Intro to the
Oregon Wolf Depredation Grant Program

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Grant program

Funded by Oregon Legislature

Administered by ODA

County run

DEPREDATION – Compensate producers for confirmed or probably livestock losses caused by wolves

PREVENTION – Help pay for non-lethal prevention tools and activities that help prevent conflicts between wolves and livestock

NECESSARY EXPENSES – Assist counties by covering up to 90% of the necessary expenses (i.e. administration) to operate a local wolf compensation program

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County committee tasks



Prioritize grants to producers with above normal probable or confirmed death or injury



Est. clear process for setting fair market value and applying any multiplier



In an AKWA*, only provide depredation if owner demonstrates prevention activities



No depredation payments if producer created conditions to attract wolves or increased conflict with wolves



Contribute 10% of necessary expenses for program implementation

* AKWA – Area of Known Wolf Activity

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Fair market value and the multiplier

Do not exceed $25,000 per animal

5x fair market – cow calf, yearling, sheep, or goat

3x fair market – cow that is not a cow calf/yearling

Limited to fair market – horse, working dog, or livestock not specifically listed

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Funding



- At least 50% of funds spent on prevention
- Approx. $200K state general fund per biennium*
- 25-27 biennium = ~$1.2M
- Federal funds as Oregon qualifies

County funding

2025	2026
$729K+	$1.15M+

* This will change in the 27-29 biennium due to Legislative changes to the Transient Lodging Tax which start Jan. 1, 2027, and a small percentage going to wildlife conservation activities including this grant.

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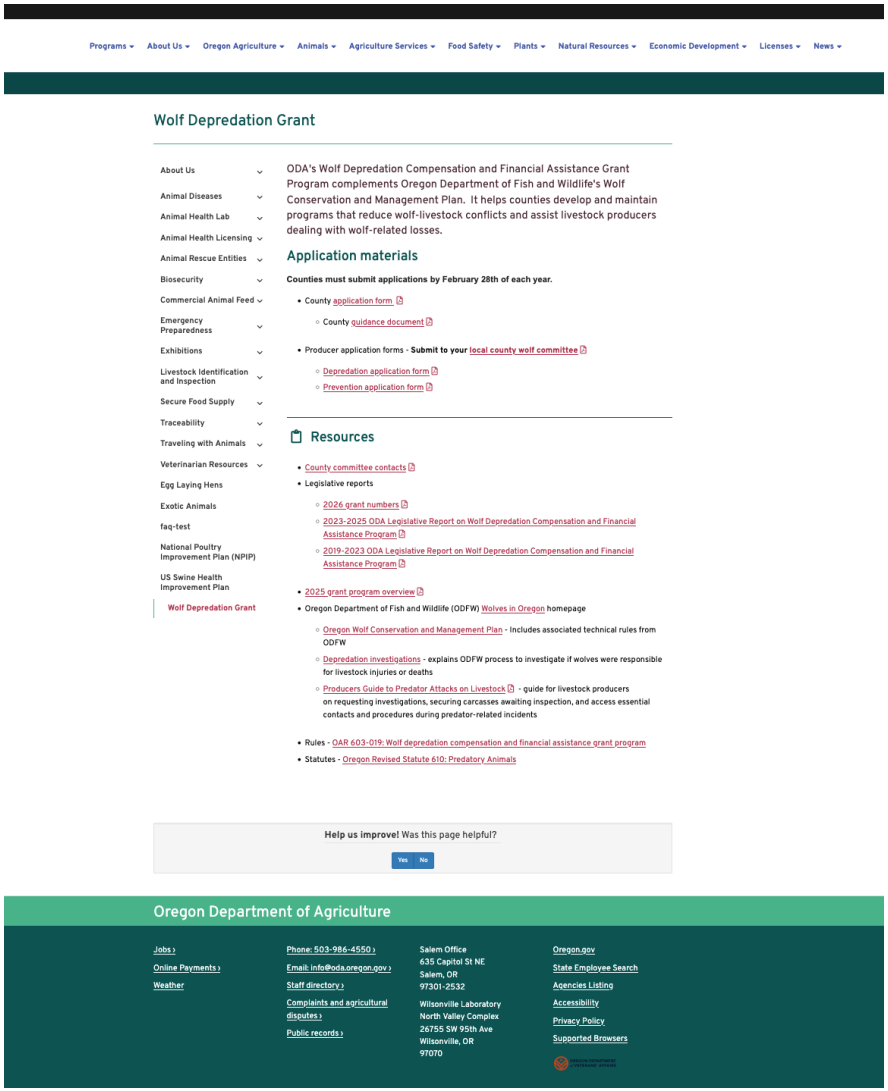

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