

SMALL FORESTLAND GRANT PROGRAM 2026 SUMMARY



The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) launched a new round of funding through the Small Forestland Grant Program (SFGP) to support landowners in reducing wildfire risk before and after the 2026 fire season. ODF awarded funds to 11 projects, with a goal of treating 1,023 acres. Most of the funded work is in Southern and Central Oregon, where wildfire risk is especially high.

Building on work that began in 2021, ODF and partner organizations continue investing in statewide wildfire mitigation to protect natural resources, homes, and communities across Oregon. The funded projects focus on reducing hazardous fuels, improving community preparedness, and supporting long-term landscape resilience. The program also helps ODF coordinate with state and federal partners to increase the total impact of wildfire risk reduction investments.



11 FUNDED PROJECTS



1,023 GOAL ACRES TO TREAT

Program Focus Areas

- » Reducing hazardous fuel loads on small forestlands
- » Improving community wildfire preparedness
- » Supporting long-term landscape resilience
- » Coordinating with state and federal partners to maximize investment impact

Mike Kroon, Forest Resources Division Deputy Chief says, “By investing in the Oregon Department of Forestry’s Small Forestland Grant Program, we aren’t just preparing for the next fire season; we are securing Oregon’s future. This program turns taxpayer dollars into tangible protection, helping small landowners reduce fuel loads that would otherwise threaten our communities. It’s a foundational piece of Oregon’s 20-year Landscape Resiliency Strategy that maximizes every dollar to build a landscape that is resilient, defensible from wildfires, and safer for all of us.”

2026 PROJECT LOCATIONS

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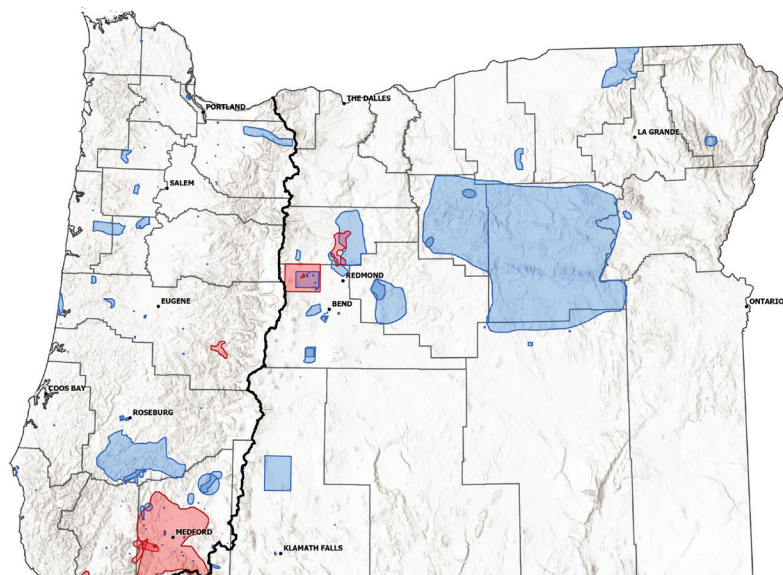
- 2026 SFGP Funded Projects
- 2025 SFGP Applications
- Cascade Crest

\$16,625,242 Million

Total Funds Requested

121,797 Total Footprint Acres

All Applications



SUCCESS STORY: APPLEGATE PARTNERSHIP & WATERSHED COUNCIL



\$269,160 AWARDED & SPENT

Fuel Risk Reduction

- » 185 acres treated (*Goal 150*)
- » 822 hazard trees removed
- » 1 mile of fuel breaks created
- » \$2.4M+ leveraged through Natural Resources Conservation Service to treat 262 additional private acres
- » Reduced plants along driveways and public roads to create safer evacuation routes
- » Improved Firefighter access in and around communities

Community Engagement

- » 14 community events (*Goal 5*)
- » 60 landowners engaged
- » 60+ homeowners' wildfire risk assessed
- » \$45,349 contributed by landowners
- » ~18% cost-share of total work completed



2026 FUNDED PROJECT PARTNERS

The following 11 projects were selected through a competitive scoring process and awarded funding for the 2026 grant cycle:

CONTACT / APPLICANT	ORGANIZATION / PARTNER
Nathan Gehres	Applegate Partnership, Inc. - Kuhbli
Leah Tolle	Tollgate Property Owners AssociationSouthern
Terry Fairbanks	Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative
Ross Ballou	Oregon Department of Forestry - Southwest O°ce
Sean Kelly	Freedom Farms
Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative	South Willamette Solutions
Nathan Gehres	Applegate Partnership, Inc. - Lois Lane
Kody Johannsen	Oregon Department of Forestry- Central Oregon District
Frank Flannery	Crossroad POA
Ross Ballou	Oregon Department of Forestry - Southwest O°ce
Eric Metzger	Oregon Department of Forestry-Prineville Office



2026 GRANT APPLICANTS

The following 112 applicants applied for the 2026 grant cycle:

