



Water Project Grants and Loans Funding Recommendation



Water Project Grants and Loans – 2018 Funding Cycle

August 22, 2018

The Oregon Water Resources Department is inviting public comment on the Technical Review Team (TRT) application ranking and funding recommendation for the 2018 cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. After reviewing public comments, the Department will present a funding recommendation for consideration and approval by the Water Resources Commission. The tentative date for the Commission to make its funding decision is November 16-17, 2018.

Written comments on the TRT application ranking and funding recommendation will be accepted until 5:00pm, September 21, 2018.

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Technical Review Team Ranking - 2018 Funding Cycle

The Department solicited grant and loan applications through April 25, 2018. During that time the Department received 19 complete applications requesting nearly \$16 million in project implementation funds. The Technical Review Team (TRT), a multi-agency technical review team, reviewed, scored, and ranked each application. The TRT scoring criteria was based upon the [Guidance on Evaluation of Public Benefits](#) document. The rank and score is based on the combined public benefit score for the public benefits as described in the project application. An application could score up to 30 points in each of the economic, environmental, and social/cultural public benefit categories. A proposed project could receive up to 10 additional preference points; up to 5 points for legally protecting water instream and up to 5 points for collaboration (these are listed in the "Other" category). There is a maximum public benefit score of 100 points.

Below is the TRT application ranking and funding recommendation for the 2018 funding cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. The eight applications in Table 1 are recommended for funding by the TRT. These represent the projects with the greatest public benefits as evaluated by the TRT. The applications in Table 2 are not recommended for funding at this time. While all of the applications demonstrated some measure of public benefit, the projects in Table 2 are not recommended for funding due to insufficient public benefit demonstrated in the application, and/or other reviewer concerns about project implementation. Additional information from the TRT review will be available in the application evaluation summaries. This document can be found by clicking [here](#). The TRT determined that, as submitted, applications ranked 9 through 19 did not demonstrate sufficient public benefits to justify funding at this time. While the proposed projects associated with those applications may have public benefits, as submitted, the applications did not demonstrate or support those benefits consistent with the criteria identified in the [Guidance on Evaluation of Public Benefits](#) document.

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Table 1. Applications Recommended for Funding

TRT Rank	2018 Funding Cycle Application	*Funding Request	Public Benefit Category Score Breakdown				Total Score
			Economic	Environmental	Social/Cultural	Other	
1	Johnston Lane Conservation Project	\$606,343	17.5	19.5	19.5	8	64.5
2	Dee Flat Water Conservation Project	\$1,600,000	13.5	20	19	7.5	60
3	Tumalo Feed Canal Phase 6	\$1,297,542	16	22	13.5	8	59.5
4	Painted Hills Reservoir Expansion	\$581,990	17.5	20.5	17	3	58
5	Sterling Park Stormwater Recharge Project	\$862,500	12	18.5	17	7	54.5
6	Galls Creek Irrigation Conversion Project	\$153,351	14.5	18.5	12.5	5	50.5
7	Flat Creek Watershed Enhancements	\$196,029	11.5	13.5	19.5	3.5	48
8	The Dalles Municipal Watershed Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project	\$1,000,000	15	11	17.5	3	46.5
TOTAL		\$6,297,755					

Table 2. Applications Not Recommended for Funding At This Time

TRT Rank	2018 Funding Cycle Application	*Funding Request	Public Benefit Category Score Breakdown				Total Score
			Economic	Environmental	Social/Cultural	Other	
9	Mosier Deep Water Supply Well	\$671,724	10	8	17.5	4.5	40
10	Palmer Creek Irrigation Upgrade Project	\$582,713	22	7	10	0	39
11	Smith Ditch Water Delivery Improvement	\$590,902	11	12.5	10.5	4.5	38.5
12	Threemile Joint Fish Screen and Piping Project	\$948,461	9	9.5	12	5.5	36
13	Newport Citywide Advanced Metering Infrastructure	\$636,119	11.5	6	14	3	34.5
14	COID G-4 Lateral Piping Project	\$349,728	12.5	7	9	3	31.5
15	Fishhawk Lake & Stream Water Supply & Quality Improvement Project* – Loan	\$673,106	11.5	6	13	0	30.5
16	Fishhawk Lake & Stream Water Supply & Quality Improvement Project* – Grant	\$584,068	11.5	6	13	0	30.5
17	Beaver Creek East Reservoir Above-Ground Storage	\$654,900	12.5	8.5	7	2.5	30.5
18	Lafayette Water Transmission Intertie to McMinnville	\$1,875,000	13	1.5	10.5	3.5	28.5
19	Amity Water Distribution Line Replacement and Reservoir Site Improvements	\$2,134,353	6.5	6	11	0	23.5

*Request includes grant and loan funds