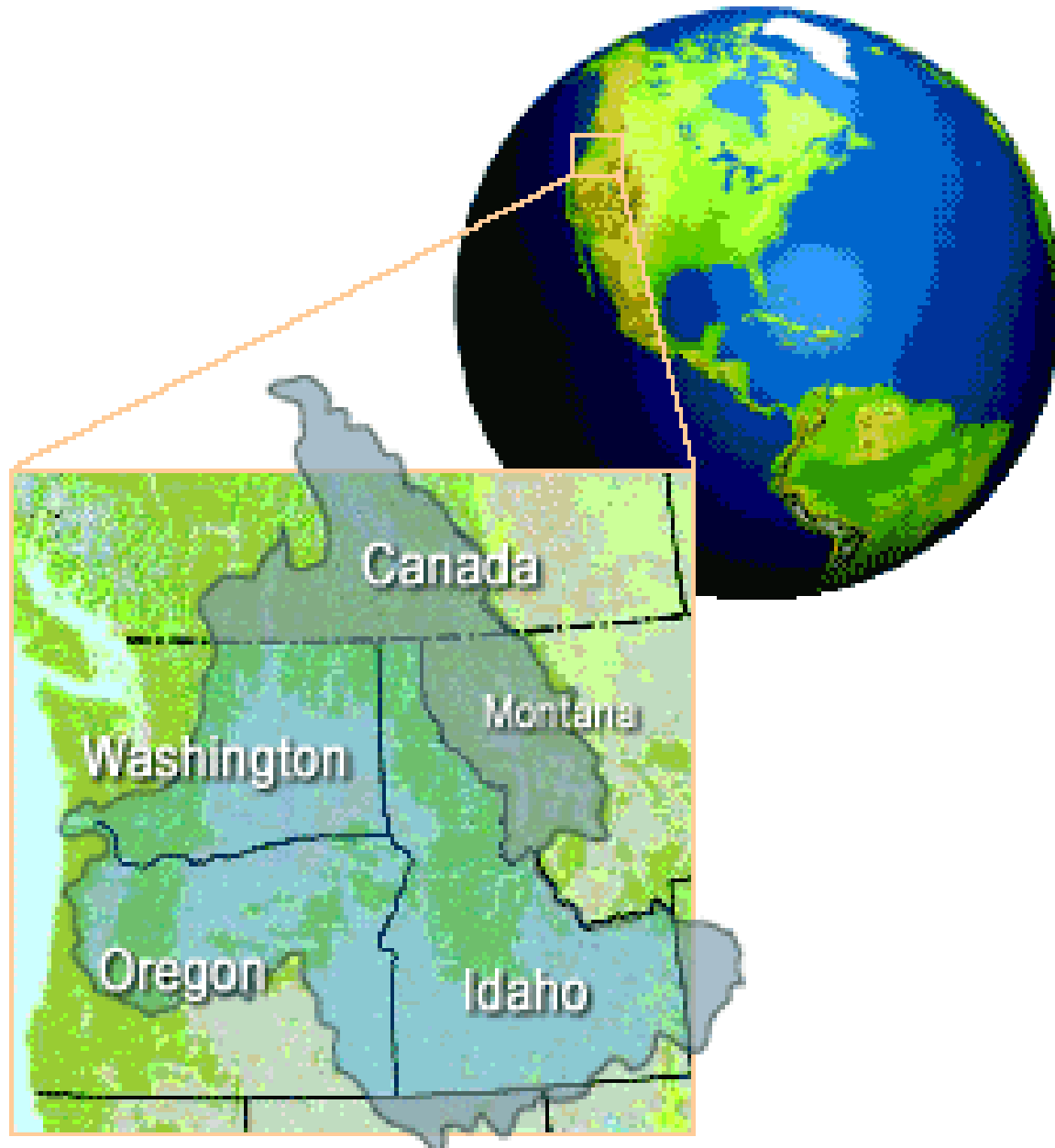




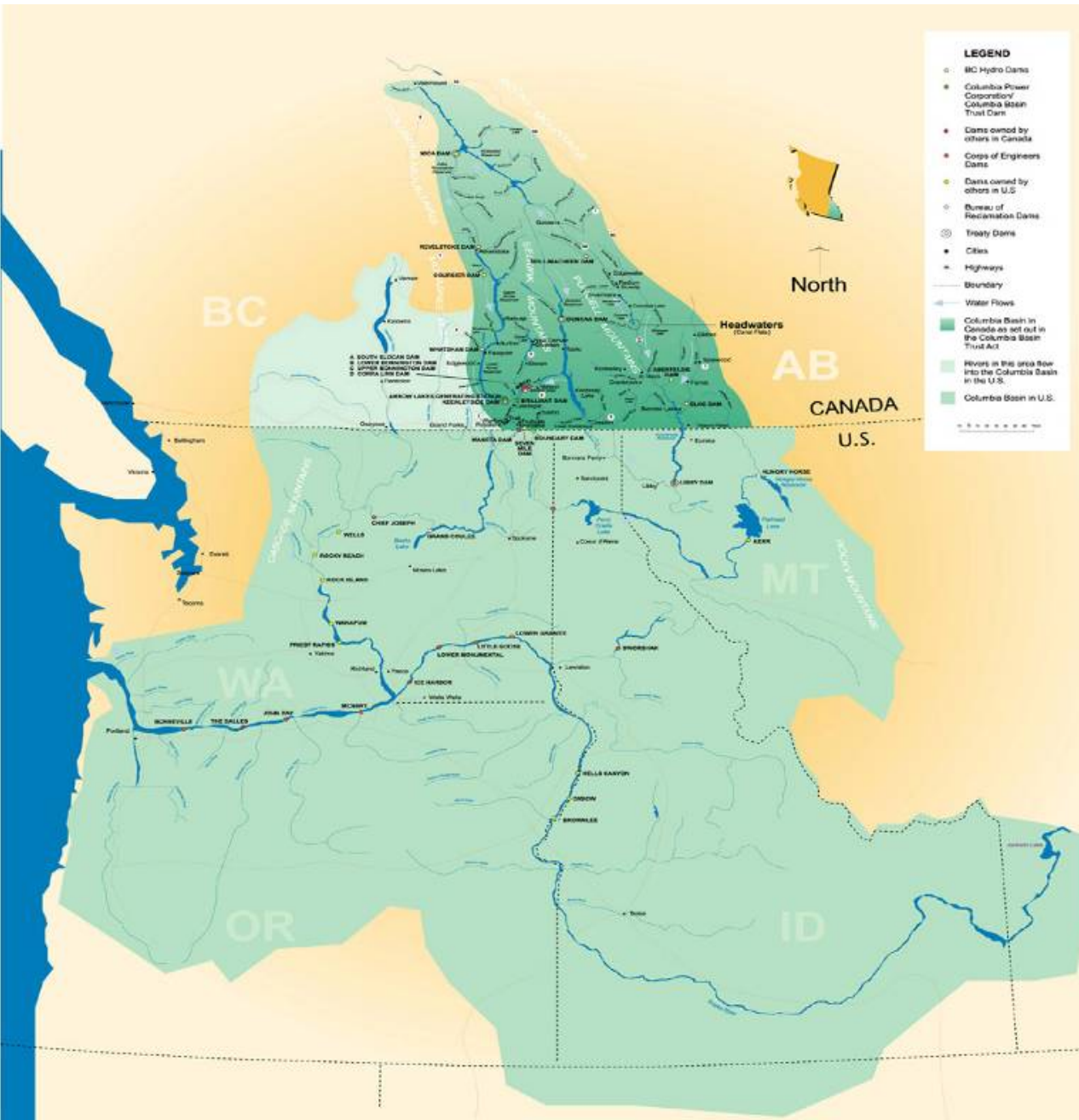
# **Experiences From the Columbia Basin British Columbia, Canada**

**Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America  
Joint Public Advisory Committee  
July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Yellowknife NWT**

# The Columbia River Basin



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➤ 4th largest in North America (by volume)

➤ In Canada: 15% of area & 40% of the runoff

➤ In U.S. crosses 7 states

➤ Provides ~50% hydroelectricity in BC





# What is the Columbia River Treaty?



**A trans-boundary water management agreement (Benefits sharing agreement) signed in 1961 and ratified by Canadian and U.S. federal governments in 1964**



