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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
FROM: Courtney Shaff, Business Operations Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Item I– Council Capacity Grant Awards
July 27-28, 2021 Board Meeting

I. Introduction

This staff report provides an overview of the 2021-2023 Council Capacity grant cycle process and outlines staff recommendations for grant awards. Staff recommend funding fifty-six watershed councils (councils) for \$7.559 million. Two councils are not recommended for funding.

II. Background

For more than 20 years, OWEB has provided capacity grants to councils, which are shown in Attachment A. In July 2014, the Board adopted administrative rules and guidance for Council Capacity grants, which help support the operating capacity of effective councils. The Council Capacity grant process includes an eligibility determination and initial and secondary merit reviews.

In December 2020 the board adopted a one-time, streamlined application approach for the 2021-2023 Council Capacity grant application process given the many challenges grantees have faced during the COVID pandemic. This approach allowed councils funded in the 2019-2021 biennium to submit a streamlined application and staff completed a streamlined review. Councils not funded in the 2019-2021 biennium completed the full Council Capacity grant application and were reviewed by both the initial OWEB review team and external secondary review team.

III. Merit Review

Merit criteria (Attachment B) evaluate councils for performance and progress including how the council addresses challenges.

- A. Initial Merit Review.** OWEB staff completed the initial review of all fifty-eight councils that applied for funding. For councils funded in the 2019-2021 biennium, staff reviewed the application materials and used council performance from the last biennium to determine if the councils met the merit criteria and if any grant conditions were necessary.

Two councils applied that did not receive funding in the 2019-2021 biennium. The Valley of the Rogue WC was a new applicant and the Tillamook Bay WC has

been funded in the past but was not funded in the 2019-2021 biennium. Staff reviewed the application materials and used council performance to determine if the councils met the merit criteria.

- B. Secondary Review and Interview.** Both councils that did not receive funding in the 2019-2021 biennium participated in the secondary review process. The secondary review panel consisted of OWEB staff and external reviewers from other agencies and partner organizations. Reviewers considered: 1) application materials and supplemental materials provided by the council; 2) reviewers' assessment of council performance; 3) OWEB staff input; and 4) an interview with council staff and board.

IV. Staff Funding Recommendations

Staff funding recommendations are based on the merit evaluation and available funding, including a cost-of-living increase. Staff recommend Full Funding, \$131,465, for fifty-six councils that meet all merit criteria, and Do Not Fund for two councils, with inadequate performance. In addition, staff recommend one council receives continued merger funding on top of the base award as approved in previous biennia.

OWEB staff recognize the significance of the Do Not Fund recommendations for Tillamook Bay WC and Valley of the Rogue WC and do not make these recommendations lightly. Evaluation summaries describing the rationale for staff recommendations are provided in Attachment D.

It is important to note that the Do Not Fund recommendation is not permanent, and each council may submit Council Capacity grant eligibility determination documents in future cycles.

V. Recommendation

Staff recommend the board award Council Capacity grants as described in Attachment C.

Attachments

- A. Map of Locally Recognized Watershed Councils
- B. Merit Criteria Overview
- C. Staff Funding Recommendations
- D. Council Capacity Evaluations

Oregon Watershed Councils

North Coast Watershed Association
 NCWA Coastal Council
 *a. Ecola Creek WC
 NCWA River Council
 *b. Nicolai-Wichiup WC
 *c. Skipanon WC
 *d. Youngs Bay WC

e. Columbia Slough WC
 f. Greater Oregon City WC
 g. Johnson Creek WC
 *h. Lake Oswego WC
 *i. N. Clackamas Urban WC
 *j. Tryon Creek WC

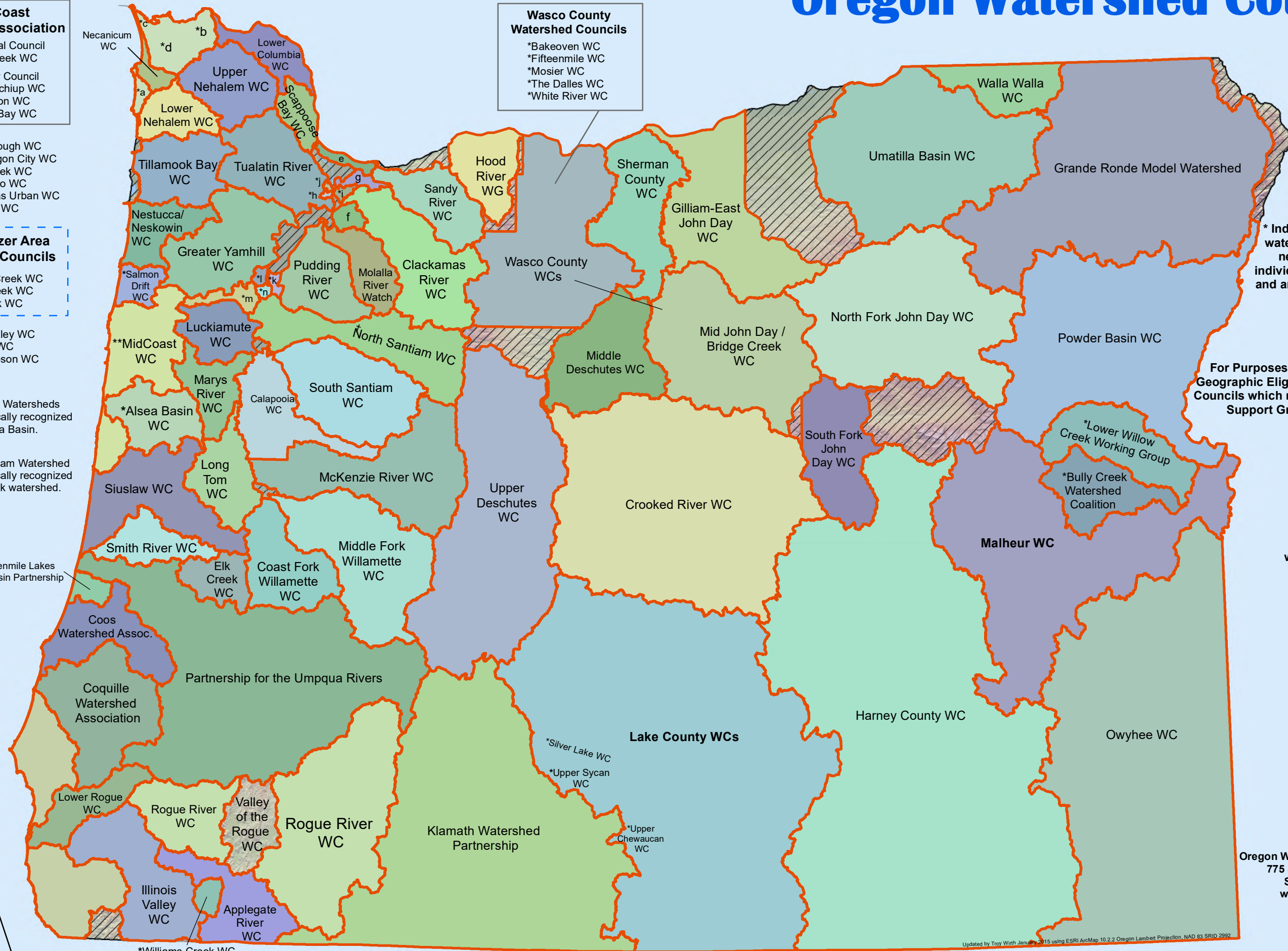
Salem Keizer Area Watershed Councils
 *k. Claggett Creek WC
 *l. Pringle Creek WC
 *m. Mill Creek WC

