

# Supplemental Environmental Project Ideas and Contacts

## Overview

Supplemental Environmental Projects fall under several broad categories, including pollution prevention, resource efficiency and environmental restoration and protection. This fact sheet lists possible project topics by category and includes relevant contacts. While this list is not exhaustive, it is useful as a general guide for penalty recipients considering conducting a SEP.

## Pollution prevention

### Air Quality

#### Woodstove change-out programs

A project can entail contributing funds to programs that provide financial assistance to low-income individuals or families to replace uncertified woodstoves with an EPA-certified woodstove, insert, pellet stove; or gas, oil or electrical systems. Some programs also provide no-interest loans or rebate programs for these upgrades.

### Contacts

#### Eastern Oregon:

- Bend: Heidi Kennedy, City of Bend, 541-388-5580; [hkennedy@ci.bend.or.us](mailto:hkennedy@ci.bend.or.us)
- Burns: Dauna Wensenk, City Manager, 541-573-5255 or [dwensenk@ci.burns.or.us](mailto:dwensenk@ci.burns.or.us); (with possible funding connection to the Burns-Paiute Tribe members in the area or through Jason Fenton, [jason.fenton@burnspaiute-nsn.gov](mailto:jason.fenton@burnspaiute-nsn.gov))
- Hines: Judy Erwin, City Administrator, 541-573-2251 or [administrator@ci.hines.or.us](mailto:administrator@ci.hines.or.us)
- Klamath County:
  - Jim Carey, Klamath County Environmental Health, 541-851-3736
  - Betty Riley, Executive Director, South Central Oregon Economic Development District, Klamath Falls, 541-884-5593 or [betty@scoedd.org](mailto:betty@scoedd.org)
- Lakeview: Roberta Vanderwall, Town of Lakeview, 541-947-4957 or [townmanager@townoflakeview.org](mailto:townmanager@townoflakeview.org)
- Multnomah County: Nadège Dubuisson, Multnomah County Health Department, 503.201.6126, [nadege.dubuisson@multco.us](mailto:nadege.dubuisson@multco.us)
- Oakridge: Louis Gomez, City of Oakridge, [Louisgomez@ci.oakridge.or.us](mailto:Louisgomez@ci.oakridge.or.us)
- Pendleton: Greg Lacquement, City of Pendleton, 541-966-0249 or [Greg.Lacquement@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:Greg.Lacquement@ci.pendleton.or.us)
- Prineville: Josh Smith, City of Prineville, 541- 447-2367 or [jsmith@cityofprineville.com](mailto:jsmith@cityofprineville.com)

#### Southwest Oregon:

- Jackson County: Chad Petersen, Jackson County Environmental Health, 541-774-8206
- Josephine County: Jenny Zeltvay, Josephine County Public Health, 541-474-5325, ext. 2228

#### Northwest Oregon:

- Community Action Team (serving Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties): Jim Tierney, 503-397-3511
- Multnomah County: Nadège Dubuisson, Multnomah County Health Department, 503.201.6126, [nadege.dubuisson@multco.us](mailto:nadege.dubuisson@multco.us). Funding for Multnomah County residents to receive rebates or grants to replace their wood burning device with a cleaner heating/cooling device (heat pump).



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- Washington County: Tim Davis, Washington County Office of Community Development, 503-846-4434, [tim\\_davis@co.washington.or.us](mailto:tim_davis@co.washington.or.us)

### **Wood Smoke Reduction Efforts**

Outreach, education, and non-woodstove replacement projects to help reduce wood smoke emissions in a community.

