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## State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Potential Funding Resources for Land Conservation and Acquisition for Drinking Water Protection

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✓	✓	✓	<b>OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)</b>  Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	<p><b>Nonpoint Source:</b> animal waste management, agricultural conservation, protection or restoration of riparian habitat, establishing conservation easements, acquiring riparian lands or wetlands, estuary management, and other.</p> <p><b>Point Source:</b> design and construction of public waste-water facilities, building or rehab or sewer systems, urban wet weather flow control activities including stormwater, sanitary, and combined sewer.</p> <p><b>Planning:</b> data collection and measurement, evaluation, analysis, security evaluations, report prep, environmental review, and any other activity leading to a written document.</p> <p><b>Local Community:</b> encourages public agencies to use revolving fund financing to establish their own loan program that addresses a local water quality issue occurring within their jurisdiction.</p>	Public entities, such as cities and counties, Indian tribal governments, sanitary districts, soil and water conservation districts, irrigation districts, various special districts, and some intergovernmental entities.	<p>Low Interest Loan: Principle forgiveness is available for communities meeting affordability criteria, or for meeting green project criteria.</p> <p>Sponsorship Option: Implement a non-planning nonpoint source project <u>and</u> a traditional point source wastewater treatment project through the same application to reduce your interest rate on the combined two projects to as low as 1%. This combined application is called a sponsorship option.</p>	<p>Applications accepted year-round with scheduled review and ranking the first week of January, May, and September.</p> <p>Chris Marko Program Coordinator 503-880-6060</p> <p><a href="https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/cwsrf/pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/cwsrf/pages/default.aspx</a></p>
✓	✓	✓	<b>OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY</b>  Drinking Water Source Protection Fund (DWSRF)	<p>Eligible activities include those that lead to risk reduction within the delineated drinking water source area or would contribute to a reduction in contaminant concentration within the drinking water source. Includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source Protection Planning including development of restoration or conservation plans for future easement or land acquisition</li> <li>• Implementation of strategies to reduce risk</li> <li>• Purchase of lands within the drinking water source area (funded only via low interest loans)</li> </ul>	Any Public and Privately-owned Community or Nonprofit Non-Community public drinking water system with a completed Source Water Assessment is eligible for funds.	<p>Grant funds up to \$50,000 per water system. Awards must be spent within 2 years to avoid forfeiture</p> <p>Low interest loans up to a maximum of \$100,000</p>	<p>Contact OHA regarding the letter of interest. Letters of interest typically accepted between January and March each year.</p> <p><a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/SRF/Pages/spf.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/SRF/Pages/spf.aspx</a></p> <p>Grants and loans are administered by Business Oregon</p>
✓		✓	<b>OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY</b>  Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DW SRF)	<p>Land acquisition and conservation easements are not eligible projects for the DWSRF base funds.</p> <p>DWSRF is primarily for planning, design and construction of drinking water infrastructure improvements including repair or replacement of existing infrastructure. Investments to enhance the physical security of drinking water systems, as well as water sources may also be eligible.</p>	Publicly- and privately-owned Community and nonprofit Non-Community water systems are eligible to apply for DW SRF funding.	<p>There is no statutory maximum limit on the size of a funding award. Awards of \$3 million and above are subject to review by the Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) Board. Awards of \$6 million and above must be approved by the Oregon Drinking Water Advisory Council (DWAC)</p>	<p>Letter of Interests accepted by Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Services every March 15<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Contact Regional Staff: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/contactus/Pages/directory.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/contactus/Pages/directory.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/drinkingwater/srf/pages/index.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/drinkingwater/srf/pages/index.aspx</a></p> <p>Funding administered by Business Oregon</p>
✓			<b>OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY-</b>  Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP) - part of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	<p>Planning awards for feasibility studies, asset management plan, system partnership studies, resilience plan, water rate study, leak detection study, and master plan (systems with less than 300 connections).</p> <p>SIPP cannot be used for activities related to ineligible project types listed under the infrastructure loan program (i.e. planning for land acquisition or conservation easements).</p>	Publicly- and privately-owned Community and nonprofit Non-Community water systems are eligible to apply for DW SRF funding. Water systems must have a completed Source Water Assessment to be eligible.	Up to \$20k forgivable loan	<p>Letter of Interests accepted by Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Services every March 15 and Sept. 15</p> <p>Contact Regional Staff: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/contactus/Pages/directory.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/contactus/Pages/directory.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/drinkingwater/srf/pages/index.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/drinkingwater/srf/pages/index.aspx</a></p>