*n. Spring Valley WC
 *o. Rickreall WC
 *p. Glenn-Gibson WC

**The MidCoast Watersheds Council is also locally recognized in the Alsea Basin.

†The North Santiam Watershed Council is also locally recognized in the Mill Creek watershed.

Wasco County Watershed Councils
 *Bakeoven WC
 *Fifteenmile WC
 *Mosier WC
 *The Dalles WC
 *White River WC

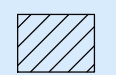


* Indicates locally recognized watershed councils that have never received their own individual Council Support Grant and are not eligible for a Council Capacity Grant.

For Purposes of OAR 695-040-0030(2)(a) Geographic Eligibility Criteria: Boundaries of Councils which received a Watershed Council Support Grant Before July 1, 2013.



Area with no watershed council



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South Coast Watersheds Council
 The South Coast Watersheds Council is also locally recognized for the Chetco Basin.

Updated by Troy Wirth January 2015 using ESRI ArcMap 10.2.2 Oregon Lambert Projection, NAD 83 SRID 2992

Council Capacity Merit Criteria Overview

The goals of the merit review are to:

1. Ensure strategic and accountable investment of public funds;
2. Encourage continuous improvement in watershed councils' organizational management, operating structure, and functions, and the planning and implementation of on-the-ground watershed protection, restoration, enhancement, and community engagement activities, and;
3. Ensure watershed councils are working toward strengthening their role in watersheds through activities focusing on council resilience, leadership, collaboration, and representing a balance of interested and affected persons within the watershed as required by ORS 541.910(2).

Merit Criteria

Merit Criteria	Review for performance
Effective Governance and Management	<p>The council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has effective bylaws/charter and policies/ procedures, and follows them. • Includes a balance of interested and affected persons on its governing body. • Regularly evaluates and takes action to improve its organization. <p>The council's governing body acts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the council meets legal obligations and requirements. • Support successful achievement of the council's goals. • Create a structure, policies, and procedures to support good governance. • Provide effective oversight of staff and contractors. • Continuously improve its business practices.
Progress in planning	<p>The council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses planning documents to identify and implement restoration and community engagement projects. • Regularly evaluates and updates its action plan and work plans. • Engages a mix of stakeholders in its planning.
Progress in On-the-Ground Restoration	<p>The council's actions result in progress in completing priority on-the-ground watershed restoration work tied to council-identified watershed limiting factors.</p>
Progress in Community Engagement	<p>The council makes progress in achieving community engagement objectives that address limiting factors identified in the council's 2-year work plan.</p>

**OWEB STAFF FUNDING RECOMMENDATION
2021-2023 COUNCIL CAPACITY GRANTS**

Staff Recommended Funding Level	Part of Secondary Review	App#	Watershed Council	Merger Funding	21-23 Award	19-21 Award
Full Funding		222-001	North Coast WS Assn	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-003	MidCoast WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-004	Upper Nehalem WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-005	Nestucca-Neskowin Watersheds Council	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-006	Siuslaw WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-008	Applegate Partnership & WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-010	Coos Watershed Association	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-011	Coquille Watershed Association	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-012	Illinois Valley WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-014	Lower Rogue WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-016	South Coast WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-017	Tenmile Lakes Partnership	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-018	Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-019	Rogue River WC	\$ 197,198	\$ 328,663	\$ 307,250
Full Funding		222-021	Elk Creek WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-022	Calapoovia WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-023	Clackamas River Basin Council	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-024	Coast Fork Willamette WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-025	Columbia Slough WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-026	Johnson Creek WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-027	Long Tom WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-028	Marys River WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-029	Middle Fork Willamette WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-030	North Santiam Watershed Council	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-031	Pudding River WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-035	Scappoose Bay WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-036	South Santiam WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-037	Tualatin River WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-038	McKenzie WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-039	Greater Yamhill Watershed Council	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-040	Klamath Watershed Partnership	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-041	Crooked River WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-042	Gilliam East John Day WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-043	Hood River Working Group	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-044	Middle Deschutes WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-045	Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-046	Sherman Area WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-047	Upper Deschutes WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-048	Wasco Area WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-049	Grande Ronde Model WS Program	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-050	Harney Watershed Council	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-051	Malheur WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-052	North Fork John Day WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-053	Umatilla Basin WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-054	Walla Walla Basin WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-055	Mid John Day-Bridge Creek WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-056	Owyhee WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-057	Powder Basin WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-058	Luckiamute WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-059	Greater Oregon City WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-060	Smith River WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-061	Lower Nehalem WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-062	Necanicum WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-063	Upper South Fork John Day Watershed Council	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-064	Molalla River Watch Inc	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 122,900
Full Funding		222-002	Lower Columbia River WC	-	\$ 131,465	\$ 98,320
Do Not Fund	Y	220-007	Tillamook Bay WC	-	\$ -	\$ -
Do Not Fund	Y	222-065	Valley of the Rogue WC	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total			Staff Recommended Amount		\$ 7,559,238	\$ 7,042,170

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Application # 222-001

Project Name: NCWA 2021-2023 Council Capacity Grant

Applicant: North Coast WS Assn

Application Description

The Council Capacity Grant funds watershed restoration planning and operational activities for the North Coast Watershed Association. Limiting factors, include: altered quality of physical habitat, historic diking and roads, disconnection from the floodplain, impaired water quality, lack of habitat complexity and large wood, lack of riparian coverage, fish passage barriers, lack of quality monitoring data, and increased erosion from land use practices.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council coordinator. The council demonstrated strong leadership during the recent council coordinator transitions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning* through engagement in several local planning efforts that are engaging local partners and the community, including the regional Chum Partnership.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects in development.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in stakeholder engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council adapted its stakeholder engagement approach during COVID-19 and was able to continue engaging with the local community.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meets all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-002

