

# What is the FASS-ination?

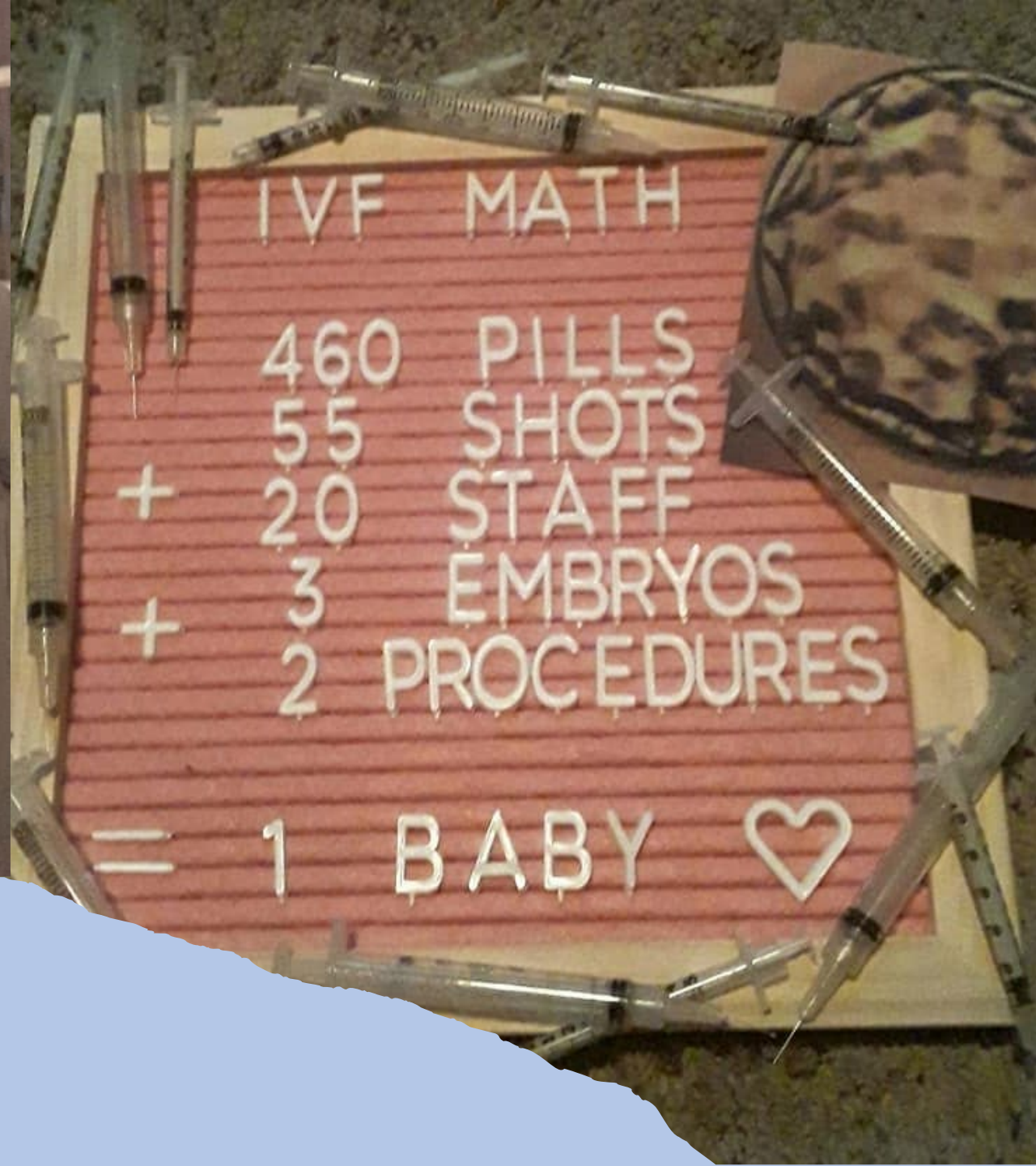
An Appreciative Inquiry (and Michael Scott) Approach



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It takes a village? A farm? An office?