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			(DW SRF)				Funding administered by Business Oregon
✓		✓	<b>OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)</b>  319 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants	Nonpoint Source Grant Program supports projects to reduce and mitigate the effects of nonpoint source pollutants - such as sediment, pesticides, and nutrients - to waters of the state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Oregon Municipalities</li> <li>• Non-profit Organizations</li> <li>• Conservation Districts</li> <li>• Watershed Councils/Associations</li> <li>• State Agencies/Universities</li> <li>• Regional Planning Commission</li> <li>• Water Systems</li> <li>• Tribal Nations</li> </ul>	<p>Differs annually but typically \$30,000 to \$50,000 is available per project. Priority funding areas differ yearly – contact DWP staff for more information.</p> <p>This is a 60/40 matching grant. Grantee match can be cash or in-kind.</p>	See website for more information: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/programs/pages/nonpoint-319-grants.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/programs/pages/nonpoint-319-grants.aspx</a>
✓			<b>OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (WRD)</b>  Water Projects Grants and Loans	Conservation, reuse, above-ground storage, below-ground storage, streamflow protection or restoration, water distribution, conveyance or delivery systems, and other water resource development projects that result in economic, environmental, and social/cultural public benefits.	Any local government, Tribal Nation, or person may apply for funding.	Funded by lottery sales, millions of dollars available every year. Grants require a 25% cost match	Applications due each spring, usually in late April. Applicants encouraged to discuss potential projects in advance by emailing the Program Coordinator at: <a href="mailto:wrd_DL_waterprojects@water.oregon.gov">wrd_DL_waterprojects@water.oregon.gov</a>  <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/FundingOpportunities/WaterProjectGrantAndLoans/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/FundingOpportunities/WaterProjectGrantAndLoans/Pages/default.aspx</a>
	✓		<b>OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY (ODF)</b>  Community Forest Program	Establish community forests by acquiring land which protects it from conversion to non-forest uses. The Community Forest Program is a federal program that assists landowners in establishing community forests, and sustainably managing them for public benefit including recreation, income, wildlife habitat, stewardship demonstrations sites, and environmental education.	Community Forests can be owned by local governments, Tribal governments and qualified nonprofit entities	<p>Individual grant applications may not exceed \$400,000</p> <p>Full fee title acquisition is required; conservation easements are not eligible</p> <p>The program pays up to 50% of the project costs and requires a 50% non-federal match</p>	Information about all ODF and federal forestry-related grants and incentive programs can be found at: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/odf/aboutodf/pages/grantsincentives.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/odf/aboutodf/pages/grantsincentives.aspx</a>
	✓		<b>OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY (ODF)</b>  Forest Legacy Program	Purchase privately-owned forestlands that face threats of conversion to non-forest use by development pressures. Program goal is to promote stewardship and sustainable management of private forest lands by maintaining working forests that conserve important forest resource and conservation values	All properties entered into Oregon's Forest Legacy Program – either through conservation easement, fee acquisition or donation – have their forest resources and conservation values protected and managed in accordance with a State Forester-approved Forest Stewardship Plan.	Funds for eligible private forestlands for the purchase of development rights through either conservation easement or fee-title acquisition into public ownership.	Information about all ODF and federal forestry-related grants and incentive programs can be found at: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/odf/aboutodf/pages/grantsincentives.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/odf/aboutodf/pages/grantsincentives.aspx</a>
✓	✓	✓	<b>OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DLCD)</b>  Coastal Zone	Coastal habitat restoration; coastal habitat restoration planning, engineering, and design; and land conservation projects (including land acquisition and conservation easements). Applicants cannot combine project types (i.e. a land acquisition project application cannot include habitat planning/ restoration components).	Non-federal entities including state agencies, counties, municipalities, and federally recognized Tribal Nations that are located within the Oregon Coastal Management Zone (CZM). The most competitive projects should	Individual projects can be funded up to \$6 million. This is a very new grant program, but as of Fall 2022 there is between \$30-35 million annually available. The funding will be available for several consecutive years (up to 5 years of funding including 2022). No match is required, although if a project can bring match funds it can potentially boost the competitiveness of their project. Both the grant decisions about	The grant cycle will open again in 2023, with Letters of Interest (LOI) due to the DLCD program in the spring (exact date TBD). DLCD will submit 3 LOI's to NOAA for consideration, and NOAA decides whether LOIs will be invited to submit a full application. Full applications compete for funding nationwide; no Coastal Management Zone is guaranteed funding for their projects.