Project Name: LCRWC Council Capacity and Support

Applicant: Columbia SWCD

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Lower Columbia River Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council has made significant progress on the management of the council, including returning to an effective staffing structure that is able to retain a full time council employee.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council works on both organizational strategic planning as well as engaging in local planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrated **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects in development.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrated **effective progress in stakeholder engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council adapted its stakeholder engagement approach during COVID-19 and was able to continue engaging with the local community.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meets all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-003

Project Name: MidCoast WC Council Capacity 2021-2023

Applicant: MidCoast WC

Application Description

The MidCoast Watersheds Council, located in Newport, OR, works in an area of nearly one million acres, including all streams draining from the crest of the coast range to the Pacific Ocean, and from the Salmon River at Cascade head to Cape Creek at Heceta Head. The council relies on Council Capacity funding to maintain baseline funding for two staff positions to complete work related to watershed restoration, planning processes, community outreach, and other activities.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council regularly holds meetings and the council board reviews and updates policies and procedures as necessary to ensure the council is following good business practices.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning*** through leadership in local planning efforts. The council continues to plan an integral role in the Siletz Coho Strategic Action Plan and the MidCoast Water Planning Partnership.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*** through the implementation of several large scale restoration projects during the last biennium.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in stakeholder engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes through a variety of in-person and online engagement opportunities.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-004

Project Name: Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: Upper Nehalem WC

Application Description

The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council service area encompasses 555 square miles of temperate rain-forest. We seek capacity support to continue to advance watershed health and native salmon population recovery actions across the landscape in collaboration with partners. From this foundation we are able to maintain a viable network of supporters with whom we secure and leverage essential resources in order to implement a wide scope of actions.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates effective governance and management. The council regularly holds meetings and maintains an active and engaged board of directors.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is an active participant in several local planning efforts including coho business planning and the Nehalem Basin Partnership.

OWEB staff found the demonstrated *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration* thought completion of projects and planning for future project implementation.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in stakeholder engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council is hosting events and speakers that cover a variety of viewpoints.

Concerns

The council is currently operating at a reduced capacity, with the council coordinator working only one day a week since the fall. This is impacting the the council's ability to meet its OWEB reporting obligations and may impact its ability to serve the community in the future.

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The OWEB Project Manager must receive, via email, agendas and minutes of all meetings. Minutes must include a list of attendees. Information received from this condition will be considered in the 23-25 council capacity merit evaluations.

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Application # 222-005

Project Name: Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watersheds Council Support

Applicant: Nestucca-Neskowin Watersheds Council

Application Description

The Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watersheds Council operates in South Tillamook County. Limiting factors include high stream temperatures due to a lack of riparian vegetation, over-appropriation of stream flow in the summer, numerous fish passage barriers, erosion and sedimentation, invasive plant species, wetland degradation, lack of habitat complexity and lack of floodplain connectivity.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council regularly holds meetings and the council board has been very engaged in the community.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is leading several local planning efforts, including within the Sand Lake watershed and the Tillamook-Nestucca Salmon SuperHwy partnership, as well as working on organizational planning.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council's work plans demonstrates the council has made progress completing priority on-the-ground watershed restoration.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in stakeholder engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council has continued to engage the local community during the last biennium with virtual and in-person events.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-006

Project Name: Siuslaw Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: Siuslaw WC

Application Description

The Siuslaw Watershed Council, located in Mapleton, OR, has been working with local partners to restore the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes watersheds on the central Oregon coast since 1997. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council regularly holds meetings, works on organizational improvement, and recently added new board members.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is leading the Siuslaw Partnership's strategic action plan implementation, is involved in the coho business planning process, and facilitates the Siuslaw Coho Partnership.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is implemented numerous priority projects over the last biennium and is working on the development of future restoration projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in stakeholder engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council continues to engage the local community and recently launched a new website.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-007

Project Name: TBWC Council Support 2021-2023

Applicant: Tillamook Bay WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

The council demonstrated some **effective progress toward on-the-ground restoration**. The council has continued to move forward with developing projects despite not receiving council capacity funding and has made connections with Oregon Department of Forestry for possible future projects focused on large wood.

The council demonstrated some **effective progress toward on-the-ground restoration** as it continues to be a member of the SalmonSuper Highway partnership.

The council demonstrated some **progress on governance and management** with board members continuing the work of the council, including updating the bylaws, and recruiting new board members over the last few months.

Concerns

While the council demonstrated limited progress on effective management and governance as identified in the strengths, overall, the council continues to struggle with many of the same organizational management and governance concerns raised in the council capacity reviews the last two biennia. Previous and ongoing concerns include the following: 1) The council board has not developed a structure to effectively provide oversight and management to future council employees; 2) Previous council staff acted in the name of the council while operating outside of their role as council coordinator; and 3) The council consistently submitted late and inadequate fiscal and project reports for OWEB grants. The council board is very interested in projects but did not demonstrate it is prepared from a management perspective to adopt and implement organizational management and governance best practices necessary to have a successful watershed council. As a result, overall the council did not demonstrate enough progress in **effective management and governance** to meet this criteria.

The council did not demonstrate **progress in planning** through the application and interview process. The council did not provide clear and specific information as to how the council has, and will in the future, engage with the broader community to plan the work of the council. The council is driven by a few very project-focused individuals. Based on materials submitted and the interview, they do not seem to intend to develop a council work plan or broader council action plan with community input that can help guide the future work of the council. When asked during the interview, council members were unable to articulate a long-term vision for the council. The council would benefit from outside technical support to help the council develop a vision, in collaboration with the broader community, of future restoration work in the watershed.

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The council did not demonstrate ***progress in community engagement for watershed restoration purposes*** through the application and interview process. Past actions of the council, including staff engaging in regulatory processes, have alienated key stakeholders within the community, particularly within the dairy and agricultural sectors. These issues, initially identified in the previous council capacity review, have not been resolved. In 2020, as a result of community concerns, the County Commissioners rescinded the council's recognition in its geography. A process is underway to receive county recognition. During the secondary review process the council did not seem aware of the need for broad stakeholder engagement and did not provide any specific examples of future stakeholder engagement activities that may be necessary to rebuild the trust of the community. The council did not identify any steps it has taken to repair the relationships with some community organizations and did not present a plan to move forward. Instead, the council pointed issues with other organizations as the source of their problems. The council would benefit from increasing their engagement with stakeholders and community members to collaboratively develop future restoration projects.

Concluding Analysis

The watershed council was not funded in the 2019-2021 biennium. The vast majority of the concerns expressed by reviewers and OWEB staff previously continue to be concerns. The council board continues to place responsibility on other organizations for their community engagement challenges. Some minor changes have been made to council policy and by-laws, but the board members have not worked in a substantial way to improve governance and management. Previous council actions created distrust of the council within the community, and those have not been resolved. To be inclusive and representative of the watershed, the council needs to develop and implement a plan for how to overcome those challenges.