CONTACT / APPLICANT	ORGANIZATION / PARTNER
Aaron Christopherson	Private Landowner
Adele Underwood	Oregon Department of Forestry
Alan HartMcArthur	Friends of the Greensprings
Alex Dorsaneo	Firewise Coordinator
Ally Steinmetz	Middle Deschutes Watershed Council
Aquila Reed	Private Landowner
Austin Reimer	Oregon Department of Forestry - Central Oregon District
Avenly Millar	Tetherow Owners Association
Becky L Rainwater	Private Landowner
Ben Sproul	Oregon Department of Forestry
Ben Walen on behalf of La Pine Basin All Lands Partnership	Oregon Department of Forestry
Betty Rooker	Lane Knolls HOA Inc.
Brenda Cullen	Mt. Bachelor Village (MBV) Home Owners Association (HOA)
Brenda Smith	High Desert Partnership
Brentley Hartman and Jessica Breeding	Oregon Department of Forestry - West Oregon District
Bret Richards	Private Landowner
Brian Schrag	Private (Driftwood Farms & Forestry LLC)
Bruce Wagner	Private Landowner, Aspen Meadows Ranch & Forest Products
Buck Elton	Sun Ridge Estates Homeowner's Association
Carl Lemmer	Private Landowner
Cassandra Chirhart	Private Landowner
Charles Hooperlee / Understory RX Implementation 1000	Private Landowner
Chris Crawford	Private Landowner
Colin Carr	Private Landowner
Coos Forest Protective Association	Coos Forest Protective Association
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Curt Scholl	Sisters School District
Dale Guenther	Happy Valley Heights, Clairemont and RED Rose HOAs
Dale Walker	Personal property owner
Daniel Irvine & Hannah Kurtz	Moonshine Forest
Daniel Shumaker	Private Landowner
Daniel Swan	Private Landowner
Danielle Weaver	Oregon Department of Forestry
Dave Jarvis	Pacific Crest Council Scouting America
David Kosak	Private Landowner
David Whitlock, Firewise Community Leader	Fishhawk Lake Reserve and Community
Doug Graham	Graham Excavation
Eli Lininger and Henry Lininger	Private Landowner
Emilie J LaMarre	Private Landowner
Eric Metzger	Oregon Department of Forestry



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Eric Stauder	Phoenix School of Roseburg: Oregon Conservation Corps Program
Eric Zuber	Zuber & Sons Logging
Ethan Livingstone Young	Private Landowner
Frank Flannery	Crossroad POA
Fred Kuzmin	Private Landowner
Gary Jantzer	Private Landowner
Gene P Fashbaugh	Choice Construction Corp.
Gregory Bryant	Deschutes River Woods Neighborhood Association
Hooperlee Understory RX Implementation 1100	Owner
James and Jennifer White	Private Landowner
James Cason	Private Landowner
James Krumsick	Applewood Firewise Community
Jeffrey Jeffrey	Private Landowner
Jenny Chynoweth	Private Landowner
John Bellville	Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District
John Patterson	Jackson County Fire District 3
Joseph Ezra John Koch	Big Timber Builders LLC
Joshua Lambert	Oregon Department of Forestry
Kari Carlton	Private Landowner
Kathleen Connor/ Chief Lyle Neville	Prospect Rural Fire Protection District
Kelly Hafer	Private Landowner
Kevin Payne	Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District
Kim Pratt	RidgeWater Community Association
Kody Johannsen	Oregon Department of Forestry - Prineville Unit
Kody Lane	Run to the Future LLC
Krystal Pederson	Pederson Family
Leah Tolle	Tollgate Property Owners Association
Leanna Sadin	Lost Valley Education Center (LVEC) (Officially known as Willamette Cascades Community Land Trust)
Lily Wheaton	Douglas Forest Protective Association - Military Avenue, Diamond Heights, and San Souci Road
Lily Wheaton	Douglas Forest Protective Association- Azalea Valley
Louvenia Magee	Private Landowner
Marion Darling	The Ridge at Indian Ford
Matt Swanson	Curry Soil and Water Conservation District
Matthew Jack Nevarov	Private Landowner
Matthew Jackson (Darlene Fulk et.al conservator)	Private Landowner
Maureen Williams	Private Landowner
McKenna Armantrout	Oregon Department of Forestry
Megan Bergstrom	Private Landowner
Meghan Montgomery	Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District
Michelle Dadouche	Association of Unit Owners, Inn at Seventh Mountain Resort



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Nathan Gehres	Applegate Partnerhsip, Inc.
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Nicholas & Theresa Williams	Private Landowner
Noah Marquis	North Valley Prescribed Burn Association
Olivia LaMarre	Private Landowner
Oregon Department of Forestry Prineville Sisters Unit	Oregon Department of Forestry Prineville Sisters Unit
Patrick and Ann LeRoy	Private Landowner
Paul Catino	Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
Peter Wendel	Soap Creek Firewise
Peter Wendel	Private Landowner
Plainview & Cloverdale Community Fire Preparedness Project	Plainview & Cloverdale Firewise Community
Reginald Barker	Private Landowner
Richard Waldo	Oregon Defensible Space Foundation
Rick Sessions	Private Landowner
Ricky Dice	Patrick Environmental
Ross Ballou	Oregon Dept of Forestry, Southwest Office
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Sam Smith Rowe	Sweet Water Farm
Scott Hallenberg (CHHA President & CHHA Firewise Lead)	Crooked Horseshoe Homeowners Association, Inc. (CHHA - Nonprofit)
Sean Kelly	Freedom Farms
Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative	South Willamette Solutions
Steven Lord	Sisters-Camp Sherman R.F.P.D.
Stu Gray	Private Landowner
Susanne Margol Holmes	Elkai Woods HOA, Elkai Woods Fractional HOA, The Homes at Widgi Creek HOA
Suzanne Ector	Softwave Enterprises, LLC
Terry Fairbanks	Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative
Veronica Russell	Creating memories for Disabled Children
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District / Laura Taylor	West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
Wheeler SWCD	Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District
Wheeler SWCD	Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District - West Branch
Woodrow Kent Pederson, c/o Dave Pederson	The Pederson Family

