# Place-Based Water Planning Funding

## 2026 Application Information

**July 29, 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 14, 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 Prahl 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

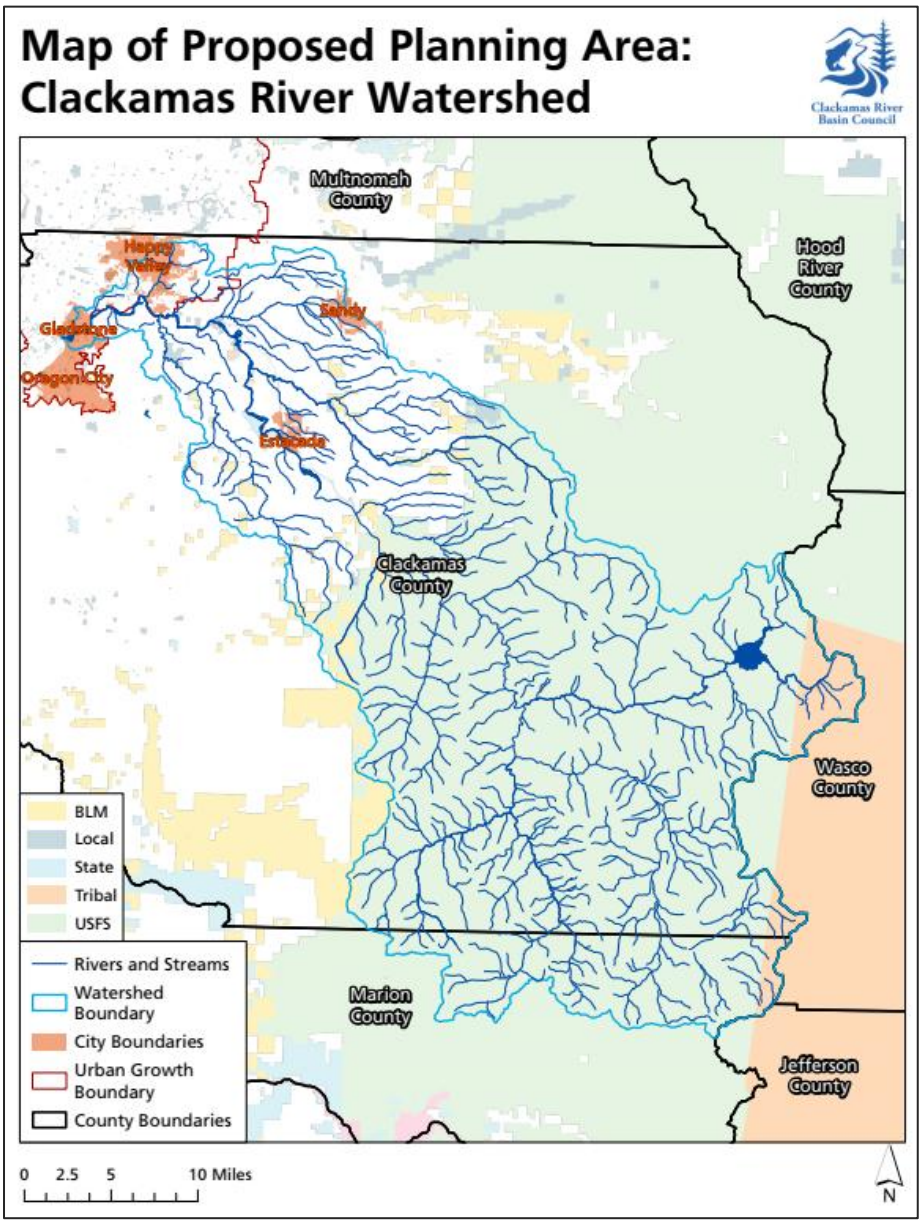
**Grant Type:** Planning Readiness Evaluation and Preparation (PREP)