The council does have a lot of energy and enthusiasm for restoration projects; however, the council needs to also focus on stakeholder engagement, planning and organizational governance. In the final analysis of the review team, the council showed some progress in on-the-ground restoration but did not meet any of the other merit criteria required by OWEB to receive funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Do Not Fund

Staff Recommended Award

\$0

Staff Conditions

N/A

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Application # 222-008

Project Name: Council Capacity - Applegate Partnership_21-23

Applicant: Applegate Partnership, Inc.

Application Description

The Applegate watershed contains over 493,000 acres and is split between Jackson and Josephine Counties and Siskiyou County in northern California. The land ownership is primarily federally managed lands with rural residential and private forest making up the rest, and over 700 miles of stream habitat for winter and summer Steelhead, Coho salmon, fall Chinook salmon, and Pacific Lamprey. Through on-the-ground projects, outreach, and participation in local activities, the APWC strives to bring awareness to these communities through our work that mutually benefits the landowners, community and our natural resources.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council regularly holds meetings and has a very engaged board actively working to support the organization and staff.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is leading several local planning efforts around fish passage and are engaging local partners and the community.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing projects and planning for future restoration projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council has several stakeholder engagement projects it is making progress on, despite COVID related challenges.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-010

Project Name: Coos Watershed Association 2021-2023

Applicant: Coos Watershed Association

Application Description

The mission of the Coos Watershed Association is to support environmental integrity and economic stability within the Coos watershed by increasing community capacity to develop, test, promote, and implement management practices in the interest of watershed health. This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Coos Watershed Association. Council identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council regularly holds meetings and the council board reviews and updates policies and procedures as necessary to ensure the council is following best business practices.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is leading several local assessment and planning efforts that are engaging local partners and the community, including tidegate collaboration between another local council and SWCD.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing projects and planning for future restoration projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is working to engage stakeholders related to tidegate work within the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-011

Project Name: Coquille Watershed Association Council Capacity Application

Applicant: Coquille Watershed Association

Application Description

This council capacity grant will support the work of the Coquille Watershed Association. The mission of the Association is to work collaboratively with landowners to develop and implement voluntary watershed restoration, enhancement, and engagement activities that promote healthy and resilient ecosystems and economies in the Coquille watershed. Council identified watershed limiting factors include hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of Information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water Quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council regularly holds meetings and the council board is active in the management and oversight of the council.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is leading several local assessment and planning efforts that are engaging local partners and the community, including tidegate collaboration between another local council and SWCD.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing projects and planning for future restoration projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement for watershed restoration purposes***. The council is working to engage stakeholders related to tidegate work within the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,454

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-012

Project Name: Illinois Valley WC Council Capacity_2021-2023

Applicant: Illinois Valley WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Illinois Valley Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council regularly holds meetings and is working improve overall organizational operations and management as well as providing supervision and oversight for the council coordinator.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council has a current strategic plan and will begin to develop a new 3 year strategic plan.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing projects and planning for future restoration projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council adopted a new outreach plan and is beginning implementation.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The OWEB Project Manager must receive, via email, board meeting announcements, agendas and minutes for all meetings. Minutes must include a list of attendees. Information received from this condition will be considered in the 23-25 council capacity merit evaluations.

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Application # 222-014

Project Name: Lower Rogue Watershed Council Capacity 19-21

Applicant: Curry SWCD

Application Description

The Lower Rogue Watershed includes all lands and waters of these lands that drain into the Rogue and Illinois rivers within Curry County, Oregon, and is the western extent of the Rogue River Basin. Our purpose is to protect, enhance, and restore long-term natural resources and economic stability of the Lower Rogue Watershed and the near shore environment. Council identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council regularly holds meetings, reviews and updates council documents, and the council board members attend trainings during the last biennium

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is involved in organizational and partnership strategic planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing projects and planning for future restoration projects including a focus on the estuary.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council has worked hard to improve engagement with local tribes and engage them in restoration opportunities on the Lower Rogue.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
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Application # 222-016

Project Name: South Coast Watershed Council Capacity 2021-2023

Applicant: Curry SWCD

Application Description

The South Coast Watershed Council encompasses 10 coastal watersheds on the southern Oregon coast that support coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and/or steelhead. Limiting factors vary across these watersheds, but all are impaired by elevated summer stream temperatures, an overabundant supply of coarse grained sediment, invasive plants, small estuaries, loss of floodplain connectivity and off-channel habitat, and the oversimplification of the low gradient stream network.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council regularly holds meetings, reviews and updates council documents.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is involved in organizational and partnership strategic planning efforts and is working on a collective communication plan with the local council and SWCD.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing projects and planning for future restoration projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council has worked hard to improve engagement with local tribes and incorporate ecocultural knowledge into futures restoration projects.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Evaluation and Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-017

Project Name: Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership Council Capacity

Applicant: Cascade Pacific RC&D

Application Description

The Tenmile Lakes Watershed is a coastal lake system that contains 113 stream miles and over 3,000 surface acres of Lakes that provide high priority habitat for native Coho Salmon, Winter Steelhead, Coastal Cutthroat Trout and Pacific Lamprey. Limiting factors identified include nonnative fish predation, multiple fish passage barriers, increases sedimentation resulting in toxic algae blooms and nuisance aquatic plant growth, and reduced riparian zone functions. Funding will coordinate and support the TLBP and Partners in implementing multiple projects prioritized within the assessment and action plans.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council board consists of many long-serving members who take an active role in leadership and management of the organization.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is leading several local planning efforts that are engaging local tribal partners.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects currently in development.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in community engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council is very active in the community and prioritizes stakeholder engagement activities.

Concerns

The council has many long-standing board members and would benefit from the development of a board recruitment plan to ensure the council's strong and engaged board continues.

