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Senate Bill 762 Landscape Resiliency Program
Instructions

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<u>Overview</u>

The Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF) is implementing an investment program to reduce wildfire risk on public and private forestlands and rangelands, within communities, and near homes and critical infrastructure with a focus on forest and rangeland restoration and landscape resiliency treatments.

The State Legislature has allocated $20 million to work collaboratively across boundaries to continue Oregon's Shared Stewardship approach for implementing land management activities that improve community resilience to wildfire and restore or maintain resilient landscapes **across all land ownerships**.

Funds will be allocated for work performed in the current 2021-2023 biennium (running July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023). Project **WORK MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 2023**, not just obligated in contracts or agreements. Any work completed after June 30, 2023, will NOT be reimbursed even if the initial project budget has not been expended in full. However, invoicing and reimbursements may occur after June 30, 2023, for completed work.

Submit Project Proposals to: Odf.RESTORATION@oregon.gov with the Subject Line "Funding Request to the Landscape Resiliency Program".

All applications must be submitted to the email above to the Oregon Department of Forestry by 5 pm PST on Friday, January 7, 2022.

Applicant workshop available Monday, November 29, 2021, from 6 – 8 pm via Zoom.
https://odf.zoom.us/j/93683320519

<u>Grant Scoring:</u>

➢ All grants will be scored based on the following criteria: applicants must ensure that all boxes are filled in and the application is complete (**<u>the highest possible score is 50</u>**):

- **Box 2 – Does the application clearly show how the project relates to lands in the four highest eNVC risk classes identified in the United States Forest Service report titled "Pacific Northwest Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment: Methods and Results" and dated April 9, 2018?**
  Clearly defined = 5   Not defined = 0

- **Box 3 & 4 - Does the application clearly show how the budget will be spent by line item and are expenditures applicable and relevant to the goals and objectives of the project?**
  Clearly defined = 5   Not defined = 0

- **Box 5 - Describe the Project-** Does the application clearly describe the challenges and issues that articulate why the project is important?
  Clearly defined = 5   Not defined = 0

- **Box 6 - Planning Linkages-** Does the application clearly link or tie the project to an existing Community Wildfire Protection Plan and is the project consistent with the state Forest Action Plan(s) (Enhancing, Protecting and or Conserving)?
  Clearly defined = 5   Not defined = 0

- **Box 7 - Project Activities-** Does the application clearly define what the project is and what the project proposes to do? Does the application clearly define how the project will be accomplished, including identifying measurable outcomes? (Are the proposed activities clear and achievable, goals defined, outcomes measurable, # of acres treated, # of education/outreach programs, Planning, evaluation, and monitoring efforts clearly described etc.)
  Clearly defined = 10   Not defined = 0

- **Box 8 - Cross Boundary Opportunities-** Does the application clearly define the scale of the project including relationships with past, present, or future projects that, when combined, offer more benefits than when taken individually? Is landscape that the project influences clearly described?
  Clearly defined = 5   Not defined = 0

- **Box 9 - Collaboration-** Does the application clearly define collaborative elements including multiple partners, agencies, landowners, communities? Are the collective efforts of collaborators well described?
  Clearly defined = 5   Not defined = 0

- **Box 10 - Project Timeline-** Does the application clearly described the timeline to implement the project? Does the timeline include milestones, seasonal influences, and/ or ways to measure progress?
  Clearly defined = 5   Not defined = 0

- **Box 11 – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion –** Does the project describe the earnest effort to seek innovative approaches and opportunities to commit resources to landscape scale projects that include traditionally underserved, socially vulnerable or historically marginalized communities? Does the project clearly articulate how the project may accomplish and evaluate this effort and/ or ways to measure progress?
  Clearly defined = 5   Not defined = 0

Application Guidelines:

- Application guidelines by box number: (All boxes must be filled in on the application. If a box does not apply to your project fill in that space with NA.)

  ➢ *Box 1*- Proposal Applicant is the entity who is submitting the project proposal.

