



Oregon Water Resources Development Program

Helping Oregon Communities Address Instream and Out-of-Stream Water Needs

Overview

Oregon's 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy provides a blueprint for understanding and addressing our water resources needs and challenges, recommending that the state conduct local "place-based" integrated water resources planning and invest in the investigation and implementation of water resource projects. The Water Resources Development Program seeks to help individuals and communities address instream and out-of-stream water resources needs now and into the future.

Program Components

The program includes three components to help address Oregonian's water resources needs:

- **Place-Based Planning** empowers communities to work collaboratively, in partnership with the state, to understand their instream and out-of-stream water resources needs and identify potential solutions to meet those needs;
- **Feasibility Study Grants** cover up to 50 percent of the costs of studies to evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse, and storage projects; and
- **Water Project Grants and Loans** allow the state to invest in projects that meet instream and out-of-stream needs, while providing economic, environmental, and social/cultural benefits.

	 Place-Based Planning	 Feasibility Studies	 Water Projects
Authorization	2015 – Place-Based Planning (SB 266)	2008 – Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program (SB 1069)	2013 – Water Supply Development Account (SB 839)
'15-'17 Funding	\$750,000 for grants (none remaining)	\$2.8 million for grants (~\$1 million remaining)	\$14 million for grants or loans (~\$5 million remaining)
Deadline	N/A	October 2017	April 5, 2017
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Oregon Water Resources Development Program Components

Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning



Place-based planning is a voluntary, locally initiated and led effort in which a balanced representation of water interests within a basin, watershed, or groundwater area work in partnership with the state to: characterize current water resources and issues; understand current and future instream and out-of-stream water needs; and identify and prioritize solutions to address those needs. As shown in the map, the Department is currently partnering with four places to pilot place-based planning. Community-Based Water Planning in Harney County, Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership, Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership, and Lower John Day Sub-Basin.

Place-Based Planning Pilot Areas



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Feasibility Study Grants



Feasibility Study Grants fund qualifying costs of studies that evaluate the feasibility of a proposed conservation, reuse, or storage project. A feasibility study is an assessment of the practicality of a proposed project and can be used to determine *if* and *how* a project should proceed to implementation. A Feasibility Study Grant can provide up to 50 percent of the total cost of the feasibility study. Applications are due in the fall of each year, with funding decisions made the following spring.

2017 Cycle

Applications Due:
October 14, 2016

Anticipated Funding Decision:
May 2017

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Water Project Grants & Loans



This funding opportunity provides grants and loans to evaluate, plan, and implement instream and out-of-stream water projects that have economic, environmental and social/cultural benefits. Eligible projects include: conservation, reuse, above-ground storage, below-ground storage, streamflow protection or restoration, water distribution, conveyance, or delivery systems, and other water resource projects that provide public benefits. Applications are due in the spring of each year, with funding decisions made in the fall.

2017 Cycle

Applications Due:
April 5, 2017

Anticipated Funding Decision:
November 2017

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