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-018

Project Name: Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers Council Capacity 2021-23

Applicant: Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers

Application Description

This project is located in the Umpqua Basin and is focused on working with willing landowners to improve stream habitat and water quality throughout the project location area. This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers Watershed Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board is very engaged and supportive of the council coordinator and is working to expand council board membership and engagement.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is leading several local planning efforts that are engaging local partners and the community, including leading the Umpqua Basin Development FIP, working on Umpqua Basin oak and tidegates.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing projects and planning for future restoration projects and is engaged in the fire recovery from the Archie Creek fire.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-019

Project Name: Rogue River Watershed Council Capacity 2021 to 2023

Applicant: Rogue River WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Rogue River Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality –altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board is very engaged and supportive of the council and is working to expand council board membership and engagement, focusing on recruiting a more diverse board.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is leading several local planning efforts that are engaging local partners and the community.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing projects and planning for future restoration projects and is engaged in the fire recovery from the Alameda Fire.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community, focusing on streamside landowners.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB’s merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria plus Merger Funding

Staff Recommended Award

\$328,662

At the April 2019 Board meeting the Board discussed providing on-going merger support to watershed councils that have successfully merged. Additional merger funding is calculated by multiplying 1.5 times the council’s base award. ($\$131,465 + ((\$131,465 \times 1.5 = \$197,197)) = \$328,662$)

Staff Conditions

None

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
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Application # 222-021

Project Name: Elk Creek Watershed Council Support

Applicant: Elk Creek WC

Application Description

Project will provide funding for the Coordinator/Executive Director, and operations of the Elk Creek Watershed Council in the northern part of Douglas County. The Council will work with local landowners and state and federal agencies to plan, develop, and implement on-the-ground projects to benefit fish and wildlife, and water quality in the Elk Creek Watershed, and in the Umpqua basin. Key partners are local landowners, Douglas and Umpqua SWCD, ODFW, Roseburg District BLM, and others.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board is engaged and supportive of the council and has recently recruited a new board members. The board continues to work to recruit a member from the timber industry.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is working to expand who is involved in the council planning efforts, including engagement of timber companies.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and leading coordination and management of the local weed program.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is looking to try new engagement methods in response to challenges as a result of COVID-19.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The OWEB Project Manager must receive, via email, board meeting announcements, agendas and minutes for all meetings. Minutes must include a list of attendees. Information received from this condition will be considered in the 23-25 council capacity merit evaluations.

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Application # 222-022

Project Name: CWC Council Capacity 21-23

Applicant: Calapooia WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Calapooia Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council has successfully recruited a new board member and completed a self-evaluation to identify interst groups for future board recruitment.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is actively using its monitoring activities to inform and plan for future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is implementing existing restoration projects and has projects currently in development.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is looking to try new engagement methods in reponse to challenges that resulted from COVID-19.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-023

Project Name: Clackamas River Basin Council Capacity Support

Applicant: Clackamas River Basin Council

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Clackamas River Basin Council which. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality –altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council is actively working on board recruitment, with a focus on creating a more diverse and welcoming board.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is actively engaging in multiple planning processes, including the Clackamas Partnership.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects currently in development through the new Clackamas Implementation FIP.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in community engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community, including events spread throughout the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB’s merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-024

Project Name: Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: Coast Fork Willamette WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council has successfully recruited new board members from different areas of the watershed, which is bringing new voices to the board.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is actively engaging in multiple planning processes, including engagement with the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects currently in development.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council uses multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community and is partnering with new organizations outside their traditional partners to meet the emerging needs of the community.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
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Application # 222-025

Project Name: CSWC GCS 2021-2023

Applicant: Columbia Slough WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Columbia Slough Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board has focused on justice, equity, diversity and inclusion training and creating a more inclusive board and organization.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is actively engaging in multiple planning processes and working to engage under-represented communities in planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council's work plan demonstrates its actions result in progress toward on-the-ground watershed restoration.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council uses multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community, including bilingual events.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meets all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-026

Project Name: Johnson Creek Watershed Council 2021-2023 Council Capacity

Applicant: Johnson Creek WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Johnson Creek Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board has focused on board recruitment and created a committee to address geographic, racial and ethnic diversity on the board.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is actively engaging in multiple planning processes, including the implementation of the Clackamas Partnership SAP.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects currently in development both within and outside the new Clackamas Implementation FIP.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community, including citizen science events spread throughout the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meets all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
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Application # 222-027

Project Name: Long Tom Watershed Council Support

Applicant: Long Tom WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Long Tom Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board is engaging with and providing support, management, and direction to the council. The council board has focused on board recruitment and is working to address geographic, racial and ethnic diversity on the board and within the organization.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is actively engaging in multiple planning processes, including the Willamette Oak Partnership, and is working to expand its work with tribal partners.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects currently in development.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community and is looking for opportunities to engage with and support the BIPOC community within the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
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Application # 222-028

Project Name: Marys River Watershed Council - Council Capacity 2021-2023

Applicant: Marys River WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Marys River Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board is engaging with and providing support, management, and direction to the council. The council board has focused on board recruitment and created board recruitment and DEI committees to make progress towards a more inclusive organization.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is actively engaging in multiple planning processes across the watershed and working with a diversity of partners to plan the work of the council.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects currently in development.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community, including events spread throughout the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-029

Project Name: Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council Capacity Application 2021-2023

Applicant: Middle Fork Willamette WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board is engaging with and providing support, management, and direction to the council and the council is actively working on board recruitment.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is actively engaging in multiple planning processes across the watershed and working with a diversity of partners to plan the work of the council.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects currently in development.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community and was able to move some events online during the last year.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-030

Project Name: North Santiam Watershed Council Capacity Grant

Applicant: North Santiam WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the North Santiam Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council board is engaging with and providing support, management, and direction to the council. The council board is beginning to focus on board recruitment.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council purposefully adjusted the priorities of the council to support communities impacted by the fall 2020 fires. The council is engaging in multiple planning efforts to assist with fire recovery.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has projects currently in development that are in support of its planning efforts and fire recovery.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in community engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community and provide critical information to support fire recovery.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-031

Project Name: Pudding River Watershed Council Capacity Grant 2021 - 2023

Applicant: Pudding River WC

Application Description

This project will enable the council to continue partnership support to various state and federal agencies currently relying on the Council for their role in organizing the grassroots in an otherwise difficult to access demographic area. Limiting factors include high stream temperatures due to a lack of riparian vegetation, over-appropriation of stream flow in the summer, numerous fish passage barriers, erosion and sedimentation, invasive plant species, wetland degradation, lack of floodplain connectivity and low public engagement.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board is engaging with and providing support, management, and direction to the council. The council board is beginning to focus on board recruitment to better represent the communities of the watershed.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is using rapid bio assessment results to help plan future restoration actions of the council and is engaged in the local SIA work with the Marion SWCD.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has projects currently in development that are in support of its planning efforts and fire recovery.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is working to adjust its stakeholder engagement strategy in response to COVID-19 and has relied on personnel communication to stay in touch with key partners.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-035

Project Name: Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, Capacity 21-23

Applicant: Scappoose Bay WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council which. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board is engaging with and providing support, management, and direction to the council. The council board is beginning to focus on engagement with those industry groups not active with the council with the hope of improving communication and coordination.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council has been actively leading several local planning efforts that are engaging local partners and the community and have resulted in restoration projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has projects currently in development that are in support of its planning efforts and fire recovery.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council regularly hosts community events, including work with its native plant nursery.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,46

Staff Conditions

None

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
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Application # 222-036

Project Name: South Santiam Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: South Santiam WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the South Santiam Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board demonstrated strong leadership and engagement during a period of transition between council coordinators.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is leading and engaging with several local planning efforts, including beginning to work on a new strategic plan and began working with the Partners of the South Santiam.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has projects currently in development that are in support of its planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council has focused on engaging private landowners for future conservation opportunities.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The council must submit a progress report by June 30, 2020 that provides an update on the council's board development actions.