**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

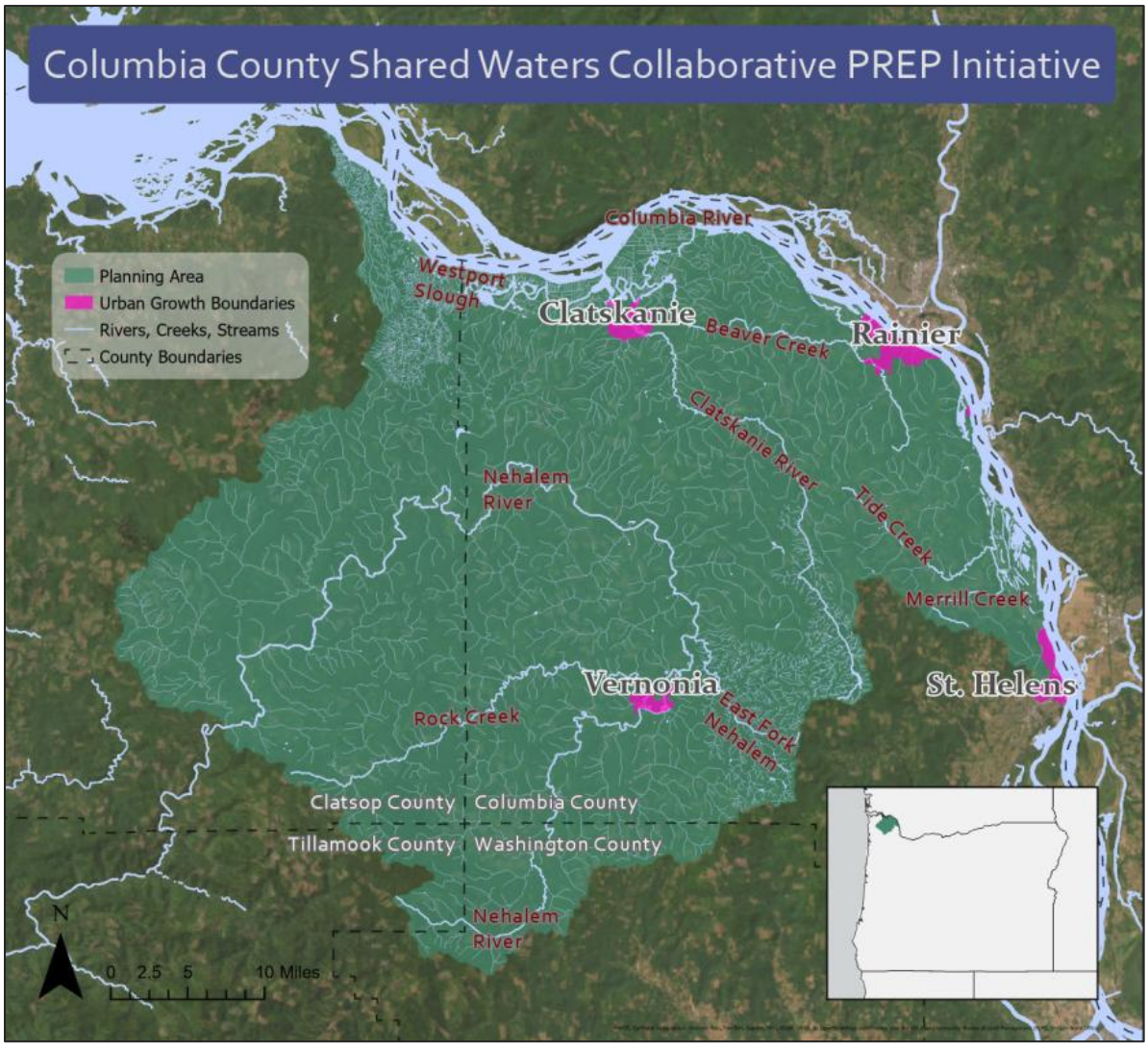
**Grant Type:** Planning Readiness Evaluation and Preparation (PREP)