It definitely takes an office



Where we are now



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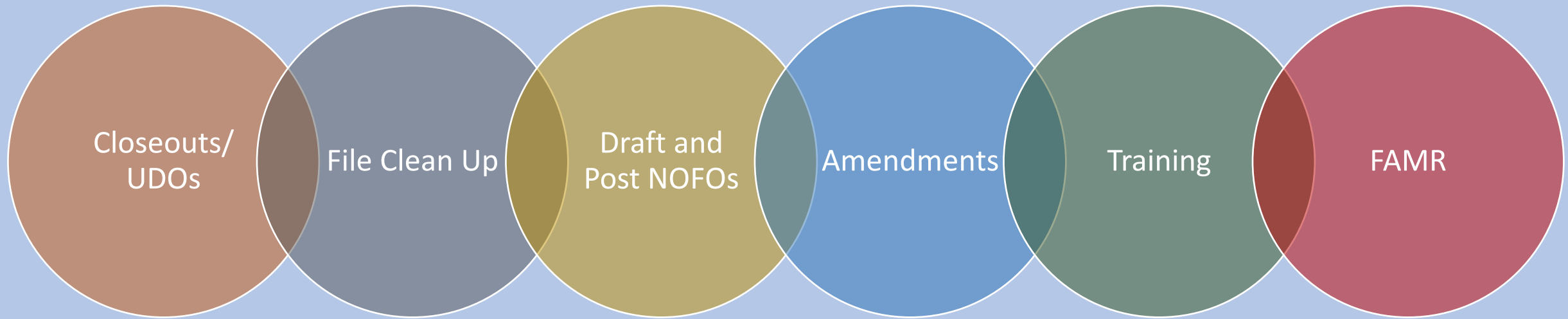
How has this course helped you reflect on relationships and partnerships in your own life?

# What is a Grants Management Officer?

	Developing Program Regulations and Guidance	Informing Applicants About the Grant Program	Application Receipt, Evaluation, and Selection for Funding	Negotiation and Award	Post-award
<b>Grants Officials (GO)</b>	<p>Assist POs in developing program plans and review and comment on program plans</p> <p>Assist POs in developing regulations or guidelines and establishing deadlines for publication</p>	<p>Assist in development of program announcements</p> <p>Review and clear announcement documents prior to issuance</p>	<p>Receive grant applications and conduct initial screening for completeness and adherence to application instructions</p> <p>Perform budget and cost analyses</p> <p>Determine applicant's ability to perform grant activities with funds request and estimate future costs and needed changes in grant budget</p> <p>Survey prospective recipients' business management system</p> <p>Monitor the objective review process to ensure all requirements have been carried out</p> <p>Advise independent review panels as necessary and sign (or countersign) the ranking of applications by such panels</p>	<p>Negotiate the final grant budget based on the cost analysis</p> <p>Certify the correct funding mechanism is used</p> <p>Negotiate any required cost-sharing or matching agreement with the applicant prior to award</p> <p>Sign and issue notices of grant award</p> <p>Establish file for award documents</p>	<p>Evaluate and monitor recipients' business management and performance by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing performance and financial reports</li> <li>• Handling recipient correspondence</li> <li>• Conducting site visits</li> </ul> <p>Sign and issue amendments to notice of grant awards &amp; notices of suspension &amp; termination of award</p> <p>Maintain official files for individual grants</p> <p>Assist in audit resolution</p> <p>Ensure grants are closed out promptly after required reports are received and outstanding issues are resolved</p>

