Fact Sheet

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
- Burns: Bill Guindon, City of Burns, 541-573-5622
- 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
- Lakeview: Roberta Vanderwall, Town of Lakeview, 541-947-4957 or townmanager@townoflakeview.org
- Oakridge: Louis Gomez, City of Oakridge, Louisgomez@ci.oakridge.or.us
- Pendleton: Klaus Hoehna, City of Pendleton, 541-966-0249 or Klaus.hoehna@ci.pendleton.or.us
- Prineville: Josh Smith, City of Prineville, 541- 447-2367 or jsmith@cityofprineville.com
- Burns: Dauna Wensenk, City Manager, 541-573-5255 or 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)
- Hines: Judy Erwin, City Administrator, 541-573-2251 or administrator@ci.hines.or.us

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
- Washington County: Tim Davis, Washington County Office of Community Development, 503-846-4434, tim_davis@co.washington.or.us

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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

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
    - Clackamas County: Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District, 503-210-6000; www.conservationdistrict.org

Resource efficiency

These projects can serve schools, libraries, municipal buildings. Contact your local school district, library or municipality.

- 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
- **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:** Removing pavement from paved areas and replacing with a rain garden can improve water quality by increasing on-site stormwater retention and infiltration. Contact: Eric Rosewall, 503-544-8837; eric@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, rharber@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: Steve Murray, Neighbor Impact, 541-548-2380; stevem@neighborimpact.org
- Lane County:
  FOOD for Lane County/Food Rescue Express.
  Contact: Gretchen Bray, 541-343-2822; development@foodforlanecounty.org
- Josephine County:
  Josephine County Food Bank.
  Contact: Toni Drew, 541-479-5556; 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: Kiki Kruse, sustainability & community development manager, 503-668-9955; www.antfarmyouthservices.com
- Beyond Toxics: Helping Oregon communities reduce toxics;
  Contact: Lisa Arkin, executive director, 541-465-8860; larkin@beyondtoxics.org
- Calapooia Watershed Council
  Contact: Bessie Joyce, executive director, 541-466-3493; www.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
- Columbia Slough Watershed Council
  Contact: Corrina Chase, executive director; 503-281-1132; www.columbiaslough.org/
- The Freshwater Trust
  Contact: Mark McCollister, Habitat Restoration Director: mark@thefreshwatertrust.org
- Friends of Trees: Tree planting and nature restoration in Portland and Eugene/Springfield areas. Contact: Whitney Doer, program director, Portland, 503-467-2519; www.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

- Human Access Project:
  Contact: Willie Levenson, 503-936-6920; willie@humanaccessproject.com
- Johnson Creek Watershed Council
  Contact: Daniel Newberry, daniel@jcwc.org
- Long Tom Watershed Council (Eugene)
  Contact: Clinton Begley, Executive Director, 541-654-8965 www.longtom.org
- Marys River Watershed Council
  Contact: Holly Purpura, 541-758-7597; holly@mrwc.org
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
  Contact: 503-417-8700, ext. 6008
- Network of Oregon Watershed Councils
  Contact: www.oregonwatersheds.org
- North Santiam Watershed Council
  Contact: Rebecca McCoun, 503-930-8202; council@northsantiam.org
- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
  Contact: www.oacd.org/
- Oregon Coast Community Action, Coos Bay
  Contact: Patricia Gouvenia, 541-888-1514; pgouveia@orcca.us
- Rogue River Watershed Council
  Contact: John Speece; 541-423-6184; jspeece@rogueriverwc.org
- Tualatin River Watershed Council
  Contact: April Olbrich, Coordinator, 503-846-4810; trwc@trwc.org
- Sandy River Basin Watershed Council
  Contact: Steve Wise, Executive Director, 503-622-9134, sandyriver.org
- SOLV: Litter removal and site restoration (For current SOLV projects, see www.solv.org
  Contact: Denise Smith, 503-844-9571, ext. 314; denise@solv.org
- South Santiam Watershed Council
  Contact: Eric Andersen, 541-367-5564; www.sswc.org
- Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District
  Contact: Marie Vicksta, 503-472-1474 ext. 108
- The Wetlands Conservancy
  Contact: Esther Lev, 503-227-0778
- Zero Waste Alliance: Works with organizations to increase sustainability and reduce waste. Contact: www.zerowaste.org

For more information

DEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Portland, 503-229-5340.

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