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Application # 222-037

Project Name: Tualatin River Watershed Council Capacity Grant

Applicant: Tualatin River WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Tualatin River Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board is currently reviewing and updating its bylaws to broaden who is eligible to be a board member with a focus on being more representative of the diverse watershed community.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is leading and engaging in both organizational and local planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has projects currently in development that are in support of its planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community and is planning for future stakeholder engagement actions.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-038

Project Name: McKenzie Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: McKenzie Watershed Alliance

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the McKenzie River Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board is engaging with and providing support, management, and direction to the council. The council board recently added two new members and is focusing on building a more diverse board in the future.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is leading and engaging in both organizational and local planning efforts, including the Pure Watershed Partnership and in reponse to the Holiday Farm Fire.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has projects currently in development that are in support of its planning efforts. The council is also active, with other partners implementing projects in reponse to the Holiday Farm Fire.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, has completed almost 200 landowner site visits in reponse to the Holiday Farm Fire.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-039

Project Name: Greater Yamhill Watershed Council Capacity 2021 - 2023

Applicant: Greater Yamhill Watershed Council

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Greater Yamhill Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council board has focused on organizational management and oversight and has a plan for expanded administrative support for the 2021-2023 biennium.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is leading efforts around monitoring and assessments in the watershed and using the information collected to inform future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council, with local partners, is making progress on existing restoration projects and has projects currently in development that are in support of its planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in community engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council, with its partners, is using multiple stakeholder engagement methods to engage the local community, including landowner engagement for the local SIA.

Concerns

The council struggles with meeting reporting deadlines. The council would benefit from the part-time administrative assistant proposed in the 2021-2023 budget.

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The council is required to submit quarterly progress reports and request for funds.

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Application # 222-040

Project Name: Klamath Watershed Partnership Council Capacity

Applicant: Klamath Watershed Partnership

Application Description

The project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator position and operating expenses for the Klamath Watershed Partnership. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality-altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council board is engaging with and providing support, management, and direction to the council. The council board is working to recruit new board members with a focus on recruiting a member from the Klamath Tribes.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is working with multiple partners throughout the basin, including on the Upper Klamath Lake Action Plan.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has projects currently in development that are in support of its planning efforts. The council is involved in restoration work as a result of the 242 Fire.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in community engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on stakeholder engagement within the basin and looking to reassess its approaches in response to lessons learned through the last year.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-041

Project Name: Council Capacity Grant 2019-2021 Crooked River W.C.

Applicant: Crooked River WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Crooked River Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council regularly holds meetings and makes the information available to the general public. The council board and are staff working to improve overall organizational governance and management, including the upcoming process to review the council's organizational strategic plan.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is working with multiple partners throughout the basin, including with NRCS on a RCPP grant.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects, including the completion of the Opal Springs Fish Passage project, and has projects currently in development that are in support of its planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in community engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on stakeholder engagement within the basin and is targeting landowner outreach in two specific basins.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-042

Project Name: Gilliam-East John Day Watershed Council Capacity 2021-2023

Applicant: Gilliam SWCD

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Gilliam-East John Day Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council coordinator. The council took a leadership role during the recent council coordinator transitions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is working with multiple partners throughout the basin on a variety of planning efforts, including Placed Based Planning, SIA, John Day Partnership and RCPP.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on stakeholder engagement within the basin and is targeting landowner outreach in relation to the RCPP program.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The OWEB Project Manager must receive, via email, agendas and minutes of all meetings. Minutes must include a list of attendees. Information received from this condition will be considered in the 23-25 council capacity merit evaluations.

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Application # 222-043

Project Name: Hood River Watershed Group Council Capacity

Applicant: Hood River SWCD

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Hood River Watershed Group. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council coordinator. The council board is assessing its structure and considering how to better connect with additional community members including the Lantinx and small business communities.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is working with multiple partners throughout the basin on a variety of planning efforts, including Hood River Partnership SAP.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in community engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on stakeholder engagement and successfully transitioned to offering meeting and other events online during the last year.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-044

Project Name: Middle Deschutes Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: Jefferson SWCD

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Middle Deschutes Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council coordinator. The council coordinator and board are working to fill a vacant tribal position on the board. The council took a leadership role during the recent council coordinator transitions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is working with the SWCD to plan for future restoration opportunities within the Trout Creek watershed, this includes monitoring work that will inform future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is working with the SWCD to recruit landowners in the Willow Creek watershed for future restoration actions.

Concerns

The council could do a better job describing its niche within the watershed and how the council and SWCD work independently and collaboratively to achieve collective ecological outcomes.

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The council must submit a progress report by June 30, 2022 describing its progress on restoration and stakeholder engagement actions.

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Application # 222-045

Project Name: Council Capacity - Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council

Applicant: Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board consists of many long-serving members who take an active role in leadership and management of the council.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is leading and partnering on several local planning efforts including the SIA and Warner Basin FIP.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and has many projects currently in development that support their ongoing planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is very active in the community and uses a diversity outreach methods to engage the local community .

Concerns

The council has many long-standing board members and would benefit from the development of a board recruitment plan to ensure the council continues to maintain an engaged board into the future.

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-046

Project Name: Sherman County Area Watershed Council Capacity Grant

Applicant: Sherman County Area WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Sherman County Area Watersheds Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board consists of many long-serving members who have worked together, with the SWCD, to provide oversight of the council during the recent coordinator transitions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is working with the SWCD on a local SIA and with the SWCD and NRCS on a future Conservation Implementation Strategy.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is continues to work with the SWCD to make progress on restoration actions and plan for future projects tied to planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is working with the SWCD to engage landowners in the SIA geography for futures restoration actions.

Concerns

The council has many long-standing board members and would benefit from the development of a board recruitment plan to ensure the council's strong and engaged board continues into the future. The could do a better job describing its niche within the watershed and how the council and the SWCD work independently and collaboratively to achieve ecological outcomes.

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The OWEB Project Manager must receive, via email, agendas and minutes of all meetings. Information received from this condition will be considered in the 23-25 council capacity merit evaluations.

