



**OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**

Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program

**GRANT APPLICATION PACKET
2024**

Oregon Department of Agriculture
635 Capitol St NE
Salem, OR 97301-2532
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Introduction and Purpose

In June 2011, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 3560 (HB 3560) directing the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish and implement a wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program. HB 3560 established the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund to provide grants to counties to assist in implementing their wolf depredation compensation programs. These programs can be used to:

- Reimburse persons for livestock or working dogs that are injured or killed due to confirmed or probable wolf depredation.
- Assist with the implementation of livestock management techniques or nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation of livestock.
- Reimburse persons for livestock or working dogs that are missing due to wolf depredation.
- Reimburse counties for allowable expenses associated with implementing the block grant program in their county.

ODA's wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program complements the ODFW Wolf Conservation and Management Plan in developing and maintaining a cooperative livestock producer assistance program that proactively minimizes wolf-livestock conflict and assists livestock producers experiencing wolf-related livestock losses.

*** Note:** At least 30% of ODA's total grant program award for each year must be distributed for livestock management techniques or nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation of livestock.

Grant Schedule – 2024 Timelines

Application Schedule

February 1, 2023

Grant application process opens for counties.

March 1, 2023

Grant applications due to ODA.

March 22, 2023

Award notification and grant agreements to be mailed.

* Late submissions may be accepted at the discretion of ODA.

County Eligibility

Counties must meet specific requirements – OAR 603-019-0015. In short, they include:

- Establish a county advisory committee to oversee the county wolf program.
- Establish a procedure by which producers experiencing a high rate of depredation are given priority.
- Establish compensation rates for death/injury of livestock or working dogs.
- Establish compensation rates for missing livestock attributable to wolf depredation.
- Establish eligibility requirements for producers to access grant funds based on current statutes and rules.
- Assure that at least 30% of a county's total grant funds are used for nonlethal prevention.
- Contribute money equal to 10% of the allowable expenditures needed to implement the program.

Submission Process

Complete the attached grant application and attach required documentation (see page -5-) for consideration of funds. **The completed grant application must be received by ODA by Friday – March 1, 2023 – by 5:00 pm.**

Address applications to:

Oregon Department of Agriculture
Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program
635 Capitol St NE
Salem, OR 97301
wdcfa@oda.oregon.gov

2024 County Block Grant Application

Applicant Agency Legal Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

ZIP:

Name of County Contact:

County Contact Title:

Phone No:	FAX No:
County Contact Email:	
Grant Fund Request	
Category 1 – Grant funds requested for compensation for death or injury to livestock or working dogs due to wolf depredation from February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.	\$
Category 2 – Grant funds requested for livestock and working dogs that are missing due to wolf depredation from February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.	\$
Category 3 – Total requested grant funds to implement livestock management activities and nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques to prevent interactions between wolves and livestock or working dogs from March 22, 2024 through January 31, 2025.	\$
Category 4 – Grant funds requested for the expenses allowed under OAR 603-049-0015(g) to implement the County Block Grant Program for 2024. (May only request 90% of actual expenses. The remaining expenses are to be included under Item 5 as a monetary contribution.)	\$
Total grant funds requested	\$
Category 5 – County contribution. The County must contribute money equal to 10% of the total expenditures incurred for implementing the grant program (OAR 603-049-0015(g)).	\$
Authorized Official:	Title:
Signature of Authorized Official:	
Date:	

Advisory Committee Membership

In the space below, list your Advisory Committee members' names, contact phone number, and email (if available).

Co. Commissioner:	Ph#:	Email:
_____	_____	_____
Livestock Owner:	Ph#:	Email:
_____	_____	_____
Livestock Owner:	Ph#:	Email:
_____	_____	_____
Coexist. Member:	Ph#:	Email:
_____	_____	_____
Coexist. Member:	Ph#:	Email:
_____	_____	_____
Business Rep:	Ph#:	Email:
_____	_____	_____
Business Rep:	Ph#:	Email:
_____	_____	_____

Certification

I certify that this application is a true and accurate representation of the proposed work that will be performed by this county in relationship with the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program and that I am authorized to sign as the Applicant. By the following signature, the Applicant certifies that they are aware of the requirements of the Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program as stipulated OAR 603-019-0001 to 603-019-0040, are in full compliances with the requirements specified in OAR 603-019, and are prepared to distribute the grant funds to qualified participants as summarized in this document.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____ Title: _____

Required Documentation

Attach documents and materials for each one of the categories included in the application.

Category 1 – Death or injury of livestock

If your county is applying for Category 1 funds for compensation of death or injury to livestock or working dogs due to wolf depredation, provide the following for each claim:

1. Producer name.
2. Location of death/injury incident (within or outside area of known wolf activity).
3. Copy of ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary Report.
4. Animal type.
5. Was the animal insured.
6. Number of animals included in the claim.
7. Determined value of the animal(s).
8. Was the producer using wolf deterrence methods before depredation?

Category 2– Missing livestock/working dogs

If your county is applying for Category 2 funds for missing livestock or working dog/s due to wolf depredation, provide the following for each claim:

1. Logistics information (map or other documentation) showing that the missing animals were within an area of known wolf activity.
2. What tools, documentation, or other information did the committee use to rule out or eliminate other possible causes of the missing animals?
3. What tools, documentation, or other information did the committee use to rule out circumstances that may have attracted wolves or encouraged conflict between wolves and the animals for each specific claim?
4. What tools, documentation, or other information did the committee use to determine that each producer filing a missing animal claim was implementing best management practices and reasonable non-lethal methods to deter wolves?

Category 3 – Prevention

If your county is applying for Category 3 funds to assist with implementing livestock management activities and nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques to prevent interactions between wolves and livestock/working dogs, provide a brief description of the preventative techniques you will be offering and the estimated costs.