



# Water Project Grants and Loans Funding Recommendation



## Water Project Grants and Loans – 2020 Funding Cycle

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September 2, 2020

The Oregon Water Resources Department is inviting public comment on the Technical Review Team (TRT) application ranking and funding recommendation for the 2020 cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. After reviewing public comments, the Department will present a funding recommendation for consideration and approval by the Water Resources Commission. The tentative date for the Commission to make its funding decision is November 19-20, 2020.

*Written comments on the TRT application ranking and funding recommendation will be accepted until 5:00pm, October 2, 2020.*

Please submit comments to: Grant Program Coordinator  
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### Technical Review Team Ranking - 2020 Funding Cycle

The Department solicited grant and loan applications through May 28, 2020. During that time the Department received 12 complete applications requesting \$18,828,217 in project implementation funds. The Technical Review Team (TRT), a multi-agency technical review team, reviewed, scored, and ranked each application. The TRT scoring criteria was based upon the [Scoring Criteria](#) document. The score and rank is based on the combined public benefit score for the public benefits as described in the project application. An application could score up to 72 points in each of the economic, environmental, and social/cultural public benefit categories. A proposed project could receive up to 24 additional preference points; up to 12 points for legally protecting water instream and up to 12 points for collaboration (these are listed in the "Other" category). There is a maximum public benefit score of 240 points.

Below is the TRT application ranking and funding recommendation for the 2020 funding cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. The three applications in Table 1 are recommended for funding by the TRT. These represent the projects with the greatest public benefits as evaluated by the TRT. The applications in Table 2 are not recommended for funding at this time. The TRT determined that, as submitted, applications ranked 4 through 12 did not demonstrate or support sufficient public benefits to justify funding at this time consistent with the criteria identified in the [Scoring Criteria](#) document. Additional information from the TRT review will be available in forthcoming application evaluation summaries. That document will be posted online for review when available.

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**Table 1. Applications Recommended for Funding**

TRT Rank	2020 Funding Cycle Application	Funding Request	Public Benefit Category Score Breakdown				Total Score
			Economic	Environmental	Social/Cultural	Other	
1	Deschutes Basin Flow Restoration - Group 3	\$1,200,000	28	25	16	12	81
2	Eastside Lateral Pipeline & Water Conservation Project	\$2,000,000	19	27	21	12	79
3	Lone Pine Irrigation Modernization Project	\$1,600,000	17	16	11	7	51
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,800,000</b>					

**Table 2. Applications Not Recommended for Funding at this Time**

TRT Rank	2020 Funding Cycle Application	Funding Request	Public Benefit Category Score Breakdown				Total Score
			Economic	Environmental	Social/Cultural	Other	
4	Prineville Airport ASR	\$2,876,174	19	6	11	2	38
5	Muddy Creek Water Use & Restoration Project	\$462,913	6	8	8	3	25
6	Highland Ditch Piping Project	\$2,250,000	9	7	5	2	23
7	Currant Creek Storage, Flow Augmentation & Fish Passage	\$2,289,165	7	6	4	3	20
8	Marks Creek Riparian Meadow Restoration	\$134,240	9	5	5	1	20
9	Fishhawk Lake Storage Protection Project	\$2,687,342	7	3	8	1	19
10	Tri City Water System Improvements	\$1,650,000	10	1	7	0	18
11	Gran Moraine Rainwater Collection & Reuse	\$403,383	9	2	2	0	13
12	Basalt Well Project at the Miller Road Treatment Plant	\$1,275,000	5	1	4	1	11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,028,217</b>					