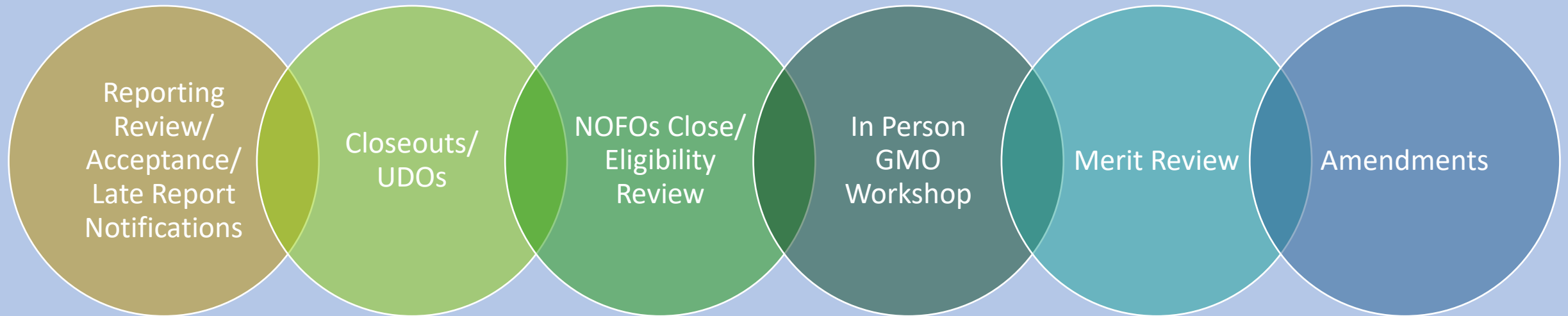
# Quarter 1

## October-December



# Quarter 2

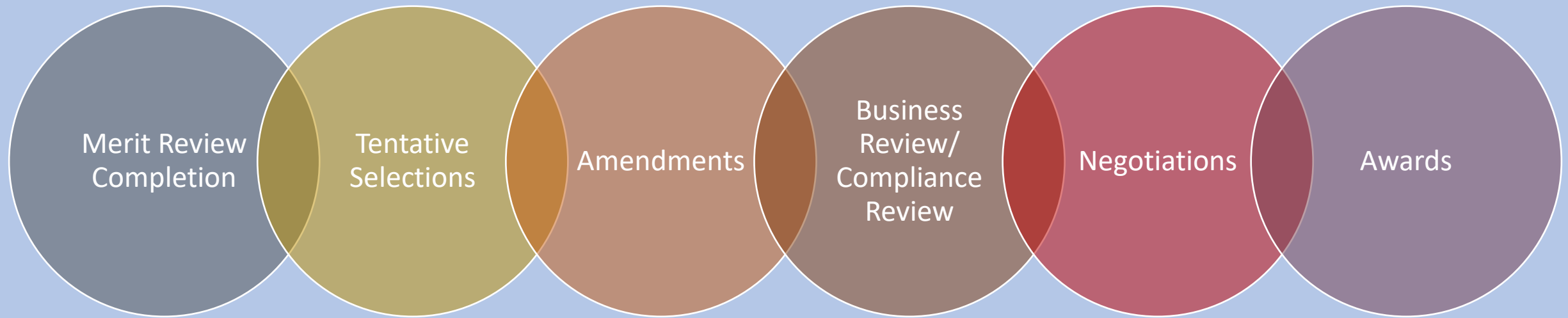
## January - March





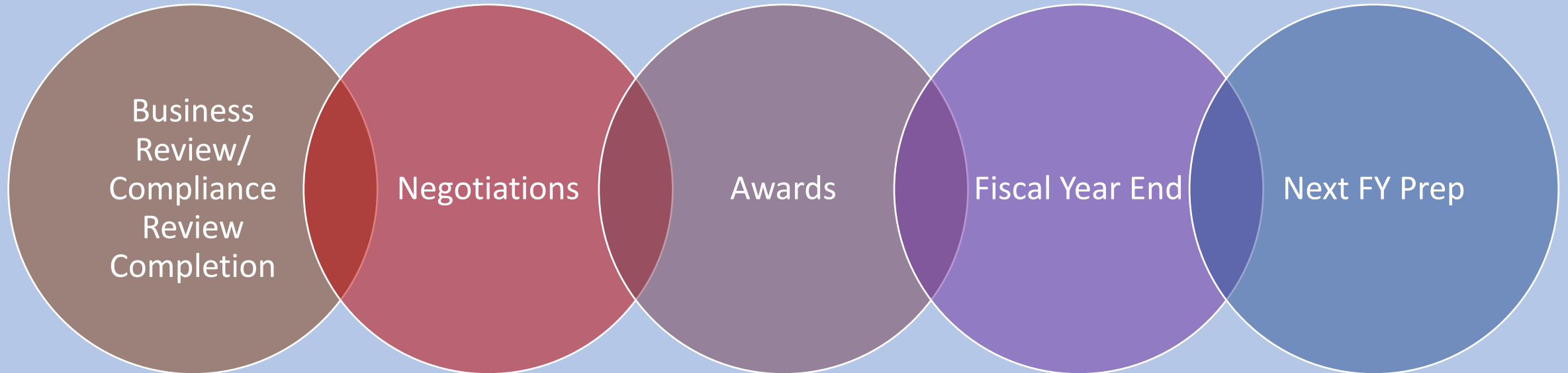
# Quarter 3

## April - June



# Quarter 4

## July – September



# What is the FASS?

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUMMARY SHEET

Information on Grant or Cooperative Agreement		
<b>1. State/District/Field Office:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.	<b>2a. Program Officer:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.	<b>2b. Grant Management Officer:</b> Kayla Blades
<b>3. Project Title:</b> Click or tap here to enter text. <b>3a. Recipient:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.		
<b>4. <input type="checkbox"/> NEW AGREEMENT APPROVAL</b>	<b>5. <input type="checkbox"/> MODIFICATION TO EXISTING AWARD APPROVAL</b> <b>5a. Agreement Number:</b> Click or tap here to enter text. <b>5b. Period of Performance:</b> Click or tap here to enter text. <b>5c. Total Obligated to Date:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.	
<b>6. Category (N/A for NOFO):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit 501(C)(3/4/5/6) <input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Higher Education <input type="checkbox"/> All Other Category <input type="checkbox"/> Acquire land or Interest in Land		
<b>7. Anticipated Availability of Funds This FY:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.	<b>8. Total Estimated funds over the life of project:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.	
<b>9. Assistance Listing Number (ALN):</b> Choose an item.		
