

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) is pleased to announce the FY2026 [National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant \(NCWCG\) Program](#) solicitation for land acquisition projects.

OWEB is currently scheduling pre-application consultations for the acquisition of conservation easement and fee title interests in coastal wetland ecosystems from willing sellers.

Grant Information

NCWCG grants are awarded annually with funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to acquire, restore, and enhance coastal wetlands. NCWCG awards are collaborative grants for which state agencies are eligible to apply. OWEB serves as the official grantee of NCWCG grants in Oregon and makes the federal funds available to local partners through sub-grants when proposed projects are in alignment with OWEB's Land Acquisition program.

NCWCG grants typically range from \$125,000 to \$1,000,000 and require a 25% non-federal match contribution. OWEB funding can be used to satisfy the 25% non-federal match requirement. Eligible projects must result in the permanent conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems.

Pre-Application Consultation (Required)

A [pre-application consultation](#) is required. Please contact Jillian McCarthy, Partnerships Coordinator, at (971) 345-7016 or jillian.mccarthy@oweb.oregon.gov to schedule a consultation. Consultations will be held through July 29, 2024. Applicants are encouraged to schedule a consultation early.

Apply

Applications proposing NCWCG funding must be submitted to OWEB using the Land Acquisition application in OWEB's Online Grant Management System ([OGMS](#)) **beginning July 16, 2024**. An [application template](#) is available now in OGMS.

Application Deadline

Applications are due by 4:00 pm on August 29, 2024.

Timeline for Coastal Wetlands Land Acquisition Grant Projects

June 3, 2024 – July 29, 2024: Pre-application consultation period.

August 29, 2024: OWEB Land Acquisition application deadline.

September 2024 – March 2025: OWEB Land Acquisition application evaluation period. USFWS announces NCWCG offering (typically in January).

April 2025: OWEB board considers OWEB Land Acquisition applications for funding and determines whether NCWCG proposals will be submitted to USFWS. Local partners and OWEB work together to develop draft NCWCG proposals if approved by the OWEB board.

May 2025: OWEB submits draft NCWCG proposals on behalf of local partners to USFWS for preliminary review and feedback.

May 2025 – June 2025: OWEB seeks legislative approval to submit NCWCG proposals to USFWS. Local partners address USFWS feedback and develop final NCWCG proposals.

June 2025: OWEB submits final NCWCG proposals on behalf of local partners to USFWS.

January 2026 – April 2026: NCWCG grant awards are announced by USFWS.



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