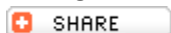


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Greetings,

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board is now accepting applications for **2024 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Technical Assistance** grants.

Grant Information

The purpose of the Oregon CREP is to restore, maintain, and enhance streamside areas along agricultural lands to benefit fish, wildlife, and water quality. [OWEB's CREP Technical Assistance grants](#) support costs associated with local CREP program implementation. Costs include staffing, travel, training, outreach, planning, and contract monitoring over a 2-year project period beginning January 2024.

Pre-Application Consultation

Applicants, particularly those applying for a CREP Technical Assistance grant for the first time, are strongly encouraged to contact [Jillian McCarthy](#) (971-345-7016) prior to application submittal to discuss their proposals. For general information about OWEB and our grant programs, please visit [OWEB's website](#).

Continuation of Contract Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

OWEB and CREP technicians have worked together to develop a monitoring approach to track the performance of CREP practices over time. This approach will help ensure that landowners achieve maintenance and performance requirements associated with their CREP contracts. It will also help grantees to track and report outcomes associated with CREP conservation practices.

Expectations around contract monitoring and reporting are reflected in the grant application. Monitoring that is required in the grant application include:

- Performance tracking using the contract monitoring checklist (available upon request).
- Performance tracking using the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP).
- Management/reporting of monitoring data.

Applicants are encouraged to consider and refine their scope of work and budget to accommodate monitoring requirements. For questions on contract monitoring and reporting requirements, please contact [Ken Fetcho](#), Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator.

New Match Requirement

Recognizing that matching funds are more difficult to obtain for Technical Assistance projects, and that match is sometimes a barrier to participation in OWEB grants, the match requirement for the CREP Technical Assistance program has been **reduced to \$1**.

Deadline

Grant applications are **due October 16, 2023, by 5:00 pm** and must be submitted via [OWEB's online grant application](#). If you need to set up a login, please email Leilani Sullivan (Leilani.sullivan@oweb.oregon.gov).



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