## Primary objectives of the CRT:

- Coordinate flood control
- Optimize hydroelectric generation

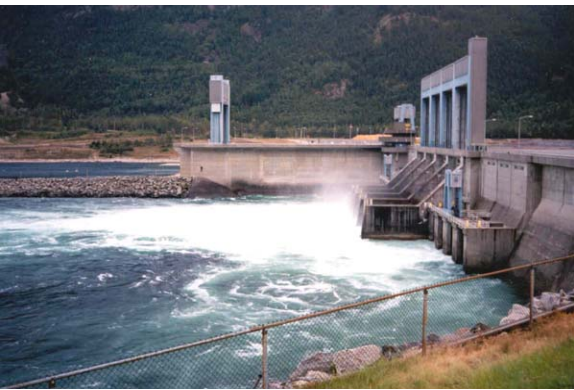
***On both sides of the border***

Other values (such as environmental) were not explicitly dealt with in the CRT.

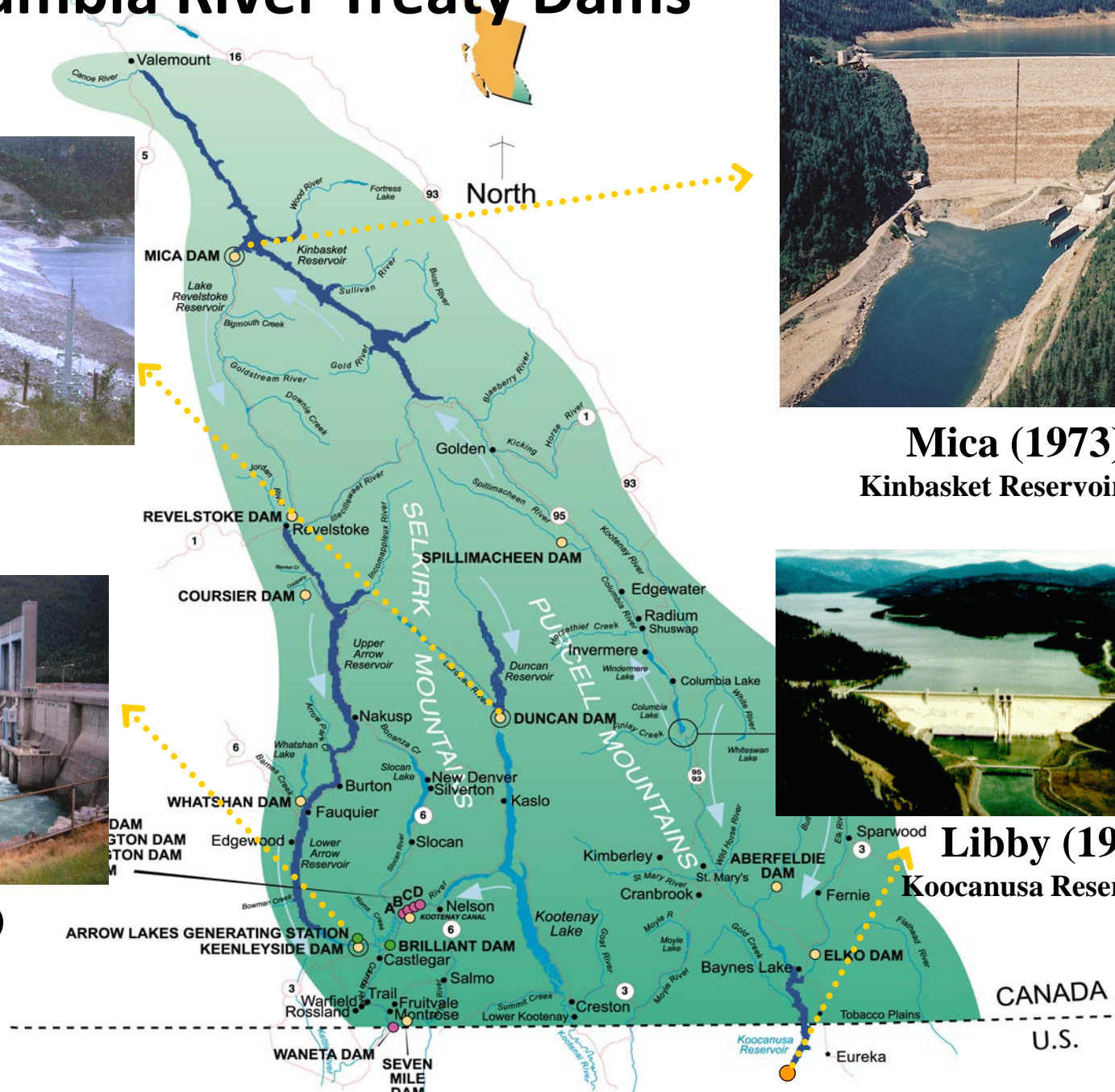
# 1964 Columbia River Treaty Dams



**Duncan (1968)**  
Duncan Reservoir



**Keenleyside (1969)**  
Lower Arrow Reservoir



**Mica (1973)**  
Kinbasket Reservoir



**Libby (1975)**  
Koochanusa Reservoir



# Dam Impacts

More than 2,300 residents were displaced and a dozen communities lost

60,000 hectares (231 square miles) of valley bottom land was flooded

Flooded forests and wildlife habitat with associated impacts to species



# Columbia Basin Trust Creation

In the early 1990s, residents of our region, came together to press the Province for recognition of the impacts on the region from the creation of the Columbia River Treaty dams

