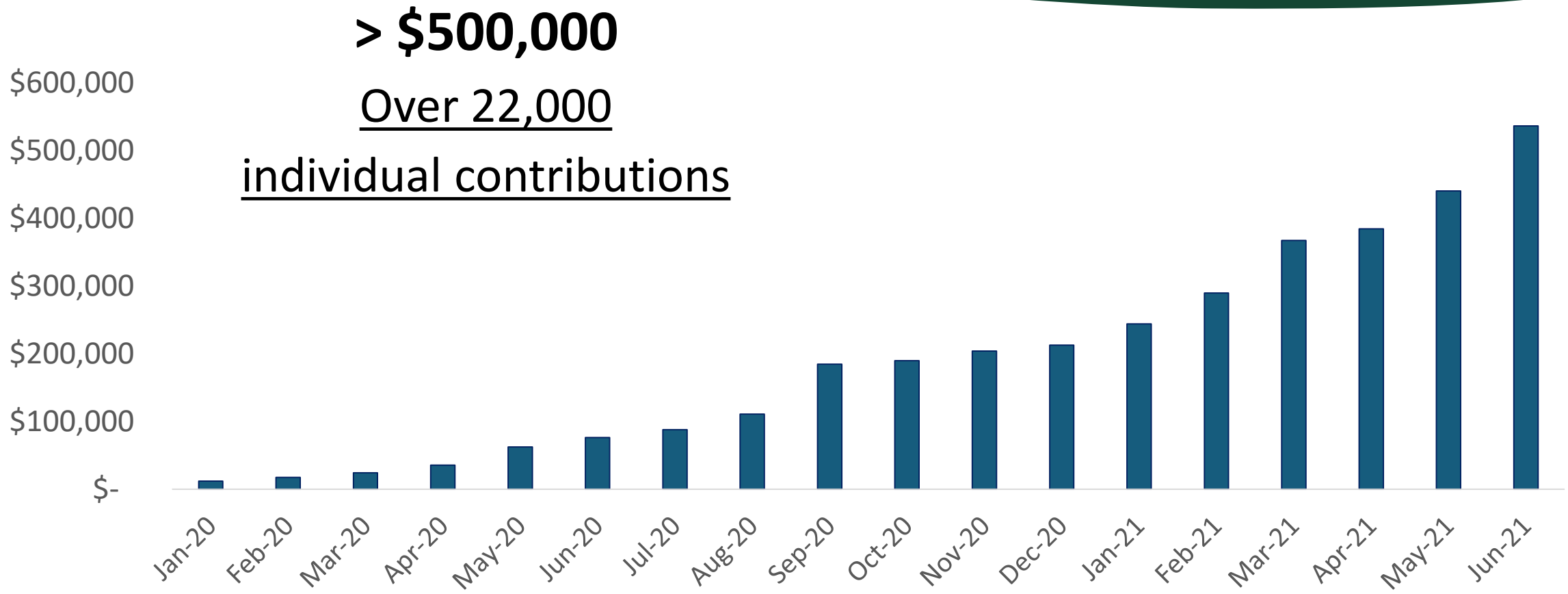
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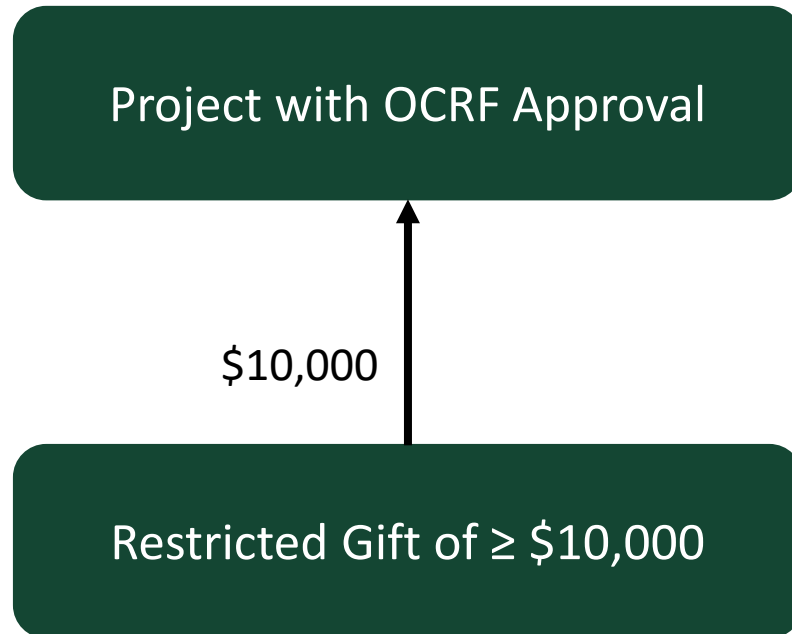
# FUNDING STATUS



