

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



WOLF DEPREDATION COMPENSATION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM

GRANT APPLICATION
2018

Oregon Department of Agriculture
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A. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

On June 24, 2011 the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 3560, which directed the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish and implement a wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program, using moneys in the Wolf management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund to provide grants to assist counties to implement county wolf depredation compensation programs under which:

1. Compensation may be awarded to reimburse persons for livestock or working dogs that are injured or killed due to confirmed or probable wolf depredation;
2. Financial assistance may be awarded to persons to assist with the implementation of livestock management techniques or nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation of livestock;
3. Compensation may be awarded to reimburse persons for livestock or working dogs that are missing due to wolf depredation;
4. Compensation may be awarded to 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 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W) Wolf Conservation and Management Plan in the area of developing and maintaining a cooperative livestock producer assistance program that proactively minimizes wolf-livestock conflict and assists livestock producers experiencing wolf-related livestock losses.

B. GRANT SCHEDULE – 2018 TIMELINES

Application Schedule

February 1, 2018	Grant application process opens for counties;
February 23, 2018	Grant applications due to ODA;
Feb. 26 – Mar. 2, 2018	ODA application review process completed;
March 5, 2018	Award notification and grant agreements to be mailed.

* Late submissions may be accepted at the discretion of ODA

C. COUNTY ELIGIBILITY

In order for a county to be eligible for consideration of these grant funds, certain requirements must be met. These requirements are outlined in OAR 603-019-0015. In short, they include:

- Establishing 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 ORS's and OAR's;
- Must assure that at least 30% of a county's total grant funds are used for nonlethal prevention;
- Must contribute money equal to 10% of the allowable expenditures needed to implement the program;

D. SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please complete the attached grant application (sections E through J) for consideration of funds. The completed grant application must be received by the ODA by Friday, February 23, 2018, by 5:00 PM.

Applications should be addressed to:

Jason Barber, Program Area Director
Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program
Oregon Department of Agriculture
635 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
jbarber@oda.state.or.us

E. PLEASE COMPLETE - COUNTY BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2018

Applicant Agency's Legal Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	Zip:		
County:			
Name of County Contact:			
Title:			
Phone #:	Fax #:		
County Contact Email:			
GRANT FUND REQUEST			
Category 1. Grant funds requested for compensation for death or injury to livestock or working dog's due to wolf depredation from February 22, 2017 through February 23, 2018. (Please complete section F if applying for Category 1 funds.)			\$
Category 2. Grant funds requested for livestock and working dogs that are missing due to wolf depredation from February 22, 2017 through February 23, 2018. (Please complete section G if applying for Category 2 funds.)			\$
Category 3. Grant funds requested for implementation of livestock management activities and nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques, to prevent interactions between wolves and livestock or working dogs from approximately March 6, 2018 through January 31, 2019. (Please complete section H if applying for Category 3 funds.)			\$
Category 4. Grant funds requested for the expenses allowed under 603-019-0015(g) for implementation of the County Block Grant Program for 2018. (May only request 90% of actual expenses, The remaining expenses are to be included under Item 5 as a money contribution.)			\$
Total grant funds requested			\$
Category 5. County contribution. The county must contribute an amount of money equal to 10% of the total expenditures incurred for implementing the grant program as described in OAR 603-019-0015(g)			\$
Authorized Official:		Title:	
Signature of Authorized Official:		Date:	

***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.**

F. Category 1 – Death or Injury of Livestock - Documentation Requirements

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

1. Producer name;
2. Location of death/injury incident (within or outside area of known wolf activity);
3. Copy of ODF&W Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary Report;
4. Animal type;
5. Whether animal was insured;
6. Number of animals included in claim
7. Determined value of animal(s);
8. Wolf deterrence methods being used by producer prior to depredation

G. Category 2 – Missing Livestock Documentation Requirements

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

1. Please provide logistics information (map or other documentation) showing that the missing animals went missing within an area of known wolf activity (AKWA) as designated by the ODFW;
2. What tools, documentation or other information did your committee use to rule out or eliminate other causes of the missing livestock/working dog(s)? Please provide examples for each claim;
3. What tools, documentation or other information did your committee use to rule out circumstances that may have attracted wolves or encouraged conflict between wolves and livestock for each specific claim;
4. What tools, documentation or other information did your committee use to determine that each producer filing a missing livestock claim was implementing best management practices and reasonable non-lethal methods to deter wolves?

H. Category 3 – Description and Price Estimate of Non-lethal Preventative Techniques

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

Example:

2 Range Riders from 9/01/18 through 12/31/18 paid at \$12 per hour for a total of 545 hours = \$6,540

Fuel costs for 2 Range Riders = \$250

Purchase of 2 RAG Boxes = \$400

2 Bone Pile Removals for estimated time of 16 hrs. paid at \$35 per hour = \$560

Total Prevention Grant Requested = \$7,750

I. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - 2018

In the space provided below, list the name of your Advisory Committee members, their contact phone # 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: _____

J. 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 in OAR 603-019-0001 to 603-019-0040, are in full compliance 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: _____