



Water Project Grants and Loans Funding Recommendation



Water Project Grants and Loans – 2019 Funding Cycle

August 27, 2019

The Oregon Water Resources Department is inviting public comment on the Technical Review Team (TRT) application ranking and funding recommendation for the 2019 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 21-22, 2019.

Written comments on the TRT application ranking and funding recommendation will be accepted until 5:00pm, September 26, 2019.

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Technical Review Team Ranking - 2019 Funding Cycle

The Department solicited grant and loan applications through April 26, 2019. During that time the Department received 14 complete applications requesting over \$12 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 2019 funding cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. The four 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 is available in the [application evaluation summaries](#). The TRT determined that, as submitted, applications ranked 5 through 14 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	2019 Funding Cycle Application	*Funding Request	Public Benefit Category Score Breakdown				Total Score
			Economic	Environmental	Social/Cultural	Other	
1	Upper Phillips Fish Passage and Irrigation Efficiency Project	\$983,290	17	17	15	7.5	56.5
2	Calapooya Creek Conservation Project	\$155,106	21	15	13	5.5	54.5
3	Mosier Deep Water Supply Well 2	\$671,724	13	14	17	3.5	47.5
4	Chiloquin New Well And Meter Replacement Project	\$661,000	17	7	13.5	1	38.5
TOTAL		\$2,471,120					

Table 2. Applications Not Recommended for Funding At This Time

TRT Rank	2019 Funding Cycle Application	*Funding Request	Public Benefit Category Score Breakdown				Total Score
			Economic	Environmental	Social/Cultural	Other	
5	Prineville Airport Area ASR Project	\$1,800,000	16.5	4.5	12.5	4	37.5
6	Smith Ditch Water Delivery Improvement	\$590,902	16.5	5	11	3	35.5
7	Canal Avenue Water Infrastructure Project	\$1,500,000	16.5	0.5	14.5	0	31.5
8	Highland Ditch Piping Project	\$2,250,000	13.5	6	7.5	2.5	29.5
9	Ladera Piping Project	\$207,408	9.5	6	6.5	4	26
10	Madras Downtown Distribution Main Replacement Project	\$900,000	11	1.5	10	1	23.5
11	North Plains Water Reservoir 2 and Pump Station	\$1,250,000	9	2	10.5	1	22.5
12	Old Owyhee Ditch Improvement District Automation Spillways	\$200,851	10	1	3.5	0	14.5
13	Quail Ridge Irrigation Renovation and Conservation Project	\$884,981	6.5	0	7	0	13.5
14	Stanfield Irrigation District Efficiency Project	\$286,000	5	1	2	0	8
TOTAL		\$9,870,142					