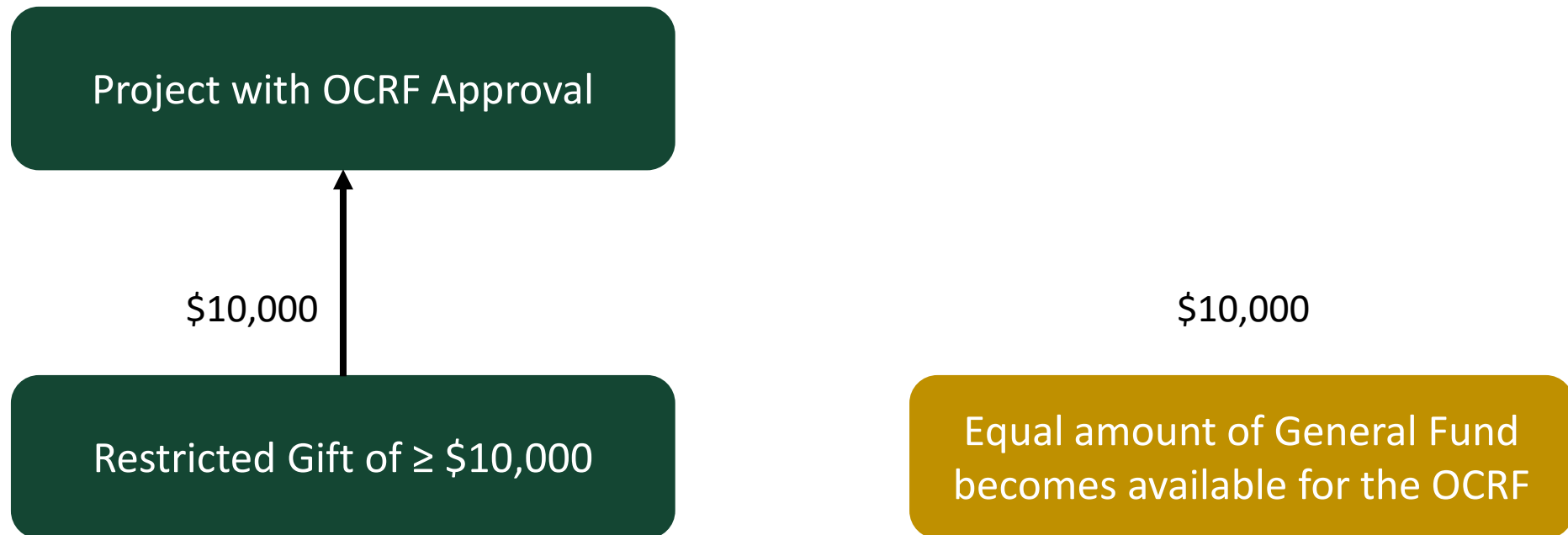
# Restricted Gifts

Gift Amount	Donor	Project
\$1,500	Oregon Wild	Sea Otter Reintroduction
\$10,000	Oregon Community Foundation	Sea Otter Reintroduction
\$60,000	Pew	Gilchrist Wildlife Underpass
\$5,000	RMEF	Gilchrist Wildlife Underpass
\$1,000	Starview Foundation	Link Creek
\$10,832	TWS	Western Bumble Bee Atlas
\$25,000	Oregon Zoo	Multiple
\$30,000	Sustainable NW	Holton Creek RNA

