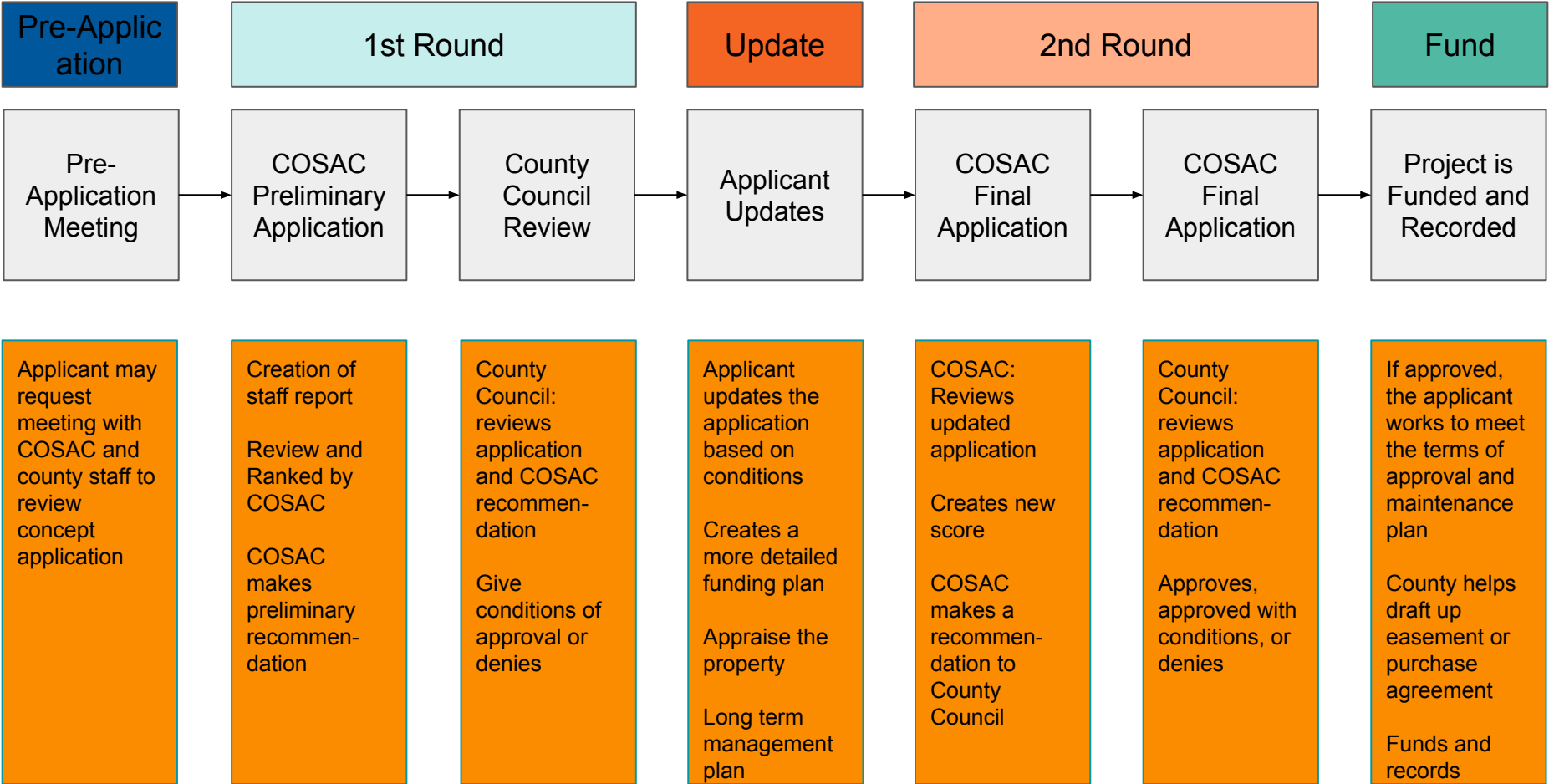

A large wooden water wheel is the central focus, partially obscured by a horizontal metal pipe in the foreground. The wheel is situated in a lush green field. In the background, there are dense trees and a sky with soft, warm light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is peaceful and rural.

Opens Space Bond Application Process

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First Round

1st

COSAC is a recommendation body; therefore, the process should help narrow applications and meet the county's goals to allow the County Council to make informed decisions on applications that have had proper review and vetting.

- Pre-Application Meeting
 - Applicant may request a pre-application meeting with COSAC and staff to receive initial feedback.
- Preliminary Application and Presentation
 - Creation of Staff Reports
 - Staff review property and highlights features on the property based on scoring sheet
 - Review by COSAC and Ranking
 - Applicant proposes a general idea of how the Open Space Land will be used
 - Site Visit
 - Discussion about scoring in a public meeting
 - Fill in the scoring criteria
 - Provide initial review and recommendation to the Council
 - County Council Review
 - County Council will review the application and COSAC's recommendation.
 - County Council will approve, approve with conditions, or deny the preliminary application

Note: Approval of preliminary application is not a guarantee of final approval

- Applicant updates application based on feedback from COSAC and Council and gathers more detail on the following:
 - Long term use of property
 - Appraisal
 - Funding request
 - Matching grants
 - Ownership
 - Long term stewardship and maintenance



Second Round 2nd

- Second Round Application
 - Applicant Submits a More Detailed Plan
 - Funding Plan Required
 - How much money is being requested
 - Other funding sources
 - Appraisal of the property (Appraisal and other legal work can be part of the grant application, but the owner takes the risk and upfront cost).
 - Additional Site Visit
 - Applicant's Presentation
 - COSAC Reviews the Final Application
 - Open Space
 - Farm Land
 - Trails/Public Access Land
 - A combination
 - Etc
 - Recommendation to the County Council
 - Approval of application
 - Approval with conditions
 - Secure additional funding
 - Finetune the application in specific ways
 - Denial
- County Council reviews the application based on the standard within the bond and COSAC's recommendation
- If approved, County Council will outline timeline and require contract with the applicant detailing approval and restrictions to be fulfilled in order to receive funding.