#### **Projects less than \$5,000:**

- Fund a clean, dry wood exchange program (Lakeview)
- Donate for or construct cord wood storage sheds to improve the seasoning of wood for older and low income residents of Lakeview to improve combustion of wood fuel to burn with fewer emissions (smoke). (Lakeview, Burns other small communities)
- Funding for burn/no burn and red-yellow-green signage to indicate air quality and burn/no burn days (could be a reader board or as sandwich boards) and a R-Y-G diagram and dial) (Lakeview).
- Funding to pay for local meteorological information and/or training to improve the ability of small towns to make informed wood stove advisory determinations.
- City of Prineville yard waste/wood waste collection event: funds the placement and removal, chipping of collected woody debris project within the City of Prineville.
- Funding for a seasonal billboard rental that informs the public contains wood stove and outdoor burning messages (how and when to burn or not burn (Klamath Falls, Lakeview, other communities in Oregon).
- Funding for public information campaigns concerning the proper use of wood stoves and when, what types of stoves can be used during the wood heating season. This could include inserts in mailers (water bills or other utility bills), materials and handouts at county fairs, seasonal markets, city or county offices and at related events within the involved community. Handouts could include magnets with woodstove/burn program information, stickers, or other items schools could give to students.
- Funding for school AQ program curriculum and project materials (Pendleton, Lakeview, Klamath Falls, other cities) and school woodstove/air quality advisory programs (following the EPA tool kit).
- Funding for Washington County residents to receive rebates or grants to replace their old or uncertified wood stove with a cleaner (lower emissions) heating device. Contact: Tim Davis, Washington County Office of Community Development, 503-846-4434, [tim\\_davis@co.washington.or.us](mailto:tim_davis@co.washington.or.us)

### **Clean diesel retrofits**

Contribute funds to a local school district to upgrade older school buses to clean diesel technology to significantly reduce diesel particulate emissions. School districts are now eligible to receive 70 percent matching funds from the state for school bus retrofits/replacements, further enhancing the value of a Supplemental Environmental Project. Contact your local school district's transportation department for more information.

### **Reducing spray paint air emissions**

Sponsor an educational outreach workshop in Oregon to provide alternative techniques for applying spray coatings and information to painters that can lead to reduced overspray and consequent reductions in product use. Using less paint or coatings reduces air emissions and waste generation. Contact: Ken Grimm, Pollution Prevention Resource Center, Seattle, 206-352-2050

## Public electrical vehicle chargers

Contribute funds to install electric vehicle charging stations for public use to help reduce air pollution from auto exhaust. Contact: Zach Henkin at Drive Oregon, 503-724-8670

## Hazardous waste

- Fund a community mercury exchange (mercury-containing thermometers) program or collection event. Contact your local municipality.
- Fund a household hazardous waste collection event. Contact your local municipality.
- Assist a local middle or high school recycle outdated laboratory chemicals. Contact your local school district.
- Fund an agricultural pesticide waste collection event.
  - Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties: Tri-County Agricultural Pesticide Collections, David Skakel, 541-506-2632; [davids@co.wasco.or.us](mailto:davids@co.wasco.or.us)
  - Clackamas County: Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District, 503-210-6000; [conservationdistrict.org](http://conservationdistrict.org)

## Resource efficiency

These projects can serve schools, libraries, municipal buildings. Contact your local school district, library or municipality or the Eco-School Network; [ecoschoolnetwork.org](http://ecoschoolnetwork.org)

- Conduct an energy audit
- Purchase/install solar panels
- Purchase/install day lighting systems

## Environmental restoration and protection

### Water Quality

- **Stream-bank restoration projects:** These projects reduce erosion, provide shading and increase natural habitat. Identify projects by contacting local watershed councils, governments and other environmental nonprofit entities. See project partner list at end of this fact sheet.
- **Construct bioswales:** Build bioswales around parking lots and along roadways to collect and filter stormwater runoff.
- **Pringle Creek restoration, Salem:** Partner with the Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School, Salem, for restoration projects along Pringle Creek. Contact: Mike Weddle, Salem, 503-363-6983; [mkweddle@comcast.net](mailto:mkweddle@comcast.net)
- **Wamic Community Wastewater Irrigation Expansion:** This small Wasco County community needs to expand its wastewater irrigation system to protect groundwater and the community's drinking water well. Contact: Penni Delco, Wamic Sewer Authority, 541-298-3406.
- **Depaving parking lots and other impermeable surfaces for environmental improvement, Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties:** Removing pavement from paved areas and replacing with a rain garden can improve water quality by increasing on-site stormwater retention and infiltration. Contact: Katya Reyna, 708-819-1012; [katya@depave.org](mailto:katya@depave.org)

