

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) now accepting online applications for the **2024 Immediate Wildfire Response Grant Offering**.

Program Overview

In October 2024, the OWEB Board approved up to \$2 million in funding to support technical assistance grants in areas impacted during the 2024 wildfire season. These non-competitive grants are supported by state lottery dollars and support technical assistance and engagement activities including post-fire recovery assessments, cultural resource assessments, and landowner and partner engagement.

- Eligible applicants include watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts, tribes, and other eligible non-profit organizations operating in eligible impacted 2024 wildfire areas that are directly engaging in post-fire natural resources recovery.
- Program funding prioritizes work on non-federal lands (i.e., private, state, and tribal lands). While some small portions of federal land may be included if part of an all-lands approach, applicants should reach out to OWEB prior to submitting an application that includes work on federal land.
- Please see the table on page 1 of the [program guidance](#) for information on eligible fire areas and funding maximums.
- Eligible technical assistance activities include:
 - Resource assessment and planning to convene local teams to complete post-fire impact assessments and identify and/or plan prioritized restoration actions to address post-fire impacts
 - Engagement to secure landowner commitment and coordinate planning for future post-fire restoration actions
- Restoration implementation activities are not eligible for funding under this offering.

Applications are due by 5:00 pm on May 29, 2025

Applications must be submitted using OWEB's [online grant application](#).

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and applicants are encouraged to submit an application as early as possible. Applications will be reviewed upon submission and award decisions are to be made within approximately two weeks following application submission.

Application Guidance

Please see [program guidance](#) for additional information on the [program website](#).

- Each fire area may only receive one funding allocation and duplicate requests for the same fire area by different applicants are not allowed. Therefore, applicants must show proof of agreement from partnering organizations to apply as the lead applicant at the time of application. See "Program Structure" in the program guidance for additional details.

Applications should demonstrate local partner coordination of technical assistance activities that will result in long-term restoration in the fire impacted areas.

- Federal indirect cost rates are changing. Applications submitted before January 27, 2025, will be eligible for 10% indirect cost rates. Applications submitted on or after January 27, 2025, will be eligible for 15% indirect cost rates.

Staff Contact

If you have questions, please contact Rachel Thompson at rachel.thompson@oweb.oregon.gov or 503-910-6433.

Please visit our website for more information about this and other grant offerings:

<https://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/Pages/index.aspx>

Thank you for your interest in watershed restoration and protection!
