



Water Project Grants and Loans



Partnering with Oregonians to invest in water resource projects

Applications Due: April 5, 2017 Target Decision Date: November 2017

Overview

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 839, establishing the Water Supply Development Account to provide grants and loans for water projects to evaluate, plan, and develop instream and out-of-stream water projects that have economic, environmental and social/cultural benefits. Projects must provide benefits in each of these three categories to be eligible for funding. The Department has approximately \$5 million remaining for this funding opportunity in the 2015-2017 biennium.

Grants require a 25 percent cost-share match, which may include in-kind contributions. Additional requirements apply to storage projects – please contact the Department for more information.

How to apply

Applications are accepted year round, but are reviewed annually. The 2017 cycle deadline is **April 5, 2017**.

Applications accepted after the deadline will be reviewed the following cycle. Applications, instructions, FAQs, and guidance on how applications will be evaluated are available online at <http://bit.ly/owrdfundingforms>.

Prior to applying for a grant or loan, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Department staff to learn about funding requirements and the evaluation criteria. Department staff are available for pre-application conferences to help applicants submit strong applications.

Review process

After the application deadline closes, the Department will accept public comments on all complete applications. A technical review team then scores and ranks projects based on the project's economic, environmental, and social/cultural public benefits. The technical review team provides funding recommendations to the Water Resources Commission. An additional opportunity for public comment will be provided before the Water Resources Commission makes a final determination on projects that will receive funding. The Department anticipates that the Water Resources Commission will make funding decisions for the 2017 cycle in November 2017.

Eligible Projects

Projects eligible for funding, include but are not limited to:

- Conservation
- Reuse
- Above-ground storage
- Below-ground storage
- Streamflow protection or restoration
- Water distribution, conveyance, or delivery systems in connection with newly developed or existing water
- Other water resource development projects that result in economic, environmental, and social/cultural public benefits

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