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Application # 222-047

Project Name: Upper Deschutes Watershed Council

Applicant: Upper Deschutes WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board demonstrated strong leadership and effective governance and management during executive director transition. The board is working to diversify the board and has created a board committee to focus on this issue.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is working with multiple partners throughout the basin on a variety of planning efforts, including leading the development of a SAP for the Upper Deschutes basin.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on stakeholder engagement and successfully transitioned to offering meeting and other events online during the last year.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-048

Project Name: Wasco County Area Watershed Councils

Applicant: Wasco SWCD

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Wasco Area Watershed Councils. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access -impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board demonstrated strong leadership and effective governance and management by working to strengthen the coordinating board.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is working with multiple partners throughout the basin on a variety of planning efforts and continues surface and groundwater monitoring efforts to inform future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on stakeholder engagement and successfully offered a variety of events during the last year.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions:

None

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Application # 222-049

Project Name: Grande Ronde Model Watershed

Applicant: Grande Ronde Model WS Foundation

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Grande Ronde Model Watershed. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board demonstrated strong leadership and effective governance and management during the executive director transition early in the biennium..

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is working with multiple partners throughout the basin on a variety of planning efforts, including the Upper Grande Ronde Placed Based Planning effort.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on stakeholder engagement and initiated a citizen science program.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-050

Project Name: Harney County WC Council Support 21-2023

Applicant: Harney County Watershed Council

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Harney County Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board consists of many long-serving members who take an active role in leadership and management of the council. The council is working to address board recruitment challenges, especially from more rural parts of the watershed.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is working with multiple partners throughout the basin on a variety of planning efforts including Placed Based Planning work and is planning on adopting a new strategic plan in 2021.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on stakeholder engagement and planning to develop an updated outreach plan in 2021-2023.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The council must submit a progress report by June 30, 2022. The progress report must describe the council's progress on its strategic plan and new outreach plan.

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Application # 222-051

Project Name: Malheur Watershed Council

Applicant: Malheur WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Malheur Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board consists of many long-serving members who take an active role in leadership and management of the council. The board is working to address board recruitment challenges, focusing on gender and age diversity.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is using monitoring data to help inform future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning and data collection efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-052

Project Name: North Fork John Day Watershed Council Capacity 2021-23

Applicant: North Fork John Day WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the North Fork John Day Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council coordinator. The council board has identified board membership gaps and is actively working to fill those gaps with new board members.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is engaged in multiple planning efforts, including the John Day Partnership.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning and data collection efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-053

Project Name: Council Capacity 21-23

Applicant: Umatilla Basin WS Foundation

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Umatilla Basin Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates some **effective governance and management**. The council board is working through the loss of some long-standing board members and reassessing when and where council meetings are held to try and recruit new members. The council board should work to improve its communication with the executive director to ensure timely communication with project partners and funders.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council worked with local partners to complete the Birch Creek assessment and is working with landowners to identify and prioritize barriers for future removal.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **some progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council completed one restoration project during the current biennium and has not recently applied for any future restoration projects through OWEB. The council does have a technical assistance grant to design a future restoration project.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed including focusing on landowners impacted by recent flooding.

Concerns

While the council demonstrates some **effective governance and management**, they continue to struggle with meeting reporting deadlines and timely communication with OWEB staff. This leads to missed final and project reporting deadlines, which can impact the success of projects and of the council.

In addition, the council has experienced significant board turnover during the last year. The council would benefit from the development of a board recruitment plan to ensure a strong and engaged board into the future.

While the council demonstrates some **progress in on-the ground watershed restoration**, they have wrapped up existing restoration projects and have not yet determined where it will focus future restoration actions.

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Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it is on a trajectory to meet all of OWEB's merit criteria and is recommended for full funding. However, the council has struggled in the area of restoration and board governance and management during the last biennium. To support the council and help ensure it has the encouragement to invest energy into both areas, OWEB staff recommend a set of funding conditions, described below, to set benchmarks for the council to meet during the next biennium.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full funding

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

- The council coordinator and board officers must meet with OWEB by June 30, 2022 to discuss progress on organizational management and governance and restoration outcomes.
- The OWEB Project Manager must receive, via email, agendas and minutes of all meetings.
- The council must submit an updated council work plan by August 30, 2021.
- The council is required to submit quarterly progress reports and quarterly request for funds. Progress reports will address progress on items listed in the council's work plan.

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Application # 222-054

Project Name: Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council 2019-2021 Council Capacity

Applicant: Walla Walla Basin Watershed Foundation

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council and especially during the recent executive director transition. The board is working with staff to create a more diverse and inclusive board that is representative of the community.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is engaged in multiple planning efforts throughout the basin.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning and data collection efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-055

Project Name: Mid John Day-Bridge Creek Watershed Council

Applicant: Bridge Creek WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Mid John Day-Bridge Creek Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council in this very rural and sparsely part of the state. The board is working to recruit new board members and find ways to engage the community through phone-in and virtual meeting options.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is engaged in multiple planning efforts throughout the basin and is using monitoring to inform future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning and data collection efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The OWEB Project Manager must receive, via email, agendas and minutes of all meetings.

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Application # 222-056

Project Name: Owyhee Watershed Council Capacity 21-23

Applicant: Owyhee WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Owyhee Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council. The board is working to recruit new board members and find ways to engage the community through phone-in and virtual meeting options.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is engaged in multiple planning efforts throughout the Owyhee and Malheur basins and is working with local partners to plan for future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning and data collection efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed and is beginning to use electronic forms of outreach to engage a broader audience.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-057

Project Name: Powder Basin Watershed Council Capacity Grant

Applicant: Powder Basin WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Powder Basin Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council, especially during a period of recent staff transition. The board is reviewing its bylaws to consider how best to engage with the community in order to recruit and maintain board and council members.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is engaged in multiple planning efforts throughout the basin and is working with local partners to plan for future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning and data collection efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working to engage the local community and is looking for new methods of engagement.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-058

Project Name: Luckiamute Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: Luckiamute WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Luckiamute Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council. The council is actively working on board DEI training and also board recruitment, focusing on creating a more diverse and welcoming board.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is engaged in multiple planning and monitoring efforts throughout the basin and is working with local partners to plan for future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning and data collection efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed and is launching the Mid-Willamette Beaver Partnership to engage community members across the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-059

Project Name: Greater Oregon City Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: Greater Oregon City WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - Impaired access to habitat; hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology; knowledge gaps - lack of information; physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat; water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council. The council recently added a new board members and is working to more actively engage local tribes.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is engaged in multiple planning efforts with a focus on Abernethy Creek and is working with local partners to plan for future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed and through the Clackamas Partnership.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-060

Project Name: Smith River Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: Smith River WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Smith River Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council is made-up of many long-serving board members who provide support, management, and supervision to the council. The council is working to recruit new board members in this rural and watershed.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is engaged in multiple planning efforts with local partners to plan for future restoration actions including leading work on a tidegate inventory.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in community engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed and uses its invasive species program as a way to engage landowners.

Concerns

The council has many long-standing board members and would benefit from the development of a board recruitment plan to ensure continued board leadership and engagement into the future.

