



Fact Sheet

2026 Drinking Water Source Protection Fund

Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Services

General Information:

- Accepting applications **January 22 through March 12, 2026**
- Grants of up to \$70,000 per water system and low interest loans of up to \$100,000
- **Land acquisition (conservation) planning grants of up to \$70,000**
- Water systems can collaborate on a regional (joint) project and combine funds
- *New* Regional Source Water Collaborative Project grants of up to \$175,000
- Emergency grants available year-round for emergency source water threats

Public Water System Eligibility:

- Community water systems, non-federal, public and privately owned
- Nonprofit non-community water systems

Eligible Projects:

- Enhanced Source Water Area delineation
- Enhanced Assessment of source water risks
 - Inventory of potential contaminant sources within source water area
 - Evaluation of potential threats to water quality
- Development of source protection strategies or plans
- Implementation of protection strategies (see [Application Guide](#) for examples)
- Security strategies targeting sensitive source areas (see [Application Guide](#))
- **Land acquisition (conservation) planning projects**
- **Regional Source Water Collaborative projects**

For more Information:

- See Drinking Water Source Protection Fund Application form and Application Guide on Funding at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/SRF/Pages/spf.aspx>

For Questions/Assistance Regarding Projects and Project Eligibility:

- Groundwater systems can contact Tom Pattee or their Region Hydrogeologist:
 - Tom Pattee, Groundwater Coordinator/Northwest Region Hydrogeologist (541) 684-2440
 - Russ Kazmierczak, Eastern Region Hydrogeologist (971) 599-0121
 - Shawn Stevenson, Southwest Region Hydrogeologist (541) 650-1640
- Surface water systems can contact Julie Harvey at DEQ at Drinkingwater.Protection@deq.oregon.gov

Additional funding information for source water protection projects available on [DEQ's Funding For Public Water Systems website](#). <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/dwp/Pages/DWP-Funding.aspx>