

August 31, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Ken Bierly, Deputy Director

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item M: Non-Capital Grant Cycles
September 18-19, 2007 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This staff report proposes non-capital grant offerings for the 2007-2009 biennium. The report is based on staff recommended budget allocations and reservations described in Agenda Item D.

II. Background

The Board adopted a grant schedule of grant deadlines and Board meeting dates at the May 16, 2007, meeting. Restoration/Acquisition (capital grant types) and Watershed Council Support offerings were included in the schedule. A Technical Assistance grant offering for the April 23, 2007, cycle was approved by the Board at the March 2007 meeting. No other non-capital grant offerings were proposed pending final legislative approval of the OWEB 2007-2009 budget.

The grant deadline and Board meeting schedule is not proposed to be changed. The schedule adopted by the Board continues the 21-week review and processing grant cycle adopted in May of 2003.

As stated in Agenda Item D, the amount of non-capital funding available from Measure 66 Lottery Funds and federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds (PCSRF) for the 2007-2009 biennium is \$7.9 million. This does not include any additional funds from PCSRF that may be awarded for Federal Fiscal Year 2008. In previous biennia, even-year PCSRF funds became available to support the non-capital grant program during the second half of the biennium.

III. 2007-2009 Grant Offerings

The full availability of non-capital funding for grants is unknown pending final action by Congress on FFY 2008 PCSRF funding. In Agenda Item D, staff recommend allocation of \$4.9 million for local capacity and other critical non-capital needs and a reservation of \$2.5 million for non-capital grant offerings in October of 2007.

In general, staff recommend that Technical Assistance applications be solicited for each grant cycle that Restoration applications are solicited. In order to allow for incremental decisions by the Board on funding, staff recommend that Monitoring and Education/Outreach applications be solicited in October of 2007 and 2008 and that Assessment applications be solicited in April of

2008. Table 1 provides a summary of the recommendations for soliciting grant applications for this biennium.

Staff propose the following funding targets for the October 22, 2007, grant cycle:

Table 1.

Grant Type	Amount
Technical Assistance	\$500,000
Monitoring	\$1,500,000
Education/Outreach	\$500,000

Staff propose to come back to the Board at a future meeting for approval of non-capital grant offerings and funding targets for grant deadlines beyond October 22, 2007.

Table 2. 2007-2009 Grant Deadlines and Offerings

Application Deadline	Application Type	Board Funding Decision
October 22, 2007	Monitoring	March 19-20, 2008
	Education/Outreach	
	Technical Assistance	
	Restoration/Acquisition	
April 21, 2008	Assessment	September 16-17, 2008
	Technical Assistance	
	Restoration/Acquisition	
October 20, 2008	Monitoring	March 18-19, 2009
	Education/Outreach	
	Technical Assistance	
	Restoration/Acquisition	
December 12, 2008	Watershed Council Support	May 19-20, 2009
April 20, 2009	Technical Assistance	September 15-16, 2009
	Restoration/Acquisition	

IV. Recommendation

Staff recommend that the Board approve the non-capital grant offerings for the October 22, 2007, grant cycle shown in Table 1.