



Water Measurement Cost Share Fund (WMCS)

About the Grant Program

The Oregon Water Resources Department's WMCS program provides grants to help qualifying water users with part of the cost to voluntarily install, replace, or substantially repair a water measurement device. Grants can help with the cost of measurement devices that protect streamflow or existing water rights, measure groundwater use, or monitor water rights and streamflow. Grants require a 25% cost-share match, which may include in-kind contributions.

Program Eligibility

You may qualify for funding if all the following apply:

Who can apply:

- You are the water right holder or have permission from the water right holder to apply for the grant.
- You are not currently required to measure your water as a condition of your water right or any other regulatory requirement.

Device location:

- Surface Water Diversion (for example, water diverted from a stream or reservoir): The measurement device must be installed at the authorized point of diversion identified in the water right.
- Groundwater Diversion (for example, water withdrawn from a well): The measurement device must be installed at the well or at the pump location on a sump where groundwater is withdrawn under the groundwater right.

Why Measure?

Water measurement devices allow water users to understand the amount of water they divert from a stream or withdraw from groundwater. Understanding how much water they are using is critical for water users to comply with the conditions of their water rights. When water users understand how much water they are using and when, they often identify ways to use their water more efficiently - which can reduce overall water and power consumption.

For more information, see the **Eligibility Section** in the [Program Guide](#) available at owrd.info/wmcs.

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How to Apply

1. Learn About the WMCS Program

- Visit owrd.info/wmcs and read the [Program Guide](#). This document explains program requirements and what costs may be covered.
- Grants are reimbursement-based. You will pay vendors directly, and OWRD will reimburse you after the post-work inspection is approved.

2. Work with your Watermaster to Select Your Device

- Contact your local [OWRD Watermaster](#) to identify and approve the appropriate water measurement device for your system.

3. Complete the Application

- Apply online at owrd.wizehive.app/program/wmcs/info.
- If you cannot apply online, paper applications can be mailed to you by request.
- Completed paper applications must be returned by mail to our office. To protect your confidential information, we do not accept applications by email.

Grant Process

Step	What Happens
1. Apply	Submit your WMCS application online. OWRD staff review your application for completeness, eligibility and confirmation your Watermaster has approved the proposed device.
2. Grant Agreement	If approved, OWRD will send you a grant agreement. Sign and return it to OWRD, who will countersign to finalize the award. Work cannot begin until your grant agreement is fully signed.
3. Complete the Work	Complete all approved work. Notify OWRD once work is complete.
4. Post Inspection	OWRD staff will conduct a post-work inspection to confirm the approved device was installed correctly and is measuring properly.
5. Reimbursement	After inspection approval, OWRD issues payment to you. You are responsible for paying any vendors or contractors directly.

For More Information



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