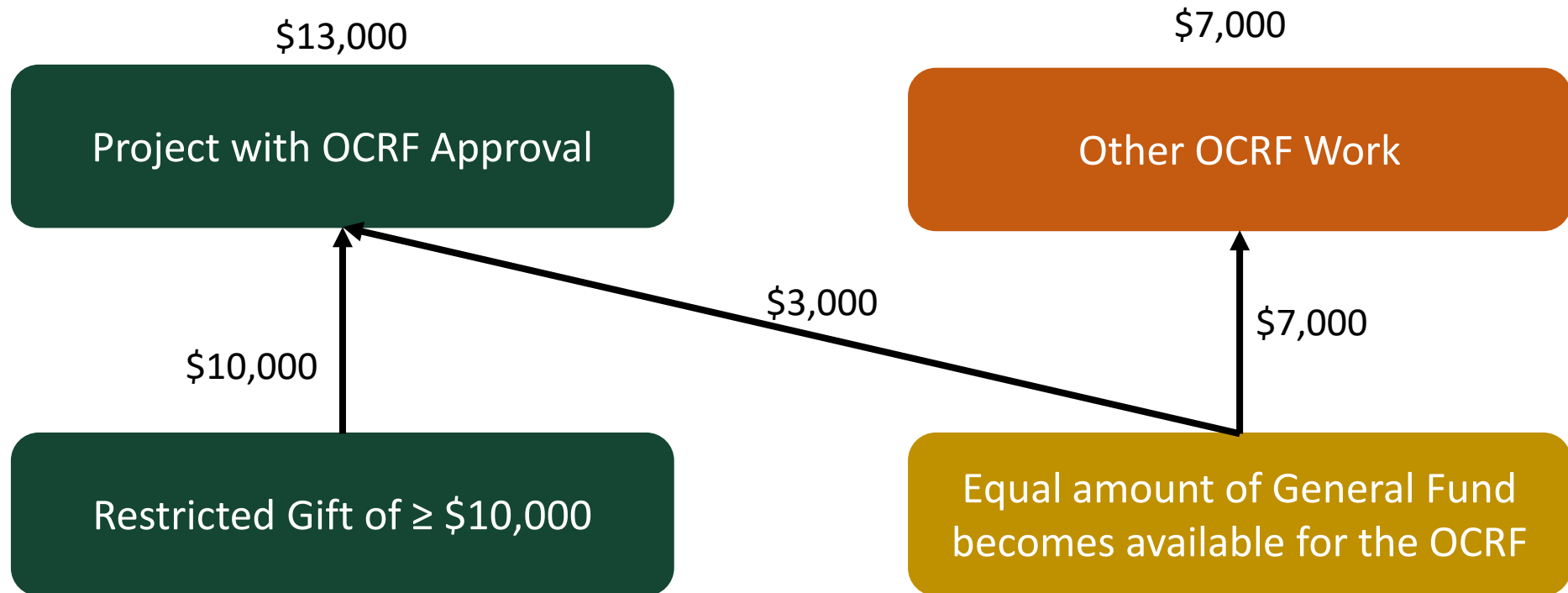
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# Issue #1 - Expenditure Recommendation for “Forest Park for All”

# Forest Park for All

- Financial support initially from Keen Footwear (\$20,000), with opportunity to grow (\$300,000)
- Project:
  - Led by Forest Park Conservancy with Love is King
  - Forest Park serves as a gateway to other parks, natural areas, and outdoor opportunities
  - Create a network of Volunteer Ambassadors in Forest Park and eventually throughout Oregon
  - Break down barriers to nature and outdoor recreation
  - Individuals trained to interrupt racist or harmful behavior
- Overall, seeks to create a safe and welcoming environment and grow the population of stewards of Oregon's outdoors

# Forest Park for All – Full Project

- Series of workshops for volunteers covering:
  - History of the environmental movement
  - Ways to shape the future by creating antiracist, inclusive cultures
  - Tools to interrupt racist, harmful behavior
  - Conflicts resolved through love, empathy, respect and a true sense of personal responsibility without discrimination
- Train 100 ambassadors in Forest Park in Year 1
- Train 150 ambassadors in Forest Park and 200 elsewhere in the state in Year 2
- Quantify current diversity of staff and users at Forest Park. Increase diversity by 10% and 20% in Years 1 and 2 respectively.
- Adoption of the workshop curriculum by other organizations

# Forest Park for All – Initial investment

Initial agreement with Forest Park Conservancy:

- Design of curriculum for workshops
- Host workshops for current volunteers, FPC crew leaders, ambassadors, FPC staff and board members
- Host a hike and heritage event in Forest Park with first group of ambassadors



**Forest Park  
Conservancy**

# Advisory Committee Review

- Invited application from the Forest Park Conservancy in March
- Reviewed and scored by a Subcommittee – total score 50/60
- Full Advisory Committee reviewed and voted to recommend expenditure at April 2 meeting

# Staff Recommendation

Approve Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee recommendation for expenditure of up to \$300,000 for the project “Forest Park for All” including:

- \$20,000 immediately,
- \$6,000 contingent on appropriation of General Fund to the OCRF, and
- \$274,000 contingent upon the receipt of future restricted donations.

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