**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

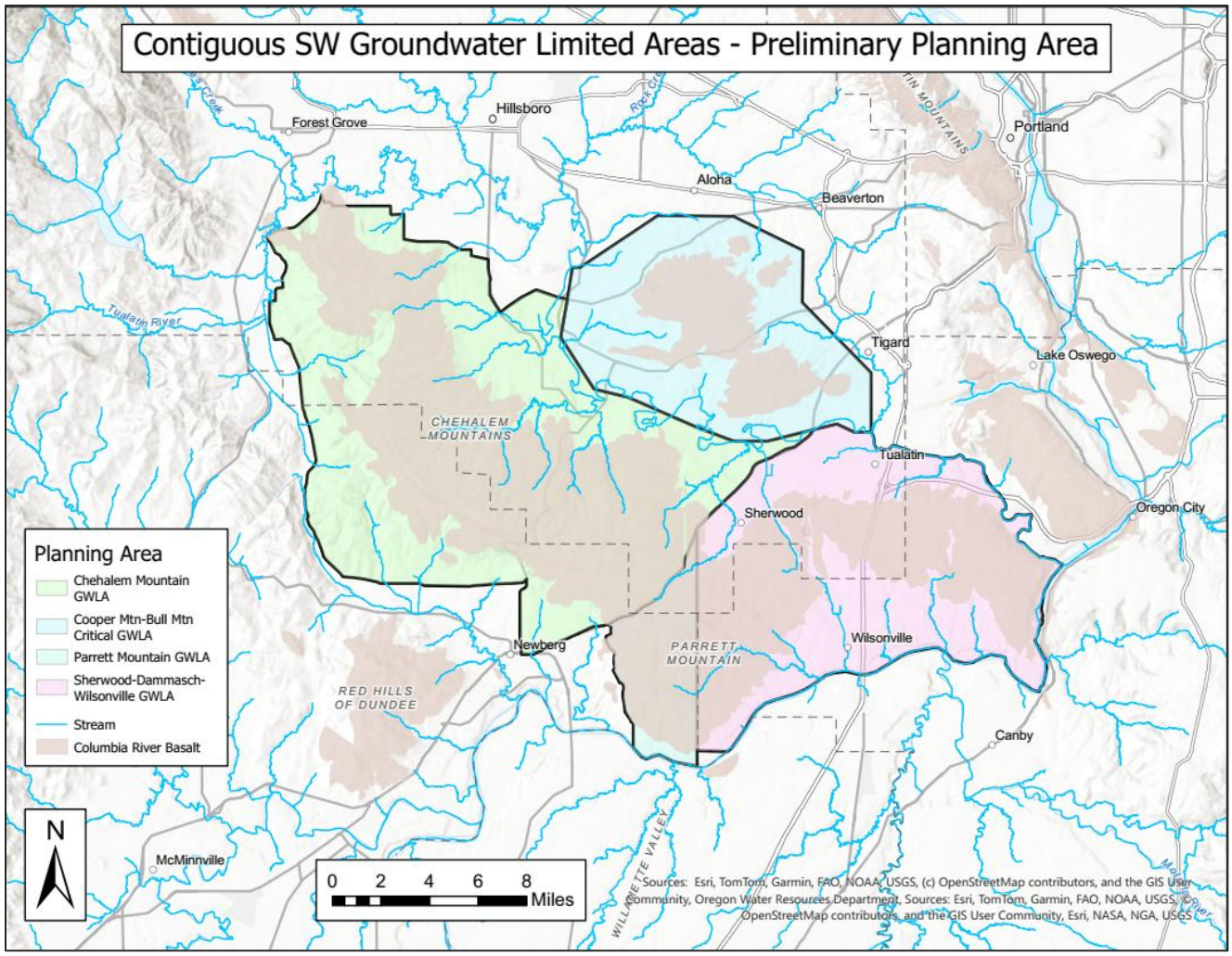
**Grant Type:** Planning Readiness Evaluation and Preparation (PREP)

