

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Grant Awards April, 2026

Partnership Technical Assistance Grants

Project #	Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Awarded
226-8315-24826	South Fork John Day WC	John Day Basin Partnership 25-26 Capacity	Capacity Grant: Support 10 partners, engage Technical and Monitoring Working Group to improve adaptive management, support newly formed Uplands Committee to identify high-impact upland restoration opportunities.	\$79,585
226-8302-24812	Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative (SOFRC)	Rogue Forest Partners: Building Strategic Capacity to Scale Forest Restoration	Development Grant: Project planning, partnership coordination, document updates including Strategic Action Plan. Scale operations to restore 100,000 acres / year. Potentially reduce risk in adjacent watersheds with connected habitat.	\$149,931
226-8313-24824	Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	South Umpqua River Coho Action Team - FIP Preparation and Development	Development Grant: Develop governance framework, finalize memorandum of understanding for partners, establish transparent project review, and complete an in-progress Strategic Action Plan.	\$63,812
226-8304-24814	The Nature Conservancy	Tri-Corner Community Collaborative: Nurturing Shared Vision & Action in a Sagebrush Stronghold	Development Grant: Develop a Strategic Action Plan, produce spatial strategy related to wildfire, and develop outreach materials.	\$150,000
226-8312-24823	Institute for Applied Ecology	Willamette Valley Oak and Prairie Cooperative Coordinator	Capacity Grant: Strengthen coordination and shared resources for learning, project tracking, a shared Restoration Progress Tracker, and publish quarterly newsletter and annual report.	\$146,720
Total				\$590,048

Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Conservation Easement Grants

Project #	Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Awarded
226-7103-24841	Oregon Agricultural Trust	Seely Farms Phase 2 Seely Mint Farm	Perpetual Conservation Easement of 484 acres. Resources and uses include cropland and migratory bird habitat.	\$409,328
226-7104-24840	Oregon Agricultural Trust	Ginochio Ranch	Perpetual Conservation Easement of 871 acres. Resources and uses include: livestock pastures, riparian, wetland, and rangeland.	\$430,332
226-7105-24845	Deschutes Land Trust	Aspen Valley Ranch: Heartbreak Tract	Perpetual Conservation Easement of 2,397 acres. Resources and uses include: Livestock pastures, rangeland, sage steppe, juniper and aspen woodlands, ponderosa pine and mixed conifer.	\$770,556
Total				\$1,610,216

Land Acquisition Grants

Project #	Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Awarded
226-9902-24762	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Rush Creek Ranch Acquisition	Fee simple interest in 3,346 acres of forest, riparian, and sagebrush steppe habitat.	\$3,256,273
226-9906-24767	Deschutes Land Trust	Paulina Creek Preserve: East Parcel	Fee simple interest in 365 acres of riparian, meadow, and forest habitat.	\$1,400,000
226-9903-24761	Pacific Forest Trust	Epstein Family Forest	Conservation easement interest in 405 acres of forest and riparian habitat.	\$1,012,000
Total				\$5,668,273

Water Acquisition Grants

Project #	Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Awarded
226-9912-24801	Trout Unlimited	Oxbow Ranch Deer Creek Irrigation Modernization and Flow Restoration Project	On-farm efficiency ACW 0.73 cfs (138.7 acres) 100% conserved water 307.359 acre-feet/year. Provides 1/3 of streamflow during low flows. This is a high-priority watershed with Coho (ESA listed), Chinook, steelhead, cutthroat trout, and Pacific lamprey.	\$469,068
226-9913-24800	Trout Unlimited	Big Butte Creek Water Acquisition and Irrigation Efficiency Project	Water right purchase of 0.431 cfs (26 acres), plus on-farm efficiency ACW 0.171 cfs (45 acres). Most senior water right; 499.638 Acre-feet/year. This is a highest-priority watershed with Coho (ESA listed), Chinook, lamprey, steelhead, and cutthroat trout.	\$331,612
226-9914-24803	Trout Unlimited	Evans Creek Streamflow Restoration Leasing Project	Three instream leases for 5 years totaling 0.487 cfs: 2 full-season leases (April 1 - July 15) and 1 split-season lease (July 15 - October 31). 161.6 acre-feet/year, protectable for 16-25 miles. This is a high-priority watershed with Coho (ESA listed), Chinook, steelhead, and lamprey.	\$92,144
226-9911-24804	Deschutes River Conservancy	Arnold Irrigation District: Main Canal Phases 3 & 4	Piping 4.9 miles of canal to conserve up to 12 cfs, 4800 acre-feet/year, of instream flow in winter/early spring in Upper Deschutes River. A Deschutes Alternative Pathway project. The area supports ESA-listed Oregon spotted frog.	\$2,777,940
Total				\$3,670,764

Total of All Grants Awarded \$11,539,301