



Water Project Grants and Loans



2021 Awards

The Oregon Water Resources Commission awarded \$7,549,376 in grants to six projects for the 2021 cycle of Water Project Grants and Loans. The funding awards are made based on the public benefits the project would achieve as described in the project application. Based on currently available funds, two projects were immediately awarded funding. An additional four projects were provisionally awarded funding, with funding anticipated to be available in May 2022. For more information on funding cycles, visit this link to view [Funding Cycle History](#).

The following projects were immediately awarded funding:

- **Butte Creek Mill Water Supply Security and Instream Transfer** (Trout Unlimited) received a \$459,828 award to purchase a senior industrial water right for the purposes of operating the Butte Creek Mill and completing an instream water transfer. The project would secure additional water in Little Butte Creek and allow the Butte Creek Mill to re-open.
- **Deschutes Basin Flow Restoration – Group 6A** (Tumalo Irrigation District) was awarded \$1,391,927 to replace 2.3 miles of an open irrigation canal with pipe. System efficiencies would be achieved in addition to legally protecting the conserved water instream.

The following projects were provisionally awarded funding:

- **Smith Rock-King Way Project Irrigation Modernization Project** (Deschutes River Conservancy, Central Oregon Irrigation District, and North Unit Irrigation District) were awarded \$2,093,081 to pipe over 4.3 miles of two open canals in the Central Oregon Irrigation District. Water conserved would be transferred to the North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) to improve water right reliability for junior users and in exchange, NUID would legally protect water in the Upper Deschutes River to enhance instream flows.
- **Fitzpatrick Conservation Project** (Trout Unlimited and Jeremy McCullough/Rocking M Cattle Company) received a \$529,840 award to replace an irrigation ditch with pipe and convert flood irrigation to center pivot irrigation. The project would improve agricultural production on a family ranch and legally protect water instream.
- **John Day Innovation Gateway Adaptive Water Reuse** (City of John Day) received an award of \$2,981,200 that would fund the storage, pumping, and distribution infrastructure to deliver reclaimed water generated from the City's anticipated new water reclamation facility. The project would deliver recycled water for a variety of users that currently divert freshwater.
- **Muddy Creek Water Use and Stream Restoration Project** (Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council) received a \$93,500 award to construct a fish passage channel and restore 1.5 miles of stream channel habitat. The project would maintain the water right permit for irrigation at the Shine Brother's Ranch and improve habitat for fish.