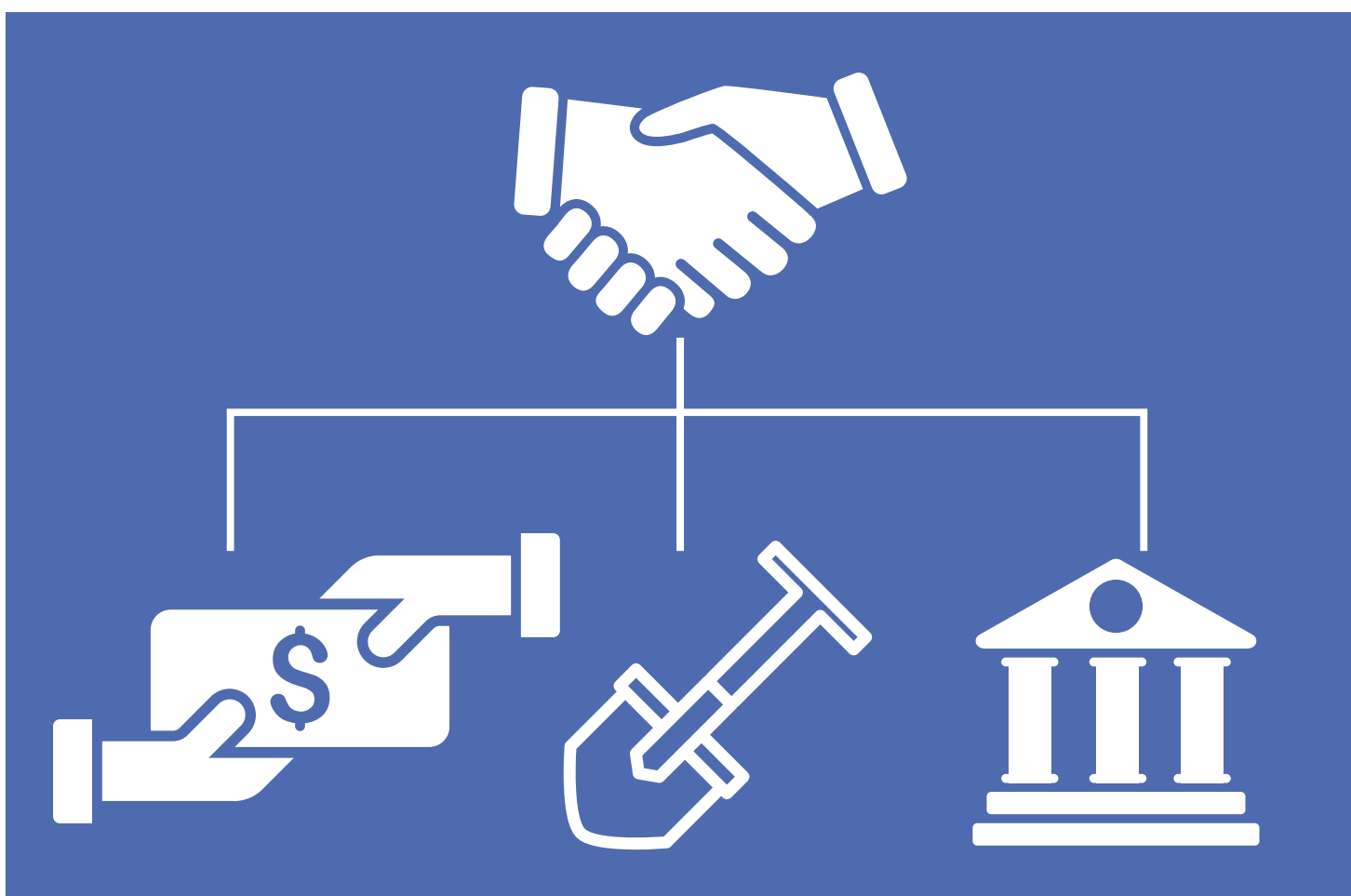


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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT

Forest Fuel Break Project Overcomes Decades Long Obstacles to Protect Prescott



Using partnerships and prison labor in a phased approach, the Department of Forestry and Fire Management completed an inter-agency fuel break project in November 2016 to protect the southern Prescott Basin. Because of harsh terrain and lack of contractor interest in doing the work, **the project had been stymied since the early 1970s**. The department devised a funding strategy and action plan to have an inmate crew to cut and pile slash in a first phase, and then hire a local contractor to burn the piles in the second phase. Partnerships with the private land owner and various national, regional and local agencies helped both to fund and complete the work.