



Place-Based Water Planning Funding

2026 Application Information

July 27, 2026

Background

Place-Based Water Planning (PBWP) is a voluntary, locally-led, and collaborative process that brings together water interests to develop a holistic understanding of an area's water resources and plan for a water future that promotes and sustains a healthy economy, environment, and society. The Place-Based Water Planning Fund provides grants to support place-based initiatives to bring interested parties together, develop and update place-based water plans, and coordinate implementation of state-recognized plans (ORS 537.872 - 873).

The Place-Based Water Planning Fund supports four phases of planning. For the 2026 funding cycle, three grant types are available:

- 1. Planning Readiness Evaluation and Preparation (PREP) Grants:** Support the preparation for or assessment of a community's readiness to engage in place-based integrated water resources planning for a proposed planning area. *Up to \$100,000 (10% match required)*
- 2. Plan Development Grants:**
Support development of a place-based integrated water resources plan that follows a shared governance agreement, and the process, content, and structure required by OWRD. *Up to \$450,000 (25% match required)*
- 3. Post-Plan Coordination Grants:** Support implementation coordination of a state-recognized place-based integrated water resources plan. *Up to \$150,000 (25% match required)*

The application deadline for the 2026 funding cycle was July 2, 2026. The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) received seven complete applications, requesting a total of \$1,193,743 in grant funding for Place-Based Water Planning.

Document Description

Below is a brief informational overview of complete grant applications received by July 2, 2026 for the Place-Based Water Planning 2026 Funding cycle. Full applications may be accessed on OWRD's [funding cycle history](#) page or through the PBWP Grant Website: owrd.info/planning.

Next Steps

OWRD is soliciting public comment on Place-Based Water Planning applications **through 5 pm on September 10, 2026**. Please submit comments to: pbwp@water.oregon.gov or Planning Coordinator, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301.

Public comments submitted on applications will be considered by the Application Review Team (ART). The ART will evaluate applications and make funding recommendations to the OWRD Director. OWRD will post the ART funding recommendation for an additional 21-day public comment period. Awards will be announced in late 2026.

More Information

For questions about Place-Based Water Planning, please contact Lili Prah at 503-871-5868 or PBWP@water.oregon.gov.

Place-Based Water Planning Grant Applications Received

Grant Type	Planning Group	Applicant(s)	Counties	Grant Funds Requested
Planning Readiness Evaluation and Preparation (PREP)	Clackamas Watershed	Clackamas River Basin Council; Clackamas River Water Providers	Clackamas, Marion	\$100,000
	Columbia County Shared Waters Collaborative	Lower Columbia River Watershed Council	Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington	\$99,847
	Contiguous SW Groundwater Limited Areas	Chehalem Mountain Water Council	Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill	\$95,250
Plan Development	Inland Rogue Water Resiliency Group	Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District	Jackson, Josephine	\$449,993
Post-Plan Coordination	Harney Community-Based Water Planning Collaborative	Harney County Watershed Council, Inc.	Harney	\$150,000
	Lower John Day Place-Based Partnership	Gilliam Soil and Water Conservation District	Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler	\$150,000
	Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership	Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District	Lincoln	\$148,653
Total				\$1,193,743