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

The OWEB Project Manager must receive, via email, board meeting announcements, agendas and minutes. Minutes must include a list of attendees. Information received from this condition will be considered in the 23-25 council capacity merit evaluations.

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Application # 222-061

Project Name: Lower Nehalem Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: Lower Nehalem WC

Application Description

This project will fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council (LNWC). The Council has identified several limiting factors for watershed health including hydrologic alterations, impaired habitat access, water quality degradation, and knowledge gaps. These limiting factors impact a wide variety of fish and wildlife species.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective governance and management*. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council. The council has identified board membership gaps and is working to develop new paths to engage interested community members.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in planning*. The council is engaged in multiple planning efforts with a focus on anchor habitat and is working with local partners to plan for future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration*. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates *effective progress in community engagement* for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed and with a variety of engagement methods.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-062

Project Name: Necanicum Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: Necanicum WC

Application Description

The grant will provide operating capacity support for the Necanicum Watershed Council, located in Seaside, Oregon. The Necanicum watershed contains 86 miles of stream habitat for Coho, Chum, fall Chinook, winter steelhead, resident cutthroat trout, brook and Pacific lamprey. Limiting factors include impaired access to habitat, high stream temperatures due to a lack of riparian vegetation, numerous fish passage barriers, erosion and sedimentation, and lack of floodplain connectivity.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council. The council has identified board membership gaps and is working to develop opportunities to engage interested community members.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is partnering with the local community to plan for future restoration actions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed and with a variety of engagement methods.

Concerns

The council has recently lost its council coordinator and would benefit from looking for opportunities to collaborate with neighboring councils to continue to effectively implement restoration projects, engage the local community and build organizational capacity.

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-063

Project Name: South Fork John Day Watershed Council Capacity

Applicant: South Fork John Day WC

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the South Fork John Day Watershed Council. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality - altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective governance and management***. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council. The council is aware its membership is aging and working to recruit new members and plan for transitions.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in planning***. The council is engaged in multiple planning and monitoring efforts throughout the basin and is working with local partners to plan for future restoration actions and update its strategic plan to take a whole watershed approach to planning and restoration.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration***. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning and data collection efforts.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates ***effective progress in community engagement*** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-064

Project Name: Molalla River Watch Council Capacity

Applicant: Molalla River Watch Inc

Application Description

This project seeks to fund a Watershed Council Coordinator for the Molalla River Watch. Council-identified watershed limiting factors include habitat access - impaired access to habitat, hydrograph/water quantity - altered hydrology, knowledge gaps - lack of information, physical habitat quality - altered quality of physical habitat, water quality -altered physical, chemical, or biological water characteristics.

Review

Strengths

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective governance and management**. The council board engages with and provides support, management, and supervision to the council. The council has a small board and is working to develop new board recruitment strategies.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in planning**. The council is working closely with partners on a local planning effort and in response to the Lionshead fire.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in on-the-ground watershed restoration**. The council is making progress on existing restoration projects and planning for future projects linked to current planning.

OWEB staff found the council demonstrates **effective progress in community engagement** for watershed restoration purposes. The council is actively working on engaging local community members throughout the watershed.

Concerns

None

Concluding Analysis

The council demonstrated it meets all of OWEB's merit criteria and should be recommended for the highest level of funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Full base funding: meet all merit criteria

Staff Recommended Award

\$131,465

Staff Conditions

None

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Application # 222-065

Project Name: Valley of the Rogue Watershed Council (VOTRWC)

Applicant: Valley of the Rogue Watershed Council

Application Description

The VOTRWC encompasses 258,615 acres over 405 sq. miles in Jackson County, Oregon. The Rogue River runs through it with several tributary valleys. The cities of Gold Hill and Rogue River are within its borders. The watershed council has operational costs requiring stable funding including Physical/ Financial Record keeping, Accounting and professional audit services, Government Reports & Fees, Office & Clerical Supplies, Computer Hardware & Software, Liability Insurance premiums, IT setup & maintenance, Legal Services, Subscriptions, Printing & GIS Service, Supplies for assessment, education & restoration project expenses, and a Salaried Administrator familiar with watershed issues & processes. The VOTRWC intends to set up organizational processes providing proficiency & effective restoration and maintenance of the watershed. This requires the basics listed above, but also team building within the council. Of the 5 goals outlined in our CAAP, Organizational Proficiency and Sustainable Funding are foundational to achieving the other 3 goals the VOTRWC aspires to fulfill.

Review

Strengths

The council demonstrated some **progress on governance and management**. The current council board members demonstrated lots of enthusiasm for organizing a new watershed council and have worked to implement basic organizational governance and management processes.

Concerns

As Identified in the strengths, the council demonstrated some limited progress on effective management and governance. However, through the application and interview process, the council was not able to articulate a clear vision for how the council will operate including the roles and responsibilities of staff vs board members and how staff would be managed by the board. The council board is very interested in being a watershed council but did not demonstrate it is prepared to adopt and implement organizational management and governance best practices necessary to lead a successful watershed council. As a result, overall the council did not demonstrate enough progress in **effective management and governance** to meet this criteria.

The council did not demonstrate **progress in planning** through the application and interview process. The council did not provide a detailed work plan with the application that articulates a vision for the council over the next two years. This is a required component of the application. The council has developed an adopted a basic council action plan, but it is unclear from the application and interview process if it was developed with broader input than just the council board members.

The council did not demonstrate **progress in on-the-ground restoration** through the application and interview process. Neither the council's work plan nor its action plan provide enough detail to understand the future restoration actions the council will pursue. The council would benefit from outside technical support to develop a strategic vision of future restoration work in the

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watershed in collaboration with the broader community. The watershed restoration and planning actions are currently being implemented by adjacent watershed councils, which have been working in this geography since the previous watershed council dissolved in 2018.

The council did not demonstrate ***progress in community engagement for watershed restoration purposes*** through the application and interview process. The council has identified subbasin chairs for seven of its twelve subwatersheds, but it is unclear how those chairs are engaged with the council board and with their broader watershed communities. The council would benefit from increasing their engagement with stakeholders and community members to collaboratively develop future restoration projects.

Concluding Analysis

This watershed council is a new applicant and has formed within the geography of the former Seven Basin Watershed Council. The council board members demonstrated a lot of energy and enthusiasm for being a watershed council but lacked understanding and a plan for how to engage the broader watershed community. It was unclear how the watershed council would use existing watershed planning documents to develop a vision and plan future restoration actions. In the final analysis of the review team, the council showed some limited progress organizational management and governance but did not meet any of the merit criteria required by OWEB to receive funding.

Recommendations

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Do Not Fund

Staff Recommended Award

\$0

Staff Conditions

N/A