➢ ***Box 2-* GIS Coordinates:** Include either a reference point or boundary points for the project, which will be included on a map associated with success stories. Leave fields blank that are not used-do not put NA. See example below on how to enter data into the application. **Coordinate data must be in WGS84 datum.**

Reference Point: A reference point displays a single marker and its name on the map. This can be used for indicating a general region without specifying exact boundaries. The reference point name, lat/long, and description are all **required** fields for a point. Lat/long should be entered in the following format: 39.0000, -104.300

Area: An area defines a region with a boundary defined by straight lines. At least 3 points are needed to define an area. There can be up to 7 lat/longs. The diagram below shows how to specify the corners for an area and the associated coordinate list to be entered into the application. The area name, boundary lat/longs, and description are all **required** fields for an area.
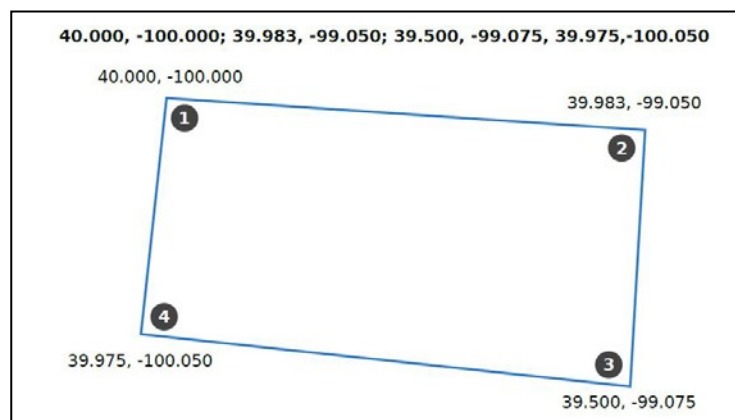
➢ ***Box 3 -*** Match includes personnel hours valued at a reasonable rate, donated labor/equipment, etc., and hard match is actual dollars spent within the specified scope of

work. Indirect costs must be tied to an established rate and the source needs to be described in the narrative (Box 4). Waived indirect costs are an acceptable source of match.

➢ **Box 4-** The budget narrative must describe how the grant funds will be spent. Give specific details for each <u>grant expenditure item </u>in Box 3 (i.e., personnel/labor, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, other, and indirect costs). Explain exactly how grant dollars will be spent and how these expenditures tie directly to the project goals and objectives.

➢ **Box 5-** Describe the project area and challenges. Describe the relationship between project components: Implementation and planning, evaluation and monitoring. Applicants must give an overview of the project area, identify the hazards that exist and clearly show the need for work in this area. Be specific when describing challenges or obstacles that will need to be addressed for the project to be successful. When describing the implementation component of the project, describe the fuel and /or vegetation types. When describing the planning, evaluation and monitoring components be clear on how these will help develop and report on forest or rangeland projects that meet program criteria.

It is important to define the problems and challenges so when you get to Box 7 you are clearly stating how the funding will be used to address the challenges in this box.

➢ **Box 6**- Describe the relationship to the [Forest Action Plan](#) and to a local [CWPP](#). Must clearly describe how the project fits into the broad goals of a Forest Action Plan (Enhancing, Protecting and or Conserving) and its connection to a CWPP goals and objectives. It is important to describe how the project accomplishes the goals of these planning documents.

➢ **Box 7-** Clearly describe each proposed activities and include where and what will be occurring (i.e., fuel break along the fence line, prescribed fire activity, tree crown spacing, reestablishing native fire adapted species, etc.). The description must include measurables and how the project will be accomplished. Grant funds should be tied to the activities. Unlike the overview, this will provide the specific details of the project using measurable units where applicable. Treatment prescriptions and measures of success should be clearly stated. For planning, evaluation and monitoring activities; the audience, methods, deliverables and measures of success should be clearly stated.

➢ **Box 8-** Describe the cross-boundary landscape this project influences. Show how the project will have an impact beyond individual treatments and improve forest and/or rangeland restoration and resiliency on a landscape scale. For example, a project around a community may compliment a Forest Service project or vice versa. Give specifics on how this project will tie into the larger picture of the Landscape Resiliency Program. For a planning component, explain how your project compliments or enhances those by other partners and/or ties into a greater goal. Explain, the who, what, when, where, why, and how of its anticipated impacts.

➢ **Box 9-** Describe the contributions each partner makes to the project by stating the collaborating partners and how they are contributing to the projects scope of work. This box should describe the overall participation rolled up into the budget.

➢ **Box 10-** The Project Timeline must include such things as: begin/end dates, milestones, quarterly or seasonal targets, etc.

➤ ***Box 11-*** Describe the earnest effort to seek innovative approaches and opportunities to commit resources to landscape scale projects that include traditionally underserved, socially vulnerable or historically marginalized communities. Please articulate how the project accomplishes and evaluates this effort. Examples: project design, mitigates impacts to said communities, and project location.

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