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Clackamas Watershed

Application Information

Applicant Names: Clackamas River Basin Council; Clackamas River Water Providers

Counties: Clackamas, Marion

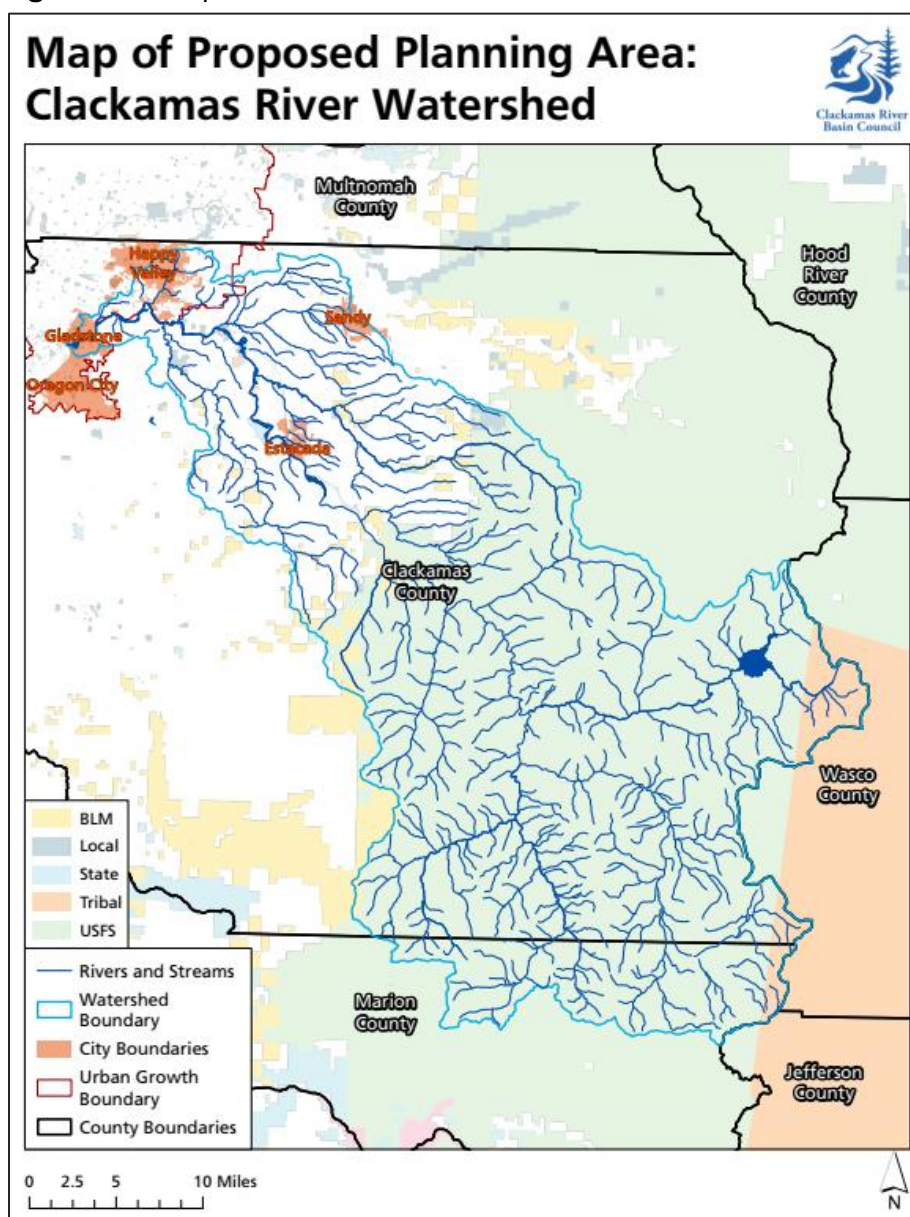
Grant Type: Planning Readiness Evaluation and Preparation (PREP)

Funding Requested: \$100,000

Planning Phase Leads: Clackamas River Basin Council and Clackamas River Water Providers