<b>10. Select Biden-Harris Administration Priorities Addressed in the Project:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>EO 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad</b> , which directs the Department and other federal agencies to prioritize efforts to reduce climate pollution; support climate resilience; support land conservation and biodiversity efforts, including the 30 by 30 initiative; maximize clean energy development and deployment; and leverage partnerships with youth and service corps to create conservation and resilience jobs in support of the Civilian Climate Corps initiative. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>EO 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government</b> , which affirms the Department's responsibility to advance equity, civil rights, racial justice, and equal opportunity through its policies and procedures and directs federal agencies to allocate resources in a manner that helps address historic inequities to underserved communities and individuals, as defined by the order. Each office or bureau is expected to ensure that its financial assistance policies and procedures fully align with this direction. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>EO 14002: Economic Relief Related to the COVID-19 pandemic</b> , which directs federal agencies to allocate resources in a manner to address the current economic crisis resulting from the pandemic. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>EO 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers</b> , which calls on federal agencies to ensure that terms and conditions of financial assistance awards maximize the use of goods, products, materials and services produced or offered in the United States.		
<b>11. Select DOI Priorities Addressed in the Project (<a href="http://www.doi.gov/ourpriorities">www.doi.gov/ourpriorities</a>):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. <input type="checkbox"/> Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. <input type="checkbox"/> Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. <input type="checkbox"/> Centering equity and environmental justice.		