Representatives of the five regional districts and the Ktunaxa Nation Council coordinated their efforts, to work with the province.



# THE COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST

In 1995 the **Columbia Basin Trust Act** was passed by the British Columbia Legislature. CBT Received a \$295 million endowment from the Province.

The CBT has a unique mandate to:

***Support the efforts of the people of the Columbia Basin to create a legacy of social, economic, and environmental well being, and to achieve greater self-sufficiency for present and future generations in the region most affected by the Columbia River Treaty (CRT)."***



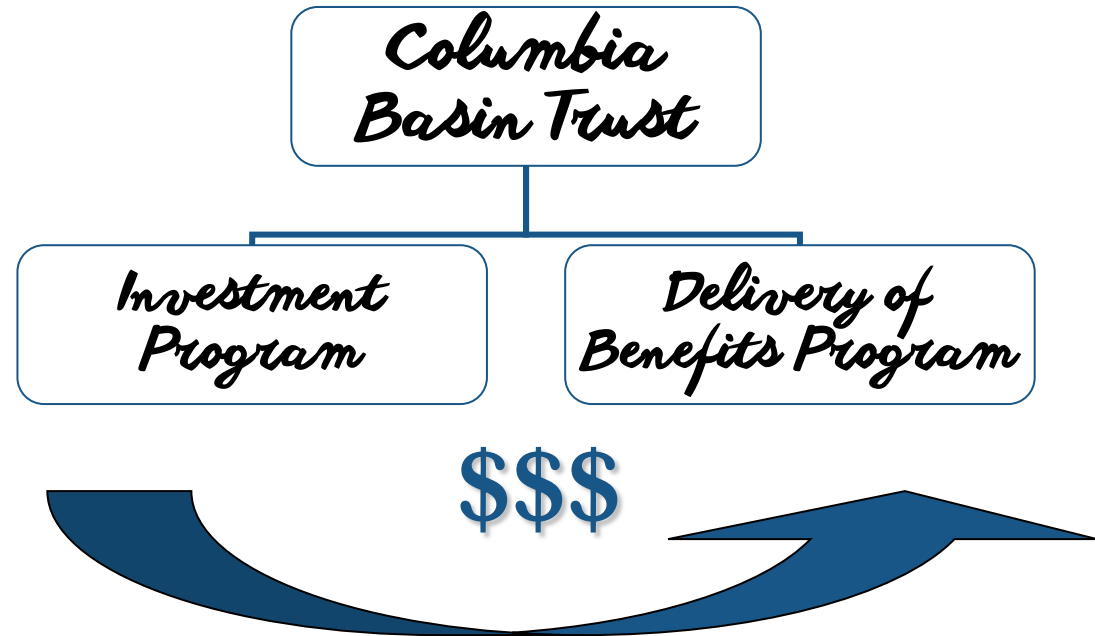
# Core Functions

## Investment

Generate a predictable, sustainable and appreciating income stream to fund DoB obligations and corporate operating expenses.