Proposed Grant Completion: June 30, 2028

Proposed Planning Area: 940 square miles



Columbia County Shared Waters Collaborative

Application Information

Applicant Name: Lower Columbia River Watershed Council

Counties: Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington

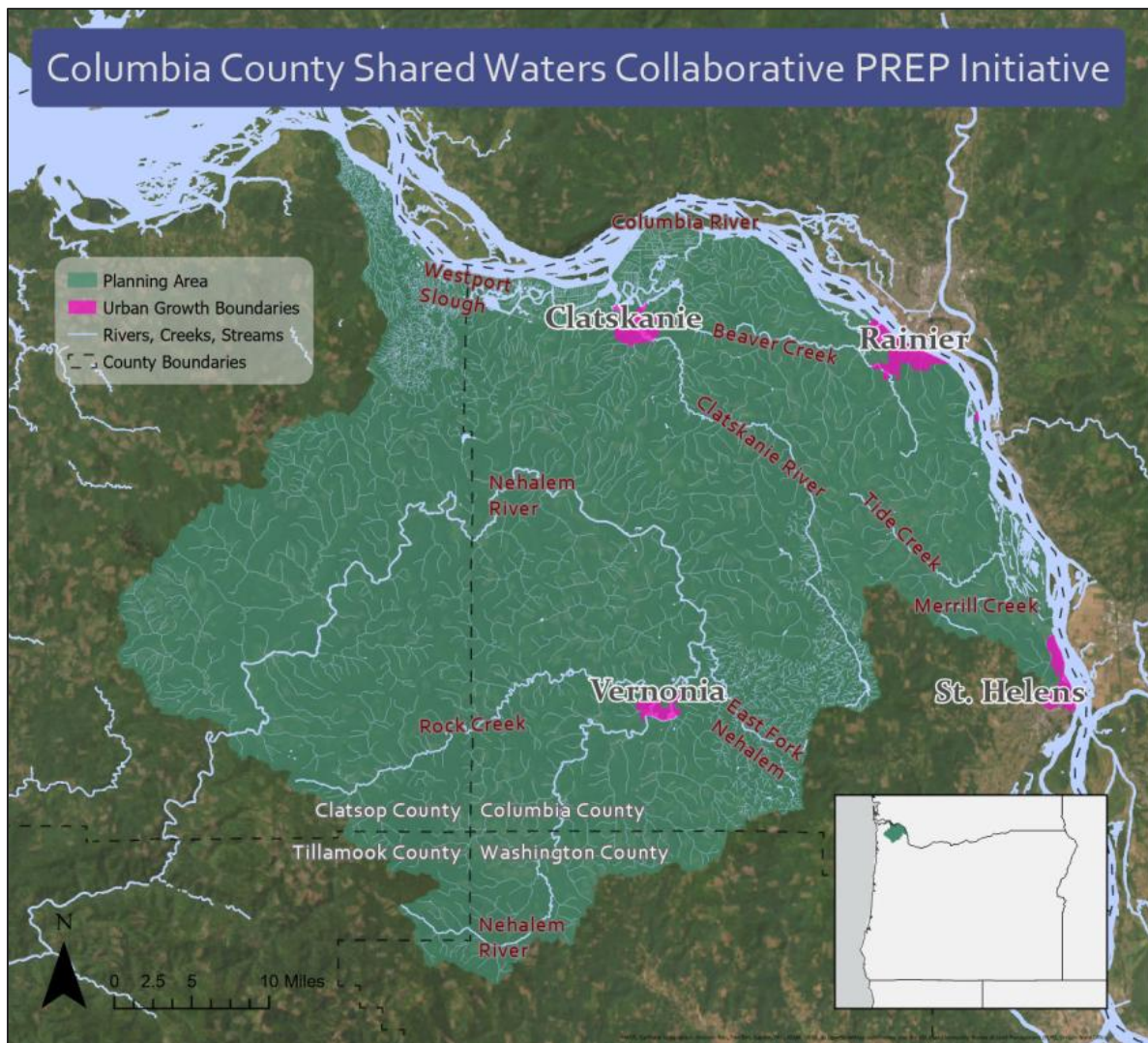
Grant Type: Planning Readiness Evaluation and Preparation (PREP)

Funding Requested: \$99,847

Planning Phase Leads: Columbia County Commissioner, Margaret Magruder; Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District Executive Director, Taylor Murray; Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Executive Director, Maggie Peyton; and the Interim Executive Director Lower Columbia River Watershed Council, Rachael Barry

