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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Awards More Than \$21 Million in Grants

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The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board **(OWEB)** awarded 89 grants totaling \$21,212,270 to local organizations statewide to support fish and wildlife habitat and water quality projects at their April 25-26, 2023 board meeting in Keizer.

"These investments support healthy watersheds, fish and wildlife habitats, and working lands," says Lisa Charpilloz Hanson, OWEB's Executive Director. "They will help landscapes recover from wildfire and be more resilient in the future. They will provide cool water for salmon, steelhead, and trout and improve habitat for sage-grouse and other species. They will help maintain the long-term viability of agricultural working lands. These investments showcase Oregon's commitment to healthy and sustainable landscapes."

Funding for these projects includes Oregon Lottery, Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund, and Federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery funds provided by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration. A listing of all awarded grants is available at: <u>https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Documents/2023-April-Board-Awards.pdf</u>

Since 1999, the Oregon Lottery has provided over \$600 million to OWEB's grant program that helps restore, maintain and enhance Oregon's watersheds. For more information about the Oregon Lottery visit www.oregonlottery.org

For additional information about OWEB's grant programs, contact Eric Hartstein at <u>eric.hartstein@oweb.oregon.gov</u>.

Grant Type	Number of Grants Awarded	Amount Invested
Open Solicitation	72	\$13,027,997
Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program	9	\$4,200,000
Partnership Technical Assistance	5	\$639,273
Effectiveness Monitoring	2	\$470,000
Land Acquisition	1	\$2,875,000
TOTAL	89	\$21,212,270