<b>12. Describe project and its relationship to the Biden-Harris Administration and DOI/BLM priorities, strategic goals (specific management actions)</b> <b>a) Project Description:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.  <b>b) Specific Management Actions:</b> (means goal expressed as a quantitative standard, value, metric, or rate; limited to 3000 characters) Click or tap here to enter text.  <b>c) Public/BLM Benefits (Expected Outcomes; limit to 3000 characters):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Suggested questions to consider when formulating a Public Purpose Statement:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What improvement, advantage, enhancement will this project provide your BLM program (i.e., Resource Management, Resource Education, Invasive Species Management, Environmental Education).</li> <li>What benefits will the Public receive through this project with BLM?</li> <li>How will this project benefit public health, education, enjoyment, and welfare?</li> <li>How will this project help protect public interests in ecosystem management?</li> <li>How will the resulting published information (documents, maps, etc.) assist the public?</li> </ol> </li> </ul>										
<b>13. If Modification, Prior Year Completed Outcomes:</b> Click or tap here to enter text.										
<b>14. Is this project being awarded under the Good Neighbor Authority</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No										
<b>15. Does the program/project support one or more of the following Secretarial Orders:</b>										
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<b>16. Is there the potential for media interest in this project (If yes, please explain):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Click or tap here to enter text.										

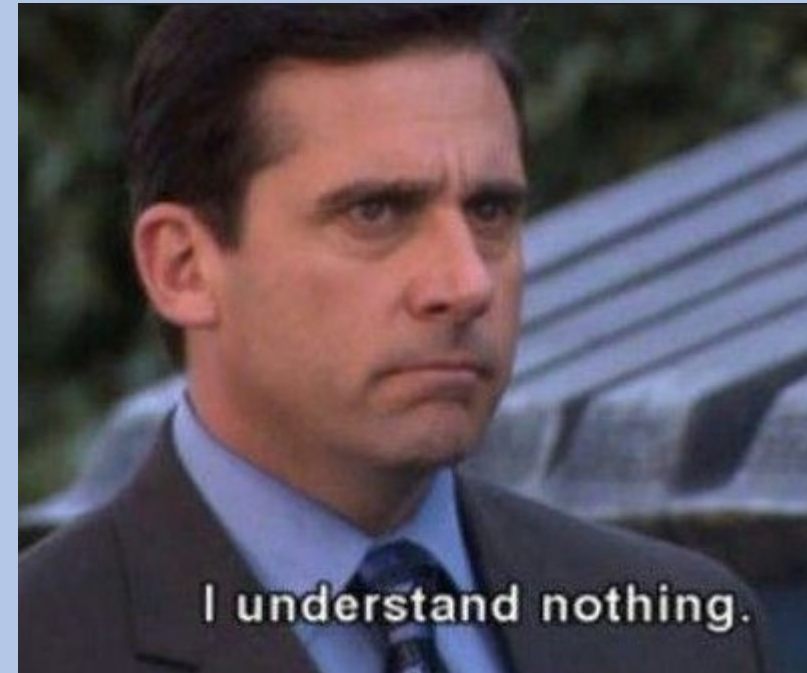
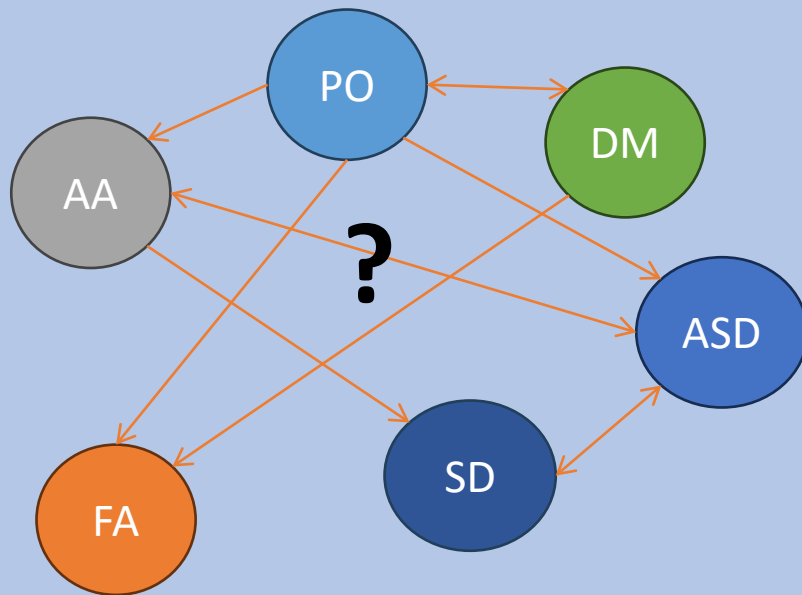


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What are some similar processes at your agency or organization?

