Information Session on
SB 762 Grant Programs

Monday, October 25, 2021
Agenda

• Welcome –Introductions
• Overview of the Department & SB 762
• Explain Public Engagement Process
• Small Forestland Grant Program
• Forest Restoration and Resiliency Investment Program
• Q & A
• Review Public Comment Deadline
• Closing Remarks
Overview of ODF

• Protection: Mitigation and coordinated protection – 16M acres
• State Forests: Management for economic, environmental, social values – 700K acres
• Private Forests: FPA Implementation, Forest Health, Landowner Assistance
• Partnership & Planning: Partnerships & Grants; Federal Forest Restoration Program
Overview of Senate Bill 762

• Section 18-20
  • Forest Restoration and Resiliency Incentives Program
    • $20 million for Landscape-scale projects reducing wildfire risk
  • Develop a 20 Year Strategic Plan

• Section 24
  • Small Forestland Grant Program
    • $5 million supporting landowner wildfire risk reduction
Small Forestland Grant Program
Bill Language

- Small Forestland Owner defined as
  - Up to 160 acres west and 640 acres east of the Cascade Crest
- Prioritize high-risk areas
- Address multiple resource concerns
- Proximity to current or past fuel mitigation efforts
- Expended by June 30th, 2023
Program Components

• Small Parcel Fuel Reduction ~ $1.5 million
  • ODF internal competitive
  • Landowner rebates and ODF fuels crews

• Small Forestland Grant ~ $3.5 million
  • Competitively awarded grants to reduce wildfire risk
  • 75% of project funds must treat fuel on private properties
  • Requires project sponsors to apply
Small Parcel Fuel Reduction

• Rebates & ODF Fuel Crews
  • Vulnerable or under-protected populations
  • Projects complimenting Oregon Conservation Corps

• Firewise Communities
  • Established Firewise USA™ communities
    • Neighbor properties are eligible
  • Prioritize based on wildfire risk class
    • Using overall wildfire risk classes by watershed
Small Forestland Grant Sponsors

• Sponsor indirect expenses ≤ 10%
  • Watershed Councils
  • Soil and Water Conservation Districts
  • OSU-Extension
  • 501.3C and Forest Health Partnerships
  • Other state or local government natural resource agencies
  • Land Trusts in the Coalition of Lands Trusts

• ODF technical assistance ≤ 15%
  • If requested in project proposal
Small Forestland Grant Eligibility

- Proposal was submitted by a listed Project Sponsor
- Project reduces risk of high severity wildfire
- At least 75% of project costs supports fuel reduction treatment activities on small forestland owner properties,
- Total project sponsor and ODF service costs do not exceed 25% of total project cost,
- Total project cost is greater than $10,000 and up to $300,000,
- 25% match is recommended.
  - Landowner labor rates and non-state funds from project sponsors are eligible match sources
# Small Forestland Grant

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<td>Clearly describes treatment activities and how future condition reduces risk of high severity wildfire</td>
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<td>Proposed treatment(s) benefit vulnerable populations or landowners</td>
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<td>Proposed treatment(s) address insects and disease, drought mortality, invasive species, storm damage, utilizes non-commercial forest products or enhances wildfire habitat</td>
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<td>Clearly demonstrates adjacency to previous or planned hazardous fuel treatments</td>
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<td>Treatment area references a forest management plan or is located within a priority planning area listed in the funding priorities</td>
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Forest Restoration and Resiliency Program

• Diverse working group will
  • Recommend criteria & identify strategic landscapes

• Landscape-scale projects
  • $20 million for all lands restoration and resilience

• All-lands

• 21-23 Biennium

• Projects must be completed by June 30, 2023
Forest Restoration and Resiliency Program

• Assemble Diverse Working Group
  • The Nature Conservancy
  • Natural Resource Conservation Service
  • US Forest Service
  • Oregon State University
  • Oregon Wild
  • Associated Oregon Loggers
  • Bureau of Land Management
  • Sustainable Northwest
  • Ashland Fire and Rescue
  • Baker Sage-grouse Local Implementation Team
Forest Restoration and Resiliency Program

• Assemble Technical Advisors
  • Oregon Department of Forestry
  • Oregon’s Nine Federally Recognized Tribes
  • Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
  • OSU Extension
  • Ecosystem Workforce Program – Institute for a Sustainable Environment
Strategic Landscapes
Four Highest eNVC Risk Classes
Forest Restoration and Resiliency Program

• Landscape-scale projects
  • $20 million for all lands restoration and resilience
    • Joint Chiefs
    • Regional Conservation Partnership Program
    • Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program
    • 2021 Eboard projects
    • Western States Fire Managers
    • Community Assistance
Investment Timeline

- November 2021  Call for Projects released
- December 2021  Project Proposals Due
- January 2022  Awards Announced
- October 2022  Interim Reporting
- June 2023  Final Reports Due
20-Year Strategic Plan

• Shared Stewardship Agreement – Prioritize actions and geographies for wildfire risk reduction

• Blueprint for Investment

• All Lands, All Partners

• Connection to other strategic planning efforts
Discussion and Q & A

SB 762 landing page
https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Pages/sb762.aspx

WUI rulemaking, prescribed fire, Small Forestland Grant Program and the Forest Restoration and Resiliency Investment Program (FFRIP)