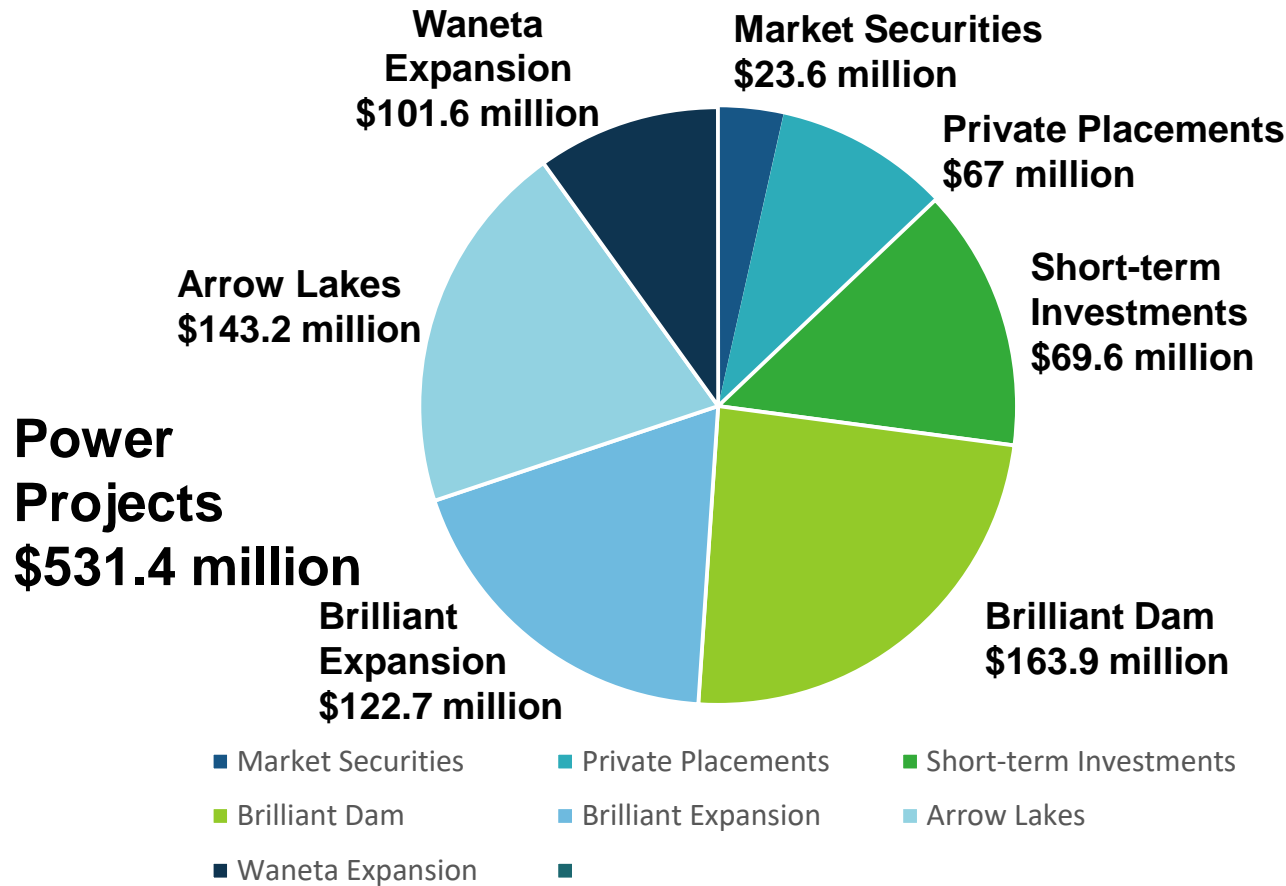
## Delivery of Benefits (DoB)

Strengthen the social, economic & environmental well-being of the Basin, its residents and communities.



