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Greetings,

OWEB and the Oregon Department of Forestry are now soliciting for the **2023-2025 Forest Collaborative grant offering.**

Purpose

The Forest Collaboratives Grant Program was developed by OWEB and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to increase the number, acreage, and complexity of collaboratively planned restoration projects on federal lands in Oregon.

This grant solicitation will focus on strengthening *Collaborative Governance* for forest collaborative organizations and advancing collaborative *Zones of Agreement* for restoration that includes vegetation projects on lands managed by the US Forest Service (USFS) or Bureau of Land Management (BLM). For definitions and eligible project activities, please refer to the <u>guidance document</u>.

Available Funding and Funding Priorities

A total of \$500,000 is available for funding in this cycle. This includes:

- \$200,000 for *Collaborative Governance*
- \$300,000 for Zones of Agreement

Eligible Applicants

This solicitation is open to established local collaborative groups that are engaged in forest restoration and/or stewardship on lands managed by the USFS or BLM in Oregon. Read the <u>guidance document for Federal Forest Restoration Collaborative Project Development</u> for full eligibility requirements.

Application Deadline: October 23, 2023 by 5:00 pm

How to Apply

Federal Forest Restoration Collaborative Project Development applications are available via OWEB's online application website: https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/oweb/oa/.

An OWEB Online Grant Management System (OGMS) login is required to access the online grant application. Only one login per organization is allowed. If no login exists for the applicant's organization, please email Leilani Sullivan at Leilani.sullivan@oweb.oregon.gov to request one. Include the following in your email:

- Organization name and address.
- Grantee contact information: name, title, email address, and phone number for the person who will receive all communication from OWEB and sign any grant agreements.
- Payee contact information: name, email address, and phone number for the person who keeps records and submits payment requests and documentation.
- FEIN (Federal Employer Identification Number). OWEB may enter into agreements only with legally established entities. OWEB will review potential applicants prior to creating an OGMS login.

For general questions and questions about the Online Application, contact:

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For questions about Eligible Project Types, contact:

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