# How the FASS Gets from A to B

A. Program Officer (PO) completes the FASS and PO recommendation



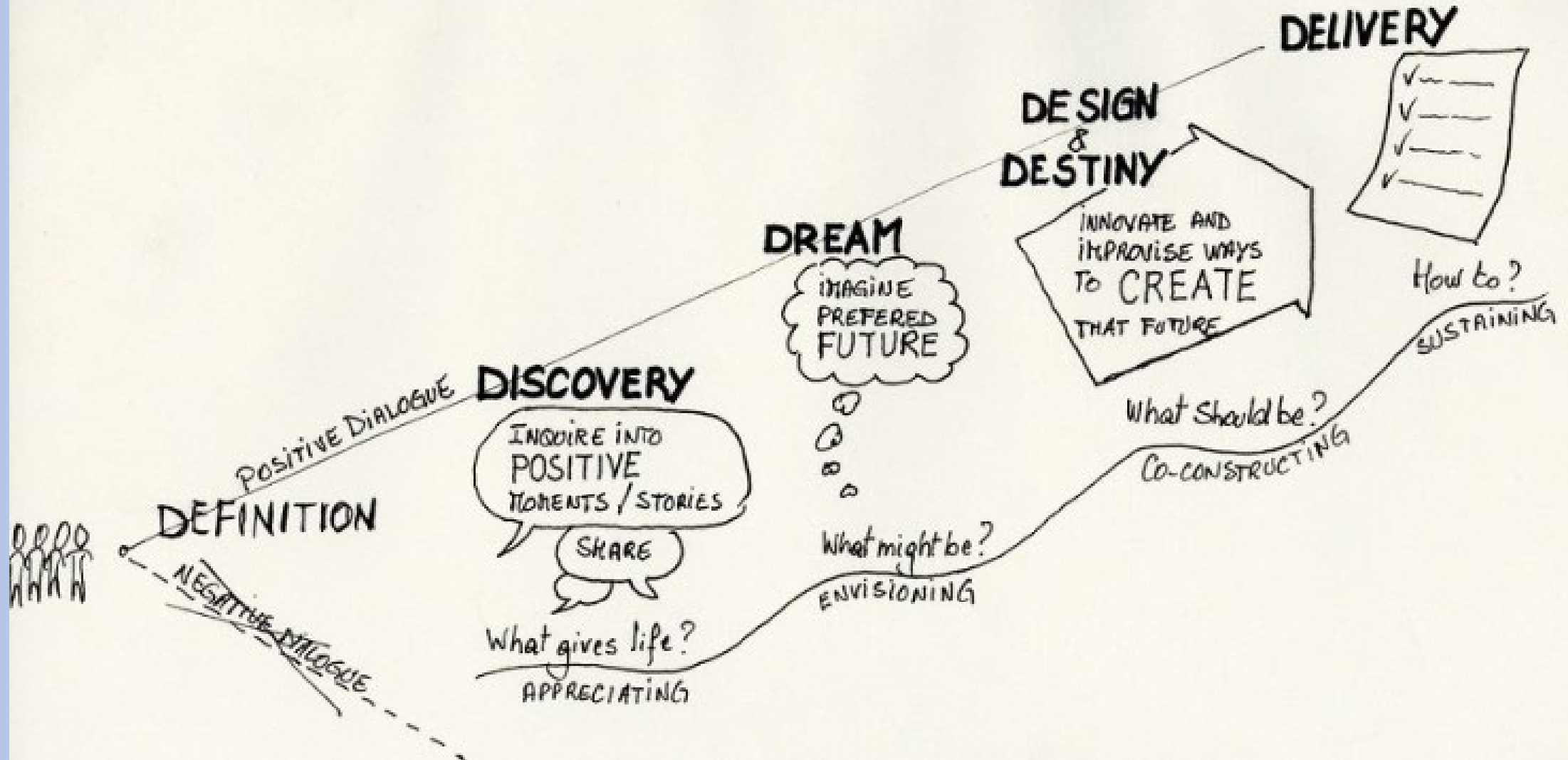
B. FA staff are given paper copies of the approved packages

