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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Awards \$4,200,000 for Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Grants

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The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) awarded \$4,200,000 in grants through the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program at its April 2023 board meeting in Keizer.

The Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program is a grant program administered by OWEB that provides grants for farm and rangeland protection and stewardship.

Two projects were awarded funds for Conservation Management Plan grants. These grants will develop and implement conservation plans for fish and wildlife habitat and water quality. Seven projects were awarded funds for Conservation Covenant and Easement grants to help protect land for continued agricultural and wildlife habitat use.

“We are excited to begin work on the nine projects awarded by the OWEB board,” says Grant Program Manager, Eric Williams. “These initial Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program grants really show how our grantee organizations partner with landowners and operators to help secure a sustainable future for agricultural operations that also provide critical wildlife habitat. This is why the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program was passed into law and these projects demonstrate the power of collaborative work.”

For additional information about OWEB’s grant programs, contact Taylor Larson at Taylor.LARSON@oweb.oregon.gov. A listing of all awarded grants is available at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Documents/2023-April-Board-Awards.pdf>

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