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			Management (CZM) Habitat Protection & Restoration Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) Competitive Grant		be able to demonstrate significant ecological value, include a climate or community resilience component, and involve public access	fundable projects and funding itself come from NOAA to the DLCD. The DLCD administers the grant for any projects selected for funding from Oregon. This is a nationwide grant program.	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/OCMP/Pages/Grants.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/OCMP/Pages/Grants.aspx</a>
	✓		<b>OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD (OWEB)</b>  Land Acquisition Grants	Goal of grant funding is to protect and restore watersheds and habitat for native fish or wildlife. These grants could be leveraged if drinking water source areas overlap with high quality native fish/wildlife habitat and no proposed actions conflict with habitat protection goals, such as timber harvest or water treatment infrastructure.	Local, state, and federal agencies, Tribes, nonprofit land conservation organizations and trusts, state institutions of higher education, independent non-profit institutions of higher education or political subdivisions of the state.	Reach out to OWEB about funding opportunities and eligibility before applying.	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Acquisitions/Pages/land-acquisitions.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Acquisitions/Pages/land-acquisitions.aspx</a>
✓		✓	<b>OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD (OWEB)</b>  Stakeholder Enhancement Grants	Goal of grant funding is to provide funding for communication and engagement with landowners, organizations, and the community about the need for specific eligible restoration, acquisition, or resource assessment/planning projects tied to a specific geography.	Local, state, and federal agencies, Tribes, nonprofit land conservation organizations and trusts, state institutions of higher education, independent non-profit institutions of higher education or political subdivisions of the state.	Reach out to OWEB about funding opportunities and eligibility before applying. No maximum or minimum funding request amount. Open solicitation program in which application review occurs in spring and fall.	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Pages/stakeholder.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Pages/stakeholder.aspx</a>
✓			<b>OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD (OWEB)</b>  Technical Assistance Grants: TA-1, Technical Design and Engineering; TA-2, Resource Assessment and Planning	Goal of grant funding is to protect and restore watersheds and habitat for native fish or wildlife through technical design and planning projects.	Local, state, and federal agencies, Tribes, nonprofit land conservation organizations and trusts, state institutions of higher education, independent non-profit institutions of higher education or political subdivisions of the state	Reach out to OWEB about funding opportunities and eligibility before applying. Maximum request amount is \$75,000 per application. Open solicitation program in which applications review occurs in spring and fall.	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Pages/ta.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Pages/ta.aspx</a>

