

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) is now accepting online applications for the **Winter 2026 Open Solicitation Grant Offering**.

These grants support voluntary efforts by Oregonians to protect and restore healthy watersheds—including actions supporting the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds and the Oregon Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.

Open Solicitation grant funds are available for restoration projects that protect or restore fish and wildlife habitat and/or natural watershed functions to improve water quality and/or stream flow. Grant funds may also be used for resource assessment, planning, design and engineering, technical assistance, monitoring, and engagement activities necessary for carrying out projects to protect or restore fish and wildlife habitat and/or natural watershed functions to improve water quality and/or stream flow.

The Winter 2026 Open Solicitation Grant Offering includes the following grant types:

- [Restoration](#) (25% match is required)
- [Technical Assistance](#) (5% match is required)
- [Engagement](#) (5% match is required)

Available Funding

OWEB anticipates making a combined total of over \$16 million for Restoration, Technical Assistance, and Engagement available through this solicitation. In order to pace grant awards within the spending plan across the three grant cycles that will occur in the 2025-2027 biennium, OWEB anticipates having the following statewide approximate spending targets for the Winter 2026 offering: \$13 million for Restoration, \$2.5 million for Technical Assistance, and \$0.6 million for Engagement.

Funding is from Oregon Lottery revenue, federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and revenue from the sale of [Salmon License Plates](#).

Eligible Applicants

A grant applicant may be any tribe, watershed council, soil and water conservation district, not-for-profit corporation, school, Oregon 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 partner with an eligible entity.

How to Apply

Grant applications are DUE BY 5 PM ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026, and must be submitted via OWEB's online grant application. The OWEB Board plans to make grant awards at the July 2026 meeting.

Please click on the links to the grant type of interest (above) for application requirements and login information. If you already have an Online Application login, you may [access the application directly](#).

Staff Contact

If you have questions about applying for a Restoration, Technical Assistance or Engagement OWEB grant, please [contact the Regional Program Representative](#) for your region. If you are new to OWEB and our grant program, please visit [OWEB's website](#).

Thank you for your interest in watershed restoration and protection!
Eric Williams, Grant Program Manager