

Producing Verified Climate-Smart Agricultural Commodities and Market Opportunities in Oregon

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Proposal for USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities



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USDA Grant Request

- Proposal due **May 6th**
- 1st funding pool – \$5 million - \$100 million
- “Climate-smart commodity” – agricultural commodity **produced using** agricultural (farming, ranching, or forestry) practices that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions or sequester carbon
- **Examples:** Cover crops • Low-till or no-till • Nutrient management • Enhanced efficiency fertilizers • Manure & feed management • Buffers, wetland, and grassland management, and tree planting on working lands • Agroforestry and afforestation on working lands • Afforestation reforestation and sustainable forest management • Planting for high carbon sequestration rate • Maintaining and improving forest soil quality • Increase on-site carbon storage through Forest Stand Management



ODA Proposal Goals

1. Establish a statewide grant program to assist agricultural producers in Oregon in the implementation and management of climate-smart practices with goal achievement verification.



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2. Voluntarily conduct a no-cost soil health program to assess the current “State of Soil Health” in Oregon agricultural working lands.



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3. In collaboration with local leaders, create market opportunities for climate-smart commodities produced in Oregon in order to be identified and distinguishable in the market space.



Program Highlights

- **The majority of funding will go directly to producers** to reduce the financial risk and barriers of implementing climate-smart approaches
- The soil assessment program will be at **no cost** to producers to gain access to comprehensive soil analysis and consultation and improve the understanding of the current “State of Soil Health” on Oregon agricultural lands.
- Increase the number of weather monitoring stations in currently underrepresented locations in Oregon
- Help producers access or create marketing opportunities (e.g., **carbon markets** and **potential** new partnerships with food processors and retailers)

Thank You!

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