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		✓	<b>OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD (OWEB)</b>  Partnership Technical Grants	Goal of grant is to provide support to existing partnerships to generate a new or enhance an existing strategic action plan, elevate level of performance, and support capacity.	Local, state, and federal agencies, Tribes, nonprofit organizations and trusts, state institutions of higher education, independent non-profit institutions of higher education or political subdivisions of the state	Reach out to OWEB about funding opportunities and eligibility before applying. Maximum request amount is \$150,000 per application. Open solicitation program in which applications review occurs in spring and fall.	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Pages/partnership-ta.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/Pages/partnership-ta.aspx</a>
	✓		<b>OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION</b>  Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a Federally funded grant program administrated by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.  LWCF grants are available for the acquisition, development, and major rehabilitation of public outdoor recreation facilities.	Cities, Counties, Park and Recreation Districts, Metropolitan Service Districts, Port Districts, Federally-recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon, Oregon State Agencies (Parks & Recreation Dept., Dept. of State Lands, Department of Fish and Wildlife and Dept. of Forestry).	Approximately \$4 million available annually.  Minimum grant: \$50,000 (\$100,000 total project costs), unless otherwise authorized by Oregon Parks and Recreation Director. No maximum grant amounts.  50% match required	Next grant cycle opens fall of 2023.  <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/GRA/Pages/GRA-lwcf.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/GRA/Pages/GRA-lwcf.aspx</a>
✓	✓	✓	<b>BUSINESS OREGON, INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY (IFA)</b>  Special Public Works Fund (SPWF)	Loans for planning and construction of Utilities, Emergency projects, Levees, Firm Based Business projects, Telecom, Energy Systems, Transportation, Railroad, Road, Marine & other Public Facilities.	Municipalities: Cities, Counties, Tribal Councils, Ports, Airports, Domestic Water Supply Districts, County Service District, Sanitary Districts and Special Districts	Loan funding (max \$10 million) is available for financing small to large projects with favorable interest rates and terms up to 30 years or the useful life of the project, whichever is less, for most projects. Limited grant funding is available for technical assistance and emergency projects based on financial analysis.	Contact Business Oregon Regional Development Officer ( <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/regions/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/regions/Pages/default.aspx</a> )  <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/SPWF/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/SPWF/Pages/default.aspx</a>
		✓	<b>BUSINESS OREGON, INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY (IFA)</b>  – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (via U.S. Department	- Comprehensive plans - Non-routine infrastructure plans - Feasibility studies - Community action plans - Low-income housing assessments  All projects must meet one of three national objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• must benefit low- and moderate-income individuals.</li><li>• must aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.</li><li>• must be an urgent need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.</li></ul>	Projects must principally benefit low- to moderate-income people in non-entitlement (metropolitan) cities and counties. - Cities or towns with fewer than 50,000 people - Counties with fewer than 200,000 people  Note: Applicants must apply	Grant: - Funding amounts are based on the applicant's need, the availability of funds, and other restrictions defined in the program's guidelines.  - The maximum available grant for drinking water system projects is \$3,000,000.	Call IFA at 503-986-0123, then contact your IFA Regional Coordinator for assistance and more information. <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/CDBG/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/CDBG/Pages/default.aspx</a>

