

ERC: Agency Program Fund Pre-Proposal Summary

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Summary

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Site Clean-Up, Remediation, and Redevelopment

Title: Oregon Priority Brownfields Initiative

Agency: DEQ & OHA

Amount Requested: \$6 million

Outcomes:

- Protects public health and the environment from toxic exposures through site characterization and cleanups.
- Alleviates the environmental and health burdens experienced by underrepresented and disproportionately impacted communities.
- Supports safe reuse of properties for community benefit, including affordable housing, greenspace, and other public and private uses.
- Supports meaningful engagement with communities and Tribes.
- Examples include: Green Lents Community Orchard, Cully Park landfill redevelopment, Willamette Cove upland, JH Baxter, Bradford Island.



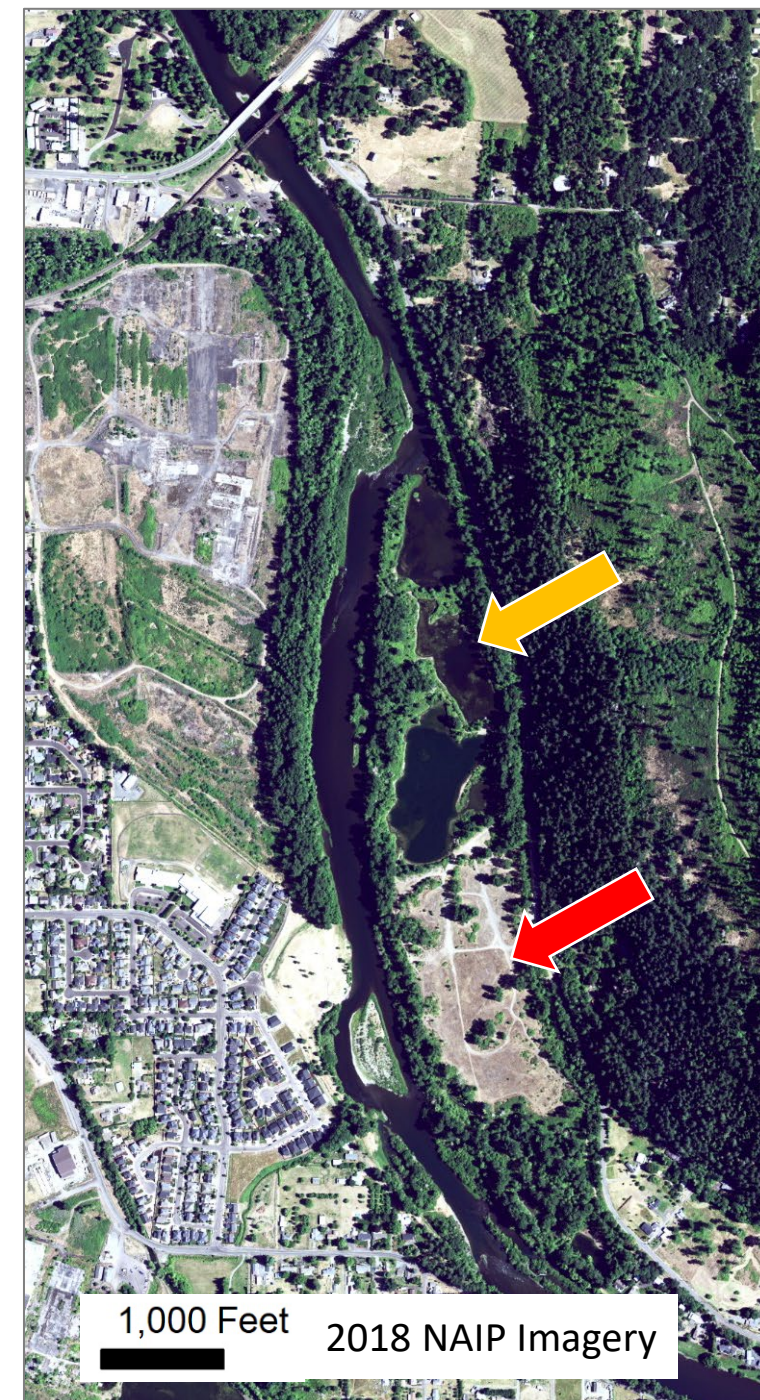
Title: Enhanced Reclamation of Mine Sites

Agency: DOGAMI

Amount Requested: \$1 million

Outcomes:

- Revegetation, restored riparian function, and/or restored floodplain connectivity for up to 13 closed mine sites in the Willamette Valley.
- Reduces surface runoff, creates off-channel fish habitat and fish passage, supports native vegetation planting, increases shade, enhances the mixing of groundwater and surface water cooling river temperatures, and builds resilience to drought and flooding.



Reducing Human (Environmental) Exposure to Contamination

Title: Address Groundwater Contamination from Failing Septic Systems

Agency: DEQ

Amount Requested: \$4 million

Outcomes:

- Provides low interest loans and grants to repair or replace failing septic systems.
- Contributes to restoration of groundwater and surface waters contaminated by failing systems.
- Funding would support ~160 septic repairs or replacements over two years (~26M gallons of improved wastewater treatment per year).
- Includes outreach and program marketing focused on low- and moderate-income households.



