

OWEB is Now Accepting Applications for Natural and Working Lands Fund Restoration and Technical Assistance Grants



The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) is now accepting online applications for the [Natural and Working Lands fund](#) grant offering.

Program Overview

The Natural and Working Lands (NWL) funds were appropriated in 2023 by House Bill 3409 as part of Oregon's comprehensive strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Distributing these funds builds on OWEB's longstanding commitment to ecosystem health, while also emphasizing the economic, social, health, or climate resilience co-benefits for disproportionately impacted and underrepresented communities.

OWEB will administer the NWL funds through **Restoration** and **Technical Assistance grants**—with the additional legislative mandate of providing support to help Tribes, landowners, land managers, and environmental justice communities to adopt natural climate solutions.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for NWL funding include any Tribe, Watershed Council, Soil and Water Conservation District, not-for-profit institution, school, community college, state institution of higher education, independent not-for-profit institution of higher education, or political subdivision of this state that is not a state agency. A state agency or federal agency may apply for funding under this section only as a co-applicant with one of the other eligible entities above.

Prioritization will be given to Tribes or environmental justice groups or partners who have done meaningful engagement with those communities.

Application Guidance

OWEB will host a virtual informational webinar about the 2025 Restoration and Technical Assistance solicitation on February 19th at 1:00 pm. Potential applicants are invited to attend, and **registration is required**:

- **Zoom Registration Link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZCjm0luIQFKZ0gzIGRcb6A
- **YouTube Recording:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0dl-TOWlt4Sp--i1KEa_OA

Applications are due by 5:00 pm on April 1, 2025

Applications must be submitted using OWEB's [online grant application](#). Please be sure to select the "Natural and Working Lands" offering. The OWEB Board will make grant awards at the July 2025 meeting.

Staff Contact

If you have questions, please contact Alexa Schmidt at alexa.m.schmidt@oweb.oregon.gov or 971-718-4904.

Note: *Natural and Working Lands funds are also available to develop, implement, or monitor Conservation Management Plans on agricultural lands. Please see the [QAHP website](#) for more information.*

Please visit the [Natural and Working Lands webpage](#) for more information about this offering. For information about additional OWEB grant offerings, visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/Pages/index.aspx>

Thank you for your interest in natural climate solutions!



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