



Klamath County Drought Resilience Restoration Grant Program

Introduction

This document supplements OWEB's Guidance on Budgeting in Grants (GoBig), which covers all grant programs. To access OWEB's standard GoBig document, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Documents/GoBIG.pdf>. The items outlined in this supplement are specific to the Klamath County Drought Resilience Restoration Grant Program and different from other grant programs, primarily due to the General Fund (tax dollar) source used to fund this program and the Legislative intent for these funds.

Grant budgets will be reviewed per program guidance.

Eligible activities must include long-term drought resilience solutions and water use reduction. Eligible activities include:

- Irrigation sprinkler conversion**
- Upgrading irrigation infrastructure**
- Irrigation tailwater recovery systems**
- Irrigation land leveling**
- Soil moisture monitoring
- Conversion to drought-resistant crop(s)/forage
- Conversion to dryland agriculture
- Other drought resilience activities may be eligible. Before choosing this activity type, contact the OWEB Drought Project Manager to determine if the proposed activity is eligible.

**All irrigation water management activities must include use of a totalizing flowmeter as part of the proposed project.

Budget Differences from "Regular" OWEB Grants

Expenses for eligible costs and activities will be retroactive to December 14, 2021. All receipt requirements remain the same as for other OWEB grants.

Grant awards are capped at \$250,000 per application. Smaller funding requests are welcome. The final funding level for awarded grants will depend on the number of proposed projects recommended for funding following technical review. The total grant funding for these programs is a minimum of \$730,750, including awards made under the separate Klamath County Drought Resilience Technical Assistance and Stakeholder Engagement Grant Program.

Contingencies are not allowed.

Promotional items and extensive stakeholder engagement activities are not allowed. Websites, facility or meeting room rentals, software purchase, food of any kind, and printing are also not allowed.

Equipment purchase is allowed; however, equipment purchase expenses will be evaluated for necessity to project outcomes. For example, pumping stations may be considered as part of updating irrigation infrastructure.

Equipment usage rates are allowed. Grantees may charge equipment rental rates. OWEB reserves the right to request additional information regarding how the equipment rental rates being sought for reimbursement were calculated.

Indirect costs are capped at a 10% maximum amount, regardless of any other negotiated rate. For those with a federally negotiated indirect cost rate (FNICR), the difference between the 10% and the FNICR can be used for match.

Post-grant costs are allowed.

Additionally, OWEB encourages grantees to minimize indirect costs associated with any subawards or contracts in order to focus use for funding for on-the-ground implementation.

Billing

At a minimum, grantees are required to bill OWEB quarterly. Billing more frequently is allowed.

Advances are allowed through March 31, 2023.

To ensure funding is being expended in a timely manner that will meet the June 30, 2023 funding end-date, all grantees will be required to report expenses and progress in quarterly reports. All spending and activities under the grant must be completed by June 30, 2023.

In addition, annual post-implementation status reporting will be required once the grant has ended. Post-implementation status reporting requirements will be detailed in the grant agreement.