**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

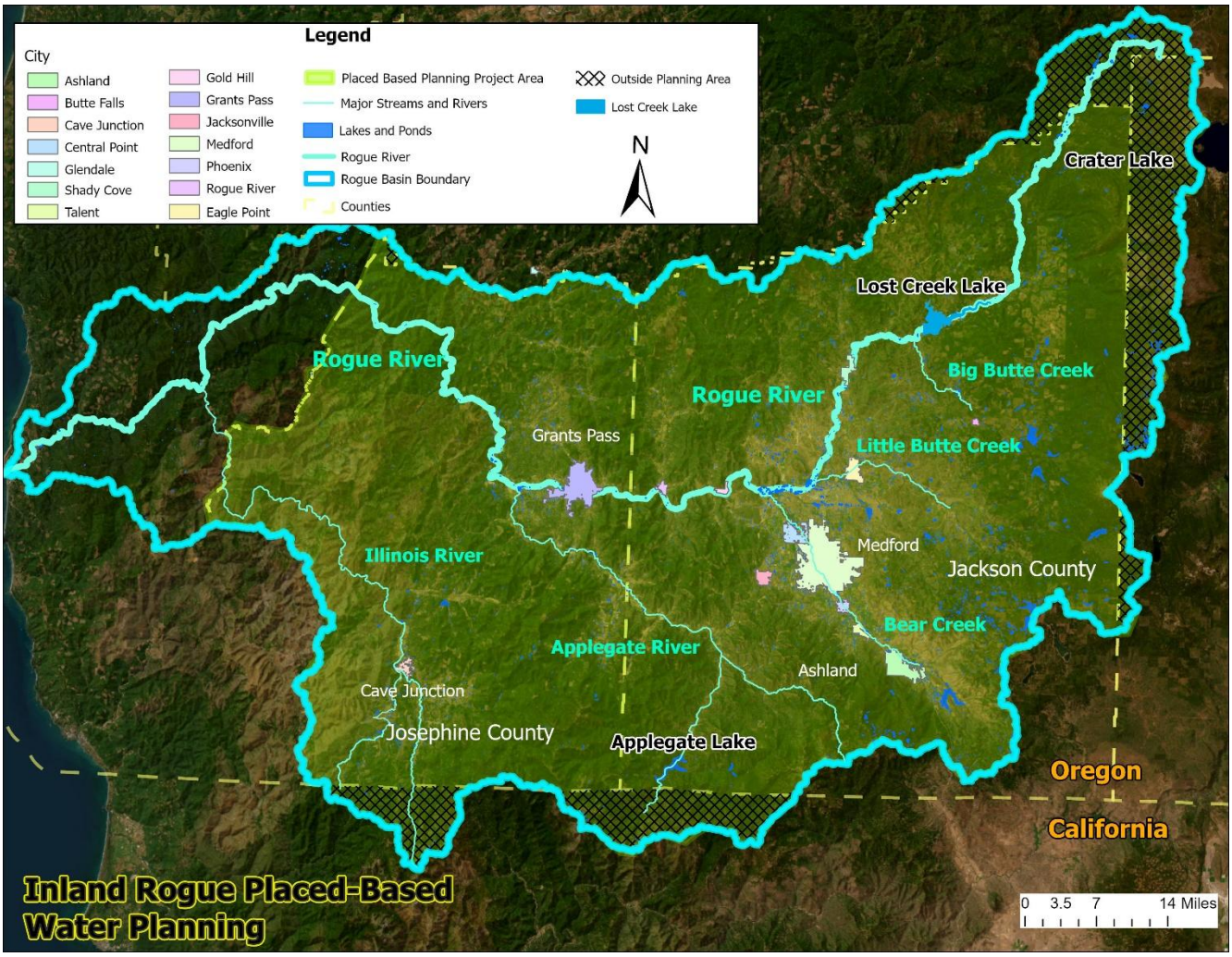
**Grant Type:** Plan Development

**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

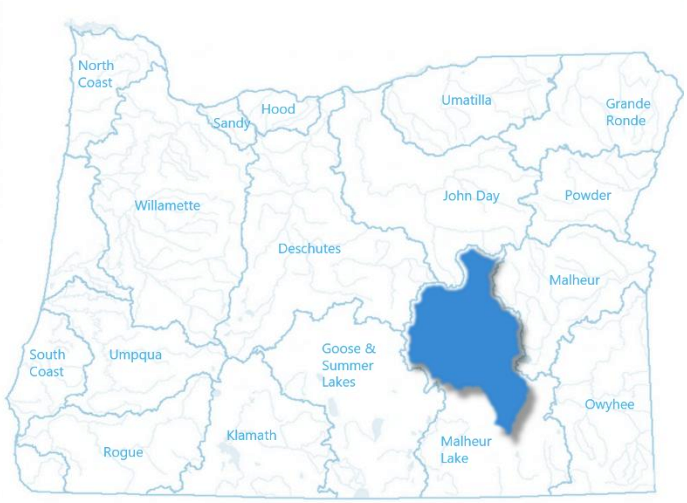
**Funding Requested:** $150,000

**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

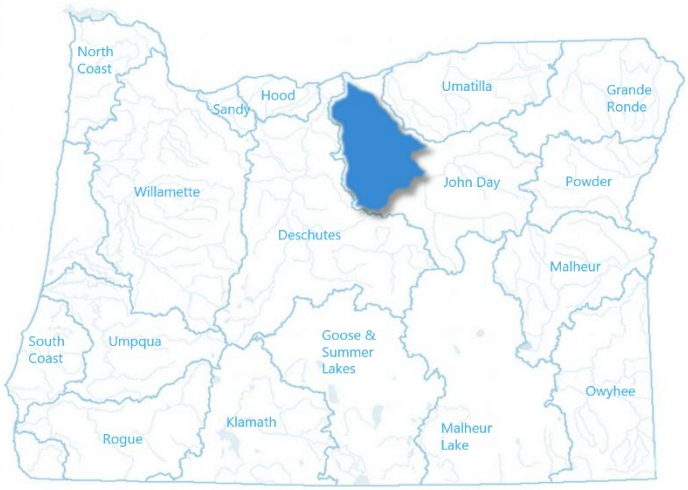
**Funding Requested:** $150,000

**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

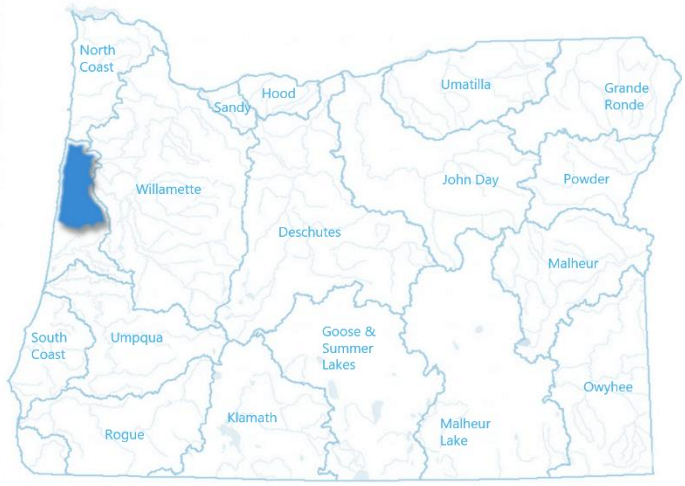
**Counties:** Lincoln

**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

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