## Environmental Education

Partner with the Environmental Learning Center at Clackamas Community College to provide scholarships for a variety of environmental education programs enabling children from diverse backgrounds who might not otherwise be able to afford the programs, to benefit from enriching outdoor activities that only outdoor education can provide. The program is designed to develop children's awareness and understanding for nature and how we as humans interact and potentially impact the health of the environment. Camp provides fun, age-appropriate activities involving wetland exploration, discovery of plants and animals living in this habitat, learning about

watersheds and solar power, and becoming good stewards of the environment. All those in financial need are eligible for scholarship. Contact: Renee Harber, 503-594-3015, [rharter@clackamas.edu](mailto:rharter@clackamas.edu)

## Materials management/waste tires

**Abandoned garbage dump areas and tire piles on public lands:** Clean up these sites to improve the environment. Contact your local municipality for more information.

**Food Donation Programs:** Provide funds to a nonprofit group that collects food from local businesses that would otherwise end up being deposited in a landfill and distributes the food to local needy families and individuals.

- Central Oregon:  
Central Oregon Food Donation Program, Redmond.  
Contact: Tess Conley, Neighbor Impact, 541-316-2037; [tessc@neighborimpact.org](mailto:tessc@neighborimpact.org)
- Lane County:  
FOOD for Lane County/Food Rescue Express.  
Contact: Gretchen Bray, 541-343-2822; [development@foodforlanecounty.org](mailto:development@foodforlanecounty.org)
- Josephine County:  
Josephine County Food Bank.  
Contact: Toni Drew, 541-479-5556; [toni.drew@ucancap.org](mailto:toni.drew@ucancap.org)
- Jackson County:  
ACCESS Food Recovery Program.  
Contact: Philip Yates, 541-774-4320

## Other project partners to consider

Numerous organizations in Oregon have environmental improvement projects needing funding assistance. A list of possible examples follows:

- AntFarm: Youth and community sustainability education and projects;  
Contact: Two Foxes Singing (Nunpa), sustainability & community development manager, 971-275-2893; [nunpa@antfarmyouthservices.com](mailto:nunpa@antfarmyouthservices.com)
- Beyond Toxics: Helping Oregon communities reduce toxics;  
Contact: Lisa Arkin, executive director, 541-465-8860; [larkin@beyondtoxics.org](mailto:larkin@beyondtoxics.org)
- Calapooia Watershed Council  
Contact: Bessie Joyce, executive director, 541-466-3493; [calapooia.org](http://calapooia.org)
- Cape Arago Audubon Society: Community-based habitat restoration projects  
Contact: Russ Namitz, 541-266-8714
- Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District  
Contact: Lisa Kilders, 503-210-6002
- Clackamas River Basin Council  
Contact: Amy Barton; 503-303-4372; [amy@clackamasriver.org](mailto:amy@clackamasriver.org)
- Columbia Land Trust: Voluntary, private, non-profit land restoration and preservation.  
Contact Steve Cook, General Counsel, at [scook@columbialandtrust.org](mailto:scook@columbialandtrust.org) and (503) 307-4651.
- Columbia Slough Watershed Council  
Contact: Corrina Chase, executive director; 503-281-1132; [columbiaslough.org/](http://columbiaslough.org/)
- Eco-School Network: Helping schools reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost waste  
Contact: Jeanne Roy, Board Chair, 503-224-0026, [ecoschoolnetwork.org](http://ecoschoolnetwork.org)
- Friends of Trees: Tree planting and nature restoration in Portland, Washington County, Salem, and Eugene/Springfield areas. Contact: Megan Van de Mark, 503-467-2536; [MeganV@friendsoftrees.org](mailto:MeganV@friendsoftrees.org)
- Grande Ronde Model Watershed Foundation (501c3): Stream restoration and fish enhancement projects in northeast Oregon's Grande Ronde River Basin.

