



Feasibility Study Grants



Helping Oregon evaluate water resource projects

CURRENT CYCLE: Applications Due: October 14, 2016 Target Decision Date: May 2017
NEXT CYCLE: Applications Due: October 2017 Target Decision Date: May 2018

Background

As recommended in Oregon's 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy, the Water Resources Development Program seeks to help individuals and communities address instream and out-of-stream needs now and into the future. The program includes three components: placed-based planning, Feasibility Study Grants, and Water Project Grants and Loans. Feasibility Study Grants provide match funding for project planning studies performed to evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse, or storage projects.

What is a feasibility study?

A feasibility study is an assessment of a proposed project. Feasibility Study Grants fund qualifying costs of studies that evaluate the feasibility of a proposed conservation, reuse, or storage project that appears to have merit but is lacking important details necessary to determine whether or not to proceed with implementation. The feasibility study focuses on helping to answer the essential question of, "should we proceed with the proposed project idea?" All activities of the study are directed toward helping answer this question.

Grant cost-share requirements

A Feasibility Study Grant can provide up to 50 percent of the total cost of the feasibility study. Applicants must provide a dollar-for-dollar match. To apply, match funds can be in-kind or cash match and either pending or secured. Match must be firm and secured prior to the release of grant funds.

How to apply

Application materials and guidance are available online at <http://bit.ly/owrdfsgrants>. Applications for the next cycle will be due in October 2017.

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Eligible Studies

Eligible studies examine the feasibility of water conservation, reuse, and storage projects. Studies may include, but are not limited to:

- Analyses of hydrological refill capacity, water needs, geology, or hydrology
- Engineering and water exchange studies
- Evaluation of financial feasibility;
- Fiscal analysis
- Study of instream ecological flows
- Comparative analyses of alternative means of supplying water, including costs and benefits
- Analyses of environmental impacts or public benefits
- Hydrological analyses
- Evaluation of water quality impacts