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			of Housing and Urban Development)		for either final design or construction. This program does not fund planning activities or feasibility studies		
		✓	<b>BUSINESS OREGON, INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY (IFA) - Water/Wastewater Financing Program (WFP) Loan and Grant</b>	Planning for construction of public infrastructure needed to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act or the Clean Water Act.	Cities, counties, county service districts, tribal councils, ports, and special districts as defined in ORS 198.010. Municipalities must either have a documented compliance issue or the potential of a compliance issue in the near future.	<p>Loan: Maximum term is 25 yrs or the useful life of the infrastructure financed, whichever is less.</p> <p>-Maximum amount is \$10 million per project (more with additional approval) through a combination of direct and/or bond funded loans.</p> <p>-Generally repaid with utility revenues or voter approved bond issues. A limited tax general obligation pledge also may be required. "Credit worthy" borrowers may be funded through the sale of state revenue bonds.</p> <p>Grant: awards up to \$750,000 may be awarded based on a financial review. An applicant is not eligible for grant funds if the applicant's annual median household income is equal or greater than 100 percent of the state average median household income for the same year.</p>	Applications are accepted year-round: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/WWF/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/WWF/Pages/default.aspx</a>
	✓		<b>US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Natural Resources Conservation Service – Agricultural Conservation Easement Program and Wetland Reserve Easements</b>	<p>Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) protects agricultural lands by limiting non-agricultural uses of the land through conservation easements.</p> <p>Wetlands Reserve Easements (WRE) help private and tribal landowners protect, restore and enhance wetlands which have been previously degraded due to agricultural uses.</p>	<p>Private landowners and Tribes.</p> <p>Land eligible for wetland reserve easements includes farmed or converted wetland that can be successfully and cost-effectively restored.</p>	<p><b>Permanent Easements</b> – For conservation easements in perpetuity NRCS pays 100 percent of the easement value for the purchase and between 75 to 100 percent of the restoration costs.</p> <p><b>30-year Easements</b> – For easements that expire after 30 years NRCS pays 50 to 75 percent of the easement value for 50 to 75 percent of the restoration costs.</p> <p><b>30-year Contracts</b> –Are available to enroll acreage owned by Tribes and payment rates are commensurate with 30-year easements.</p> <p><b>Wetland Reserve Easements</b> NRCS pays all costs associated with recording the easement in local land records office.</p>	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/easements/acep">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/easements/acep</a>
	✓		<b>US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Natural Resources Conservation Service</b>  Healthy Forests Reserve Program	One-time payments to landowners in exchange for easements, designed to enhance and protect forestland resources on private lands.	Farm Bill eligible landowners – Agricultural Producers, Individuals & Households, Tribe		<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/forests/">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/forests/</a>
	✓	✓	<b>US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,</b>	Provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and	Farm Bill eligible landowners - Agricultural Producers, Individuals &		<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcseprd1342638">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcseprd1342638</a>

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		✓	<b>US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Natural Resources Conservation Service – Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)</b>	Projects designed to respond to emergencies from natural disasters and relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, wind, and other natural occurrences. Financial and technical assistance to remove debris from streams, protect destabilized streambanks, establish cover on critically eroding lands, repairing conservation practices, and the purchase of flood plain easements.	Groups of people with a common problem. EWP is generally not an individual assistance program.  All projects undertaken must be sponsored by a political subdivision of the State, such as a city, county, general improvement district or conservation district, or by a tribal government.	Grant; pending availability of funds.  It is not necessary for a national emergency to be declared for an area to be eligible for assistance.	Applications accepted year-round, on a fund-available basis.  <a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/</a>
	✓		<b>USDA FOREST SERVICE (USFS) and US DEPT OF INTERIOR (BLM, NPS, FWS)</b>  Land and Water Conservation Fund	The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal program to safeguard natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities. The primary source of revenue for the LWCF is from Federal oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf. The LWCF is managed by various federal agencies including US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Parks Service and Fish and Wildlife Service. There are a number of grant programs under the LWCF including Federal Land Acquisition Programs by USFS, BLM, NPS, and FWS to support individual land and water acquisition projects from willing sellers. Each bureau has a defined project selection process and criteria. Tribes can collaborate with agencies to support Federal land acquisition projects funded by LWCF.	Federal, state and local governments.	Funding available up to \$900M nationwide. Agency determines which projects receive funds and the amount of funding distributed to each applicant.	USFS: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/land/staff/LWCF/">https://www.fs.usda.gov/land/staff/LWCF/</a> Proposals due ~2 years before awards. Apply by October 2023 for 2025 funds. Regional LWFC Coordinator Rick Pringle Richard. <a href="mailto:Pringle@usda.gov">Pringle@usda.gov</a> or 503-808-2401  BLM: Contact your local BLM office for more information <a href="https://www.blm.gov/programs/land-and-water-conservation-fund">https://www.blm.gov/programs/land-and-water-conservation-fund</a>
✓	✓		<b>DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR</b>  WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Planning	WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply sustainability through investments in existing infrastructure and attention to local water conflicts.	Special district governments County governments City or township governments Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) State governments	Grant funding for water recycling and desalination which may be helpful for stretching limited water supplies and providing water system resiliency. Not directly for land conservation.	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=345107">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=345107</a>

