Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP) Phases

Book: Financing the Future: Long-term Financial Planning for Local Government - Shayne C. Kavanaugh

Mobilization Phase

- Purpose of plans
- Service level preference [Plan Scope Definition]
- Finance policies

Analysis Phase

- Environmental analysis
 - Revenue forecasts
 - Expenditure forecasts
 - Debt analysis

Decision Phase

- Financial strategy development
- Plan conclusion
- Transition to action

Execution Phase

- o Budget & other tools
- Regular monitoring

Purpose -

"To combine financial forecasting with financial strategizing to identify future challenges and opportunities, causes of fiscal imbalances, and strategies to secure financial sustainability" – Shayne C. Kavanagh

Topic for discussion -

What does <u>financial sustainability</u> mean to you and your representative groups?

How do we know we succeeded with the LRFP?

"...To stimulate discussion and thinking about the long-term impacts of decisions made today and how the organization can begin positioning itself now to maximize its ability to meet challenges, exploit opportunities, and deliver a stable level of essential services. This discussion-stimulating property should be the foremost feature of planning and should not be supplanted by the more politically neutral professionally driven financial forecasting processes associated with long-term financial planning" – Shayne C. Kavanagh