# Stakeholders / Community Analysis

- State- and District-Level Leadership
- Program Officers and Technical Advisors
- Cooperative Agreement Staff
- Recipients / Applicants / Contractors

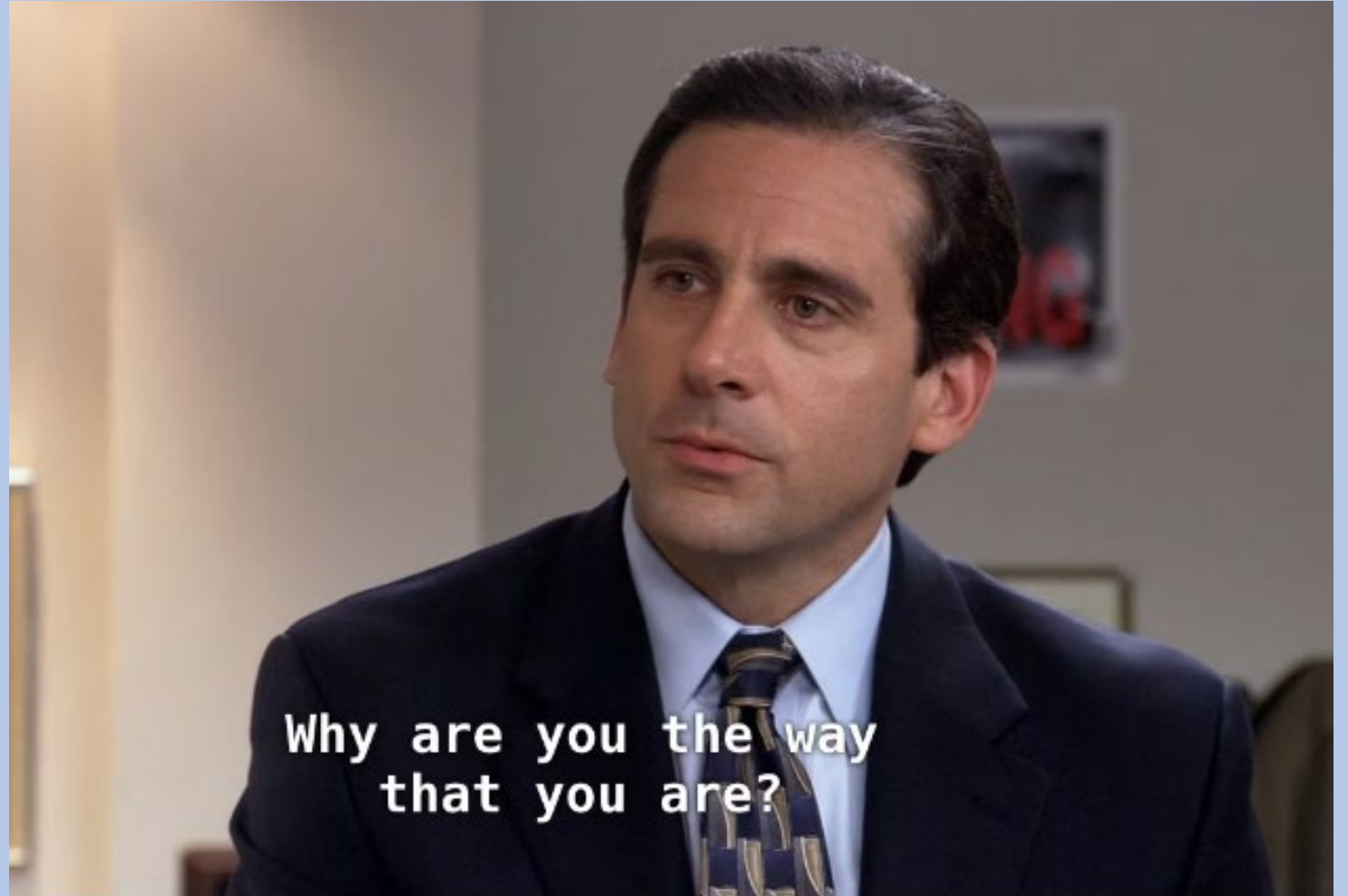


# APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY



# Define

*What is one sentence that represents your focus of inquiry?*