# Our Investments

Investment Portfolio  
as of March 31, 2013



**Total Value  
of CBT's  
Investment  
Portfolio  
\$ 691.6  
million**

# Delivery of Benefits

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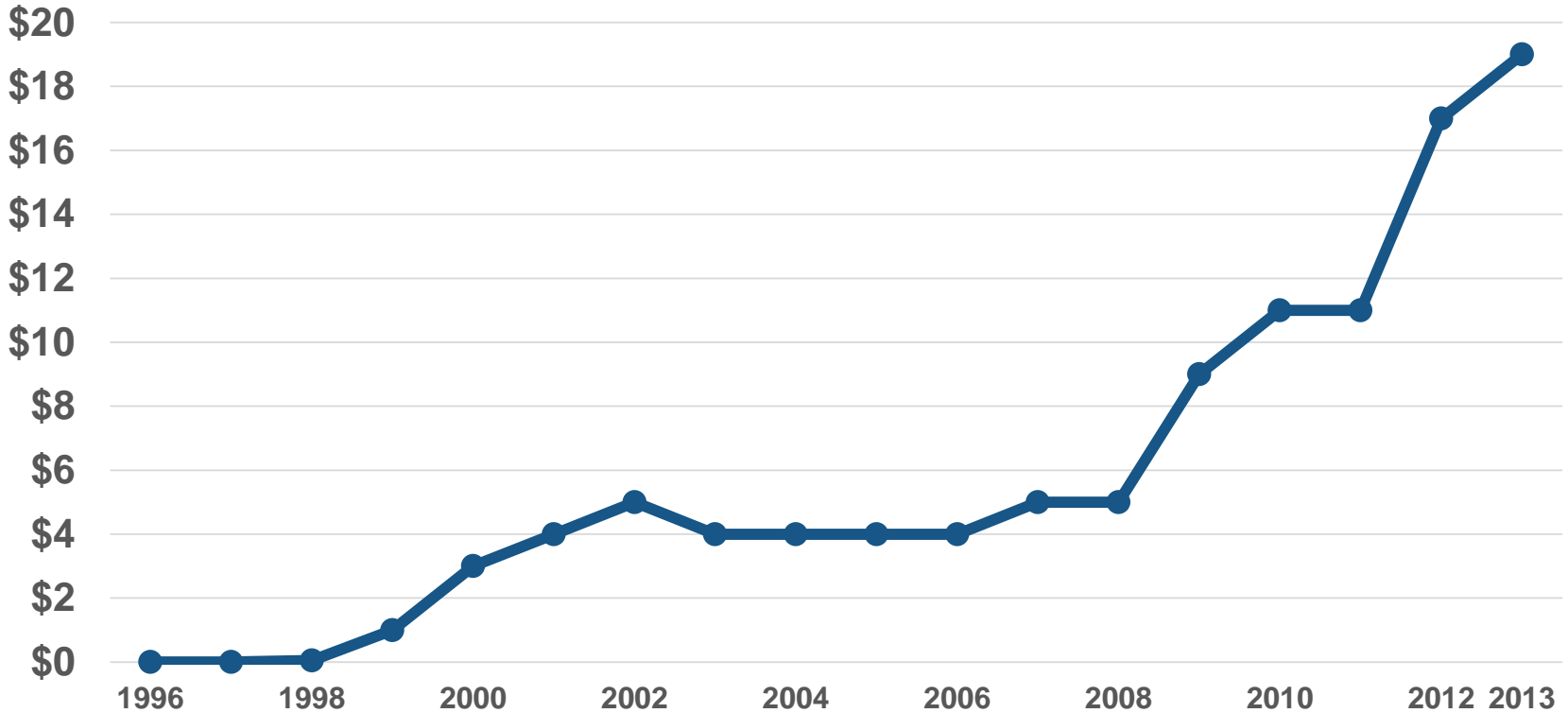
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Millions



# Delivery of Benefits

Provide resources and funding to the residents and communities of the Basin.

Focus on local priorities.

Collaborate and partner.

Facilitate and convene around key issues.

Build community capacity.



# *Our Delivery of Benefits Programs*

## **Youth**



## **Social**



## **Environment**



## **Arts, Culture & Heritage**





# *Delivery of Benefits cont.*

## **Education**



## **Community Development**



## **Economic Development**



## **Community Initiatives**



# Thank You

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