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		✓	<b>THE FORD FAMILY FOUNDATION</b>  Small Good Neighbor Grants	These grants can be flexible to meet a rural community's energy and needs, including unforeseen emergencies that interrupt programming or services.	Local Government & Authority, Nonprofit Organizations, Tribe	Grant funding available up to \$25,000 per project. No match required, but the Foundation will not fund 100% of the project's budget.	<a href="https://www.tfff.org/how-we-fund/grants/small-good-neighbor-grants">https://www.tfff.org/how-we-fund/grants/small-good-neighbor-grants</a>
	✓		<b>(NFWF) NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION</b>  Walmart's Acres for America	Acres for America was established to provide urgently needed funding for projects that conserve important large-scale habitats for fish, wildlife, and plants through land acquisitions and perpetual conservation easements.	Local Government & Authority, Nonprofit Organizations, Public/Private Institutions of Higher Education, State, Territory, Tribe	Requires minimum 1:1 match, Federal funds may be considered as match.	RFP is typically released in March, pre-proposals due in April. Following a review period of about four weeks, appropriate pre-proposals will be selected and applicants will be invited to submit full proposals.  <a href="https://www.nfwf.org/programs/acres-america">https://www.nfwf.org/programs/acres-america</a>
✓			<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR</b>  BLM ORWA Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance	The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oregon/Washington (ORWA) Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance programs use a risk-based approach that supports the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy goals of restoring and maintaining Fire Resilient Landscapes, creating Fire Adapted Communities and Responding to Wildfire.	Local Government & Authority, Nonprofit Organizations, Public/Private Institutions of Higher Education, State, Territory, Tribe	Grant, funding available up to \$750,000 with a minimum request of \$50,000.	Application period open from December 14, 2022 through March 15, 2023.  <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=344894">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=344894</a>
✓			<b>RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CORPORATION (RCAC)</b>	Variety of loans for water and/or wastewater planning, environmental work, and construction. Also offers funding application assistance.	Non-profit organizations, public agencies, tribes, and low-income rural communities with population 50,000 or less, or 10,000 or less if guaranteed by USDA Rural Development financing.	Varies	Jason Carman Rural Development Specialist <a href="mailto:JCarman@rcac.org">JCarman@rcac.org</a> 458-221-3473

P	L	S	Program	Eligible Projects	Eligible Applicants	Funding Available	How To Apply
P = planning; L = land purchase or land easement purchase; S = stewardship and/or ongoing planning and restoration work							

✓		✓	<b>OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (WRD)</b>  Water Project Grants and Loans	The purpose of the fund is to provide economic, environmental, and social/cultural benefit through water resource development projects.	Any local government, Tribal Nation, or person may apply for funding.	Applications for 2023 are due by April 26, 2023 at 05:00 pm.  Grants require a 50% cost match. Department anticipates having \$18.9 million available to distribute in the 2023 funding cycle.	<a href="mailto:Adair.Muth@water.oregon.gov">Adair Muth</a> 971-301-0718  <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/FundingOpportunities/WaterProjectGrantAndLoans/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/FundingOpportunities/WaterProjectGrantAndLoans/Pages/default.aspx</a>
✓			<b>OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (WRD)</b>  Feasibility Study Grants	Fund qualifying costs of studies to evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse, and storage projects. This competitive funding opportunity helps individuals and communities investigate whether a project is worth pursuing.	Any local government, Tribal Nation, or person may apply for funding.	Differs annually but typically around a million. Grants require a 50% cost match.	Applications due each fall. Applicants encouraged to discuss potential projects in advance by emailing the Program Coordinator: <a href="mailto:WRD_DL_feasibilitystudygrants@water.oregon.gov">WRD_DL_feasibilitystudygrants@water.oregon.gov</a>  <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/FundingOpportunities/FeasibilityStudyGrants/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/FundingOpportunities/FeasibilityStudyGrants/Pages/default.aspx</a>

**Additional resources that may be helpful to water districts include:**

- **Bridge Funders:** Craft3, The Conservation Fund, Resources Legacy Fund
- **Bridge Buyers:** EFM, The Conservation Fund, Trust for Public Lands