# Discover



*Brainstorm “the best of what is” and “has been”*

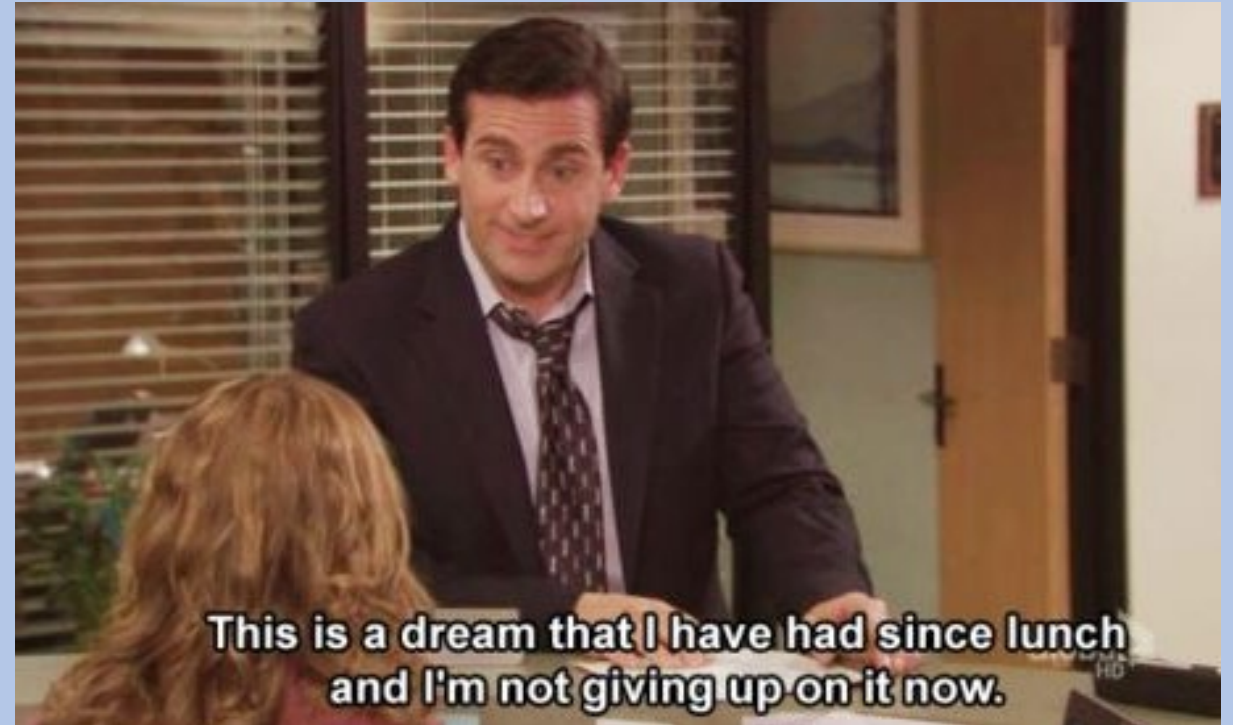
Tips for staying  
focused on assets  
and strengths?



# Dream

*Explore “what might be”*

*What do  
you see?*



# Design



*Make choices about  
“what should be”*

*Your  
ideas?*

# Deliver / Destiny

*Discuss “what will be”*

*Your  
feedback?*



# Breaking News!!



**My heart soars with the eagle's nest**



Thank you