Proposed Grant Completion: June 30, 2028

Proposed Planning Area: 839 square miles



Contiguous SW Groundwater Limited Areas

Application Information

Applicant Name: Chehalem Mountain Water Council

Counties: Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill

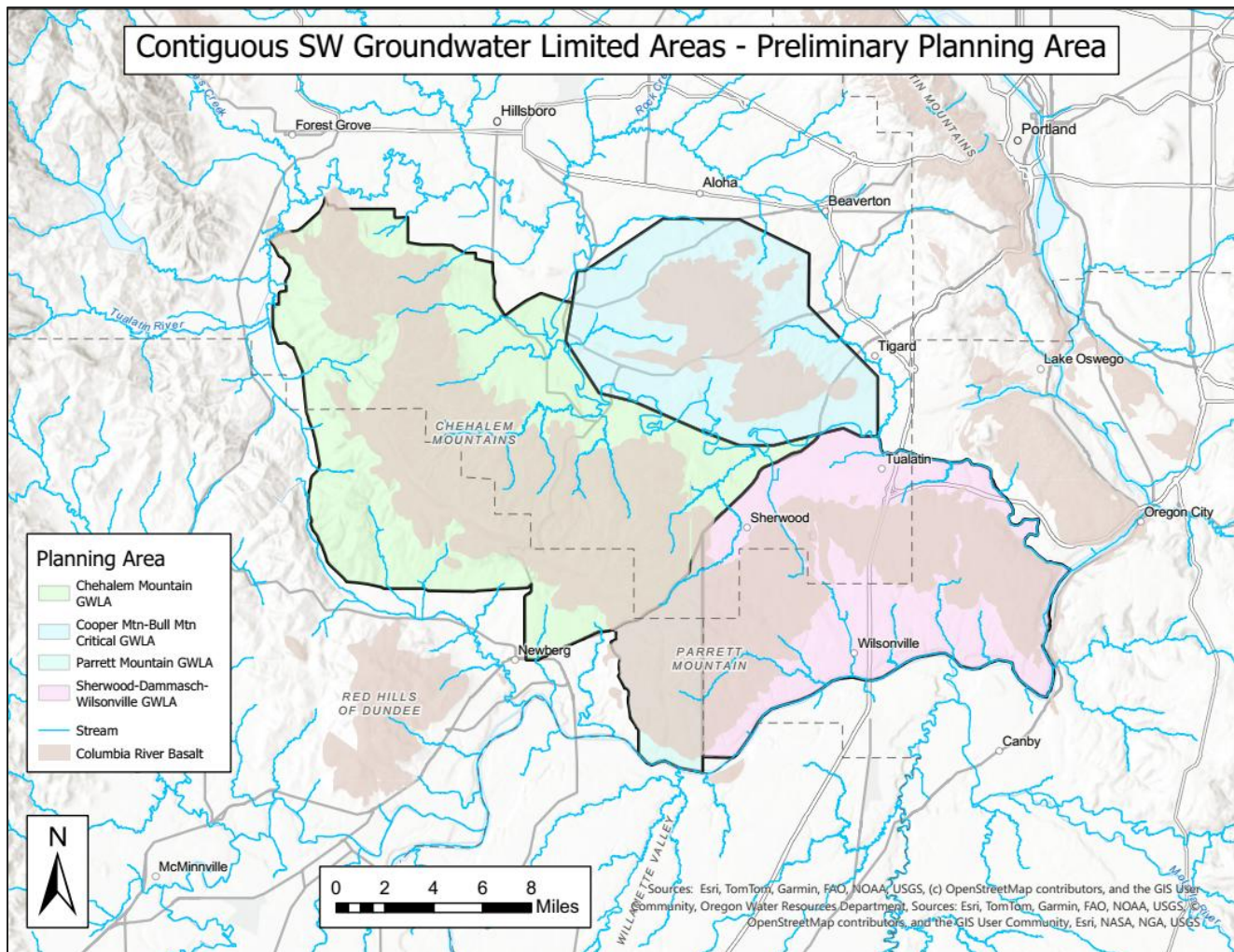
Grant Type: Planning Readiness Evaluation and Preparation (PREP)