Title: Expand Science and Monitoring Activities focused on Toxics Reduction and Restoration Grant Efforts

Agency: DEQ

Amount Requested: \$2.1 million



Outcomes:

- Collect & analyze water column and fish/shellfish tissue samples for contaminants including PFAS and PCBs.
- Project planning and development will be coordinated in collaboration with ODFW, OHA, Tribal Nations, and other interested parties.
- Data reporting will inform OHA fish and shellfish consumption advisories, if warranted.

Title: Healthy Fish Consumption Program Expansion

Agency: OHA

Amount Requested: \$1.4 million

Outcomes:

- Broaden geographic scope and sharpen the focus of fish tissue collection and analysis to the places and the fish species people harvest.
- Build on existing fish tissue collection, analysis and data sharing collaborations with DEQ & ODFW – go beyond existing natural resource agency cleanup and wildlife restoration
- Resource local partners for community engagement, data collection and education
- Design, install and maintain permanent educational signage.
- Prioritize subsistence fishing



Title: Statewide Backflow Prevention Education, Inspection, and Testing

Agency: OWRD

Amount Requested: \$775,000

Outcomes:

- Rules amended to address backflow requirements when surface water is the source of irrigation water.
- Roughly 1000 inspections conducted in Groundwater Management Areas and surrounding areas to decrease incidents of contamination.
- Improved water quality in both groundwater and surface water already identified as “hot spots” needing to be addressed



Title: Pesticide Applicator Training Modernization

Agency: ODA

Amount Requested: \$1.5 million

Outcomes:

- Modernized training and testing content across all pesticide license categories, covering current buffer zone science, ESA protections, IPM practices, and watershed-specific environmental requirements.
- Complete Spanish translation of all priority materials; multilingual platform capacity for additional languages.
- Baseline pass rates established by license category and language; measurable improvement tracked against those baselines.
- Measurable reduction in violations that have a knowledge/training nexus, tracked through existing ODA compliance monitoring systems.

Remediation of Impaired Water Bodies

Title: Agricultural Water Quality Restoration Partnership

Agency: ODA

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Outcomes:

- Sub-grants will be given for riparian fencing, off-channel watering, native vegetation establishment, and irrigation efficiency in at least three priority areas.
- Streams will be buffered, and acres of riparian vegetation established; these will be documented by sub-grantee.
- Landowners will be served who are in areas outside current OWEB and NRCS eligibility, particularly smaller operations.
- Irrigation districts will be engaged as sub-grant partners at scale not previously achieved.

Habitat/Landscape Restoration

Title: Charting a Future for Cleaner Water: Contaminant Mitigation and Habitat Restoration in Priority Watersheds

Agency: ODFW

Amount Requested: \$4.5 million

In the Santiam and Mid Willamette Basins:

- 120-acre habitat restoration on a former brownfield near a remediated Superfund site.
- Alternatives analysis to convert a quarry into habitat and a park
- A basin-wide contaminant assessment and an analysis to reduce methylmercury impacts on amphibians.
- Implementation of additional on-the-ground projects.

In the Umpqua Basin:

- Wetland restoration on a 77-acre former brownfield.
- Cleanup on 160-acres impacted by mining & illegal cannabis.
- Restoration on a site impacted by the 2020 Archie Creek Fire.

In the Rogue Basin:

- Reconnecting a 20-acre floodplain downstream of the 2020 Almeda Fire to capture contaminants;
- Designing a floodplain enhancement project upstream of Medford's drinking water intake;
- Implementing soil-health treatment to reduce PFAS.



Photo: RDG & CWC, taken at Albany Oxbows



Photo: CWC, taken at Bowers restoration site

Title: From Assessment to Action: Turning the Tide on Contaminants to Restore Oregon's Aquatic Species and Habitats

Agency: ODFW

Amount Requested: \$5 million

Outcomes:

Leverage shared expertise at ODFW, DEQ, OHA, and other partners to address contaminant impacts on Pacific lamprey and freshwater mussels; prioritize restoration sites; inform consumption advisories; and recover species.

Support CRITFC priority lamprey and mussel recovery efforts:

- Provide Pacific lamprey passage through translocation and by implementing two passage projects.
- Improve understanding of species conditions at Willamette Falls and other key sites in Oregon.
- Evaluate contaminant impacts to determine restoration site suitability.

Investigate freshwater mussel die-offs to determine the role of contaminants.



Photo: Ben Clemens, ODFW



Photo: Freshwaters Illustrated, taken in the North Fork Umpqua.

Improved Environmental Protection/Resource Management

Title: Research data and planning tools to prepare for the emerging tire contaminant 6PPD-quinone (6PPD-q).

Agency: ODOT

Amount Requested: \$1.9 million

Outcomes:

- Improved knowledge of where 6PPD-q contamination “hotspots” might be located on the state highway system.
- Improved performance evaluation of current stormwater best management to inform new BMPs without costly retrofits
- Enhanced intra-state, Tribal and federal agency collaboration, including sharing of project deliverables and benefits.

Title: Maintain OWEB Drinking Water Source Protection Program

Agency: OWEB/OHA

Amount Requested: \$1.2 million

Outcomes:

- Reduced exposure to contaminants through proactive drinking water protection in small rural communities.
- Grants to public water systems to protect, restore, or enhance sources of drinking water through land acquisition and conservation.
- Helps communities avoid costly water treatment, supports local economic development.
- Grants will be provided to communities to acquire land, easements or covenants from willing sellers.



Next Steps

- Review Feedback
- Refine package for Council consideration June 22nd