- Contact: Jeff Oveson; 541-663-0570; [jeff@grmw.org](mailto:jeff@grmw.org)
- Human Access Project  
Contact: Willie Levenson, 503-936-6920; [willie@humanaccessproject.com](mailto:willie@humanaccessproject.com)
- Johnson Creek Watershed Council  
Contact: Daniel Newberry, [daniel@jcw.org](mailto:daniel@jcw.org)
- Long Tom Watershed Council (Eugene)  
Contact: Clinton Begley, Executive Director, 541-654-8965 [longtom.org](http://longtom.org)
- Luckiamute Watershed Council  
Contact: Kristen Larson, Executive Director, 503-837-0237, [director@luckiamutelwc.org](mailto:director@luckiamutelwc.org)
- Marys River Watershed Council  
Contact: Holly Purpura, 541-758-7597; [holly@mrwc.org](mailto:holly@mrwc.org)
- Multnomah County/City of Gresham: Tree planting in Gresham area  
Contact: Tina Osterink; [Tina.Osterink@greshamoregon.gov](mailto:Tina.Osterink@greshamoregon.gov)
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
Contact: 503-417-8700, ext. 6008
- Network of Oregon Watershed Councils  
Contact: [oregonwatersheds.org](http://oregonwatersheds.org)
- North Santiam Watershed Council  
Contact: Rebecca McCoun, 503-930-8202; [council@northsantiam.org](mailto:council@northsantiam.org)
- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts  
Contact: [oacd.org/](http://oacd.org/)
- Oregon Coast Community Action, Coos Bay  
Contact: Patricia Gouvenia, 541-888-1514; [pgouveia@orcca.us](mailto:pgouveia@orcca.us)
- Portland Fruit Tree Project: Planting culturally meaningful fruit trees in low canopy neighborhoods and community gardens  
Contact: Heather Keisler Fornes, [heather@portlandfruit.org](mailto:heather@portlandfruit.org)
- Portland Harbor Community Coalition  
Contact: Cassie Cohen, Executive Director, 503-816-4342; [phccoalition.org](http://phccoalition.org)
- Rogue River Watershed Council  
Contact: John Speece; 541-423-6184; [jspeece@rogueriverwc.org](mailto:jspeece@rogueriverwc.org)
- Sandy River Basin Watershed Council  
Contact: Steve Wise, Executive Director, 503-622-9134, [sandyriver.org](http://sandyriver.org)
- SOLV: Litter removal and site restoration (For current SOLV projects, see [solvoregon.org](http://solvoregon.org))  
Contact: Kris Carico, Chief Executive Officer, 503-943-2833; [kris@solveoregon.org](mailto:kris@solveoregon.org)
- South Santiam Watershed Council  
Contact: Eric Andersen, 541-367-5564; [sswc.org](http://sswc.org)
- Sunthurst Energy, LLC  
Contact: Daniel Hale, 310-975-4732; [sunthurstenergy.com](http://sunthurstenergy.com)
- Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District  
Contact: Marie Vicksta, 503-472-1474 ext. 108
- The Freshwater Trust  
Contact: Mark McCollister, Habitat Restoration Director: [mark@thefreshwatertrust.org](mailto:mark@thefreshwatertrust.org)
- The Wetlands Conservancy  
Contact: Esther Lev, 503-227-0778
- Tualatin River Watershed Council  
Contact: Scott McEwan, Executive Director, 503-701-5604; [trwc@trwc.org](mailto:trwc@trwc.org)
- Zero Waste Alliance: Works with organizations to increase sustainability and reduce waste. Contact: [zerowaste.org](http://zerowaste.org)

## For more information

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