Funding Requested: \$95,250

Planning Phase Lead: Karyn Hanson, President Chehalem Mountain Water Council

Proposed Grant Completion: June 1, 2028

Proposed Planning Area: 220 square miles



Inland Rogue Water Resiliency Group

Application Information

Applicant Name: Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District

Counties: Jackson, Josephine

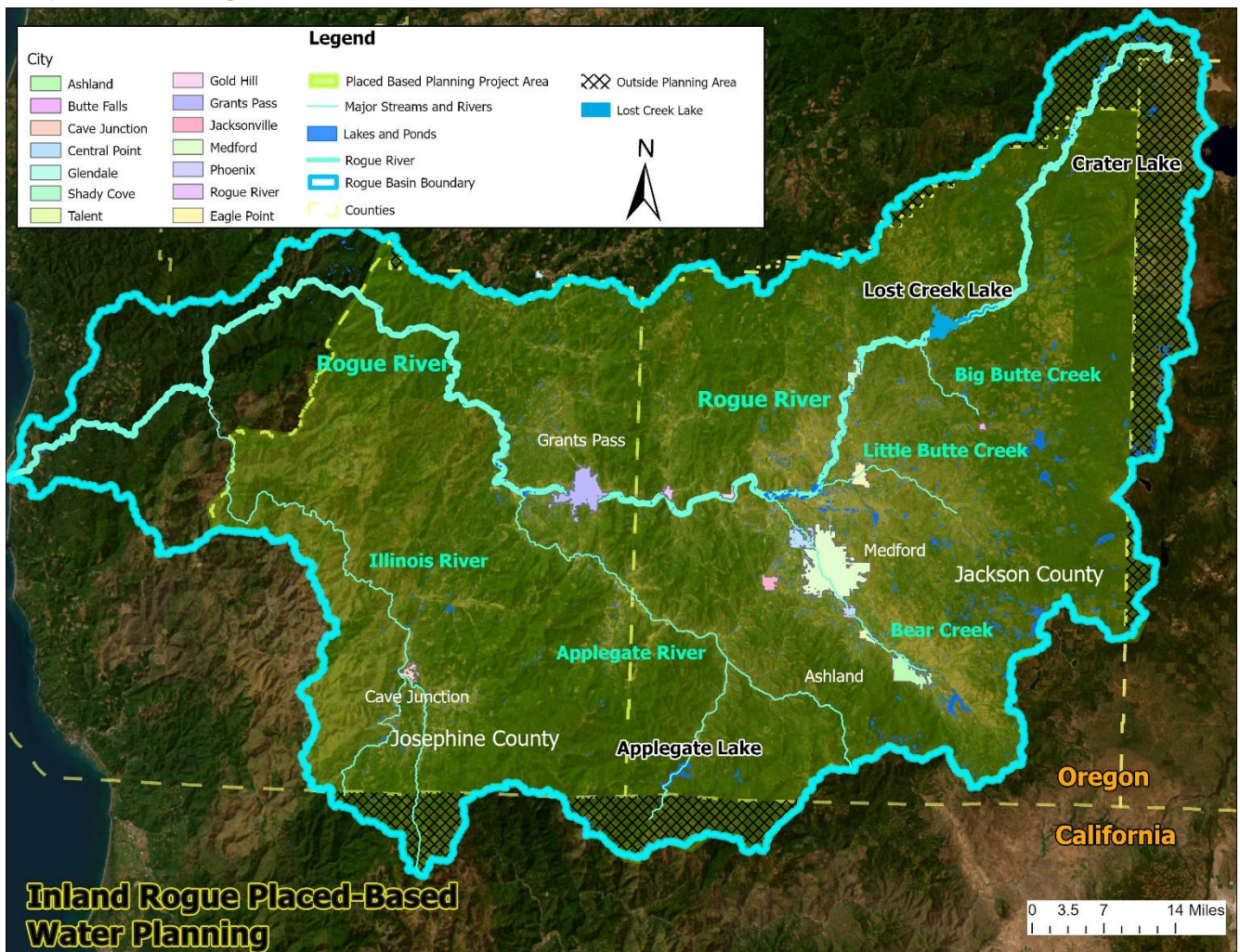
Grant Type: Plan Development

Funding Requested: \$449,993

Conveners: Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District and the Rogue River Watershed Council

Proposed Grant Completion: December 31, 2030

Proposed Planning Area: 4,170 square miles



Harney Community-Based Water Planning Collaborative

Application Information

Applicant Name: Harney County Watershed Council, Inc.

Counties: Harney

Grant Type: Post-Plan Coordination

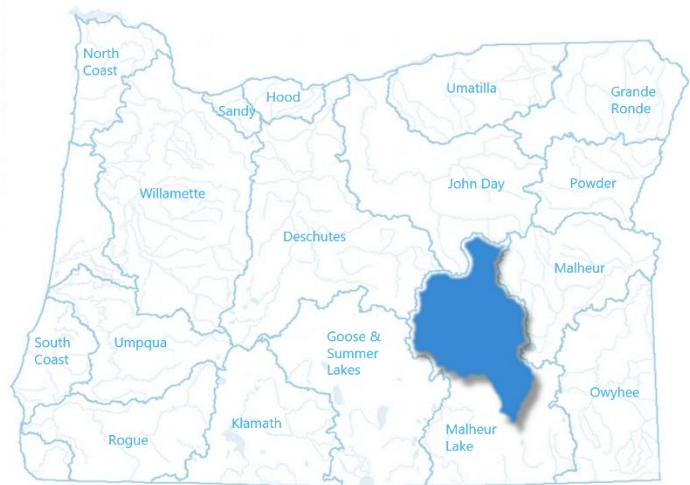
Funding Requested: \$150,000

Convener: Harney County Watershed Council

Proposed Grant Completion: August 31, 2028

State Recognition of Place-Based Water Plan:
September 2025

[Link to State-Recognized Plan](#)



Lower John Day Place-Based Partnership

Application Information

Applicant Name: Gilliam Soil and Water Conservation District

Counties: Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler

Grant Type: Post-Plan Coordination

Funding Requested: \$150,000

Conveners: Gilliam Soil and Water Conservation District and Mid John Day Watershed Council

Proposed Grant Completion: December 31, 2028

State Recognition of Place-Based Water Plan:
June 2022

[Link to State-Recognized Plan](#)



Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Application Information

Applicant Name: Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

Counties: Lincoln

Grant Type: Post-Plan Coordination

Funding Requested: \$148,653

Conveners: Tyler Clouse (Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District) and Adam Denlinger

Proposed Grant Completion: January 4, 2029

State Recognition of Place-Based Water Plan:
June 2022

[Link to State-Recognized Plan](#)

