

Water Project Grants and Loans



Water Project Grants and Loans (SB 839) invests in projects that meet instream and out-of-stream needs, while providing economic, environmental, and social/cultural benefits. The following grant awards are listed by funding cycle in alphabetical order by county.

Grants Awarded at the June 2025 Commission Meeting

Irrigation Modernization Funding

In 2023, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 5030, providing \$50 million to issue grants for irrigation modernization projects. All projects below are irrigation modernization projects and received Irrigation Modernization funding.

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
East Fork Piping Project	East Fork Irrigation District	Hood River	\$4,942,925	\$18,748,700
NUID Irrigation Modernization and Winter Flow Augmentation Project – Lateral 43, Segment 3	North Unit Irrigation District	Jefferson	\$2,987,447	\$11,969,550
Klamath Irrigation District D-System Laterals Project	Klamath Irrigation District	Klamath	\$4,270,000	\$19,581,000
Eastside Canal Piping Project Phase 1	Talent Irrigation District	Jackson	\$3,991,000	\$4,991,000
Total			\$16,191,372	\$55,290,250

Grants Awarded at the December 2024 Commission Meeting

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Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
Bend Headworks Fish Screen Replacement*	North Unit Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$1,971,924	\$9,782,732
Winston Reservoir Replacement*	Winston-Dillard Water District	Douglas	\$3,700,000	\$7,038,500
Sweet Cron Irrigation Modernization Project*	Illinois Valley SWCD and Trout Unlimited	Josephine	\$535,868	\$669,890
Catherine Creek Elmer Dam Fish Passage and Flow Improvement	Union Soil and Water Conservation District	Union	\$1,924,463	\$7,267,790
Total			\$8,132,255	\$24,758,912

Irrigation Modernization Funding

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
Klamath Irrigation District A-3 Urban Canal Piping*^	Klamath Irrigation District	Klamath	\$907,290	\$3,629,159
Total			\$907,290	\$3,629,159

*The Commission provisionally recommended these projects for funding, subject to available funding from the spring 2025 bond sale.

^Grant declined by grantee due to their project proposal being denied by the US Bureau of Reclamation for their required matching funds.

Grants Awarded at the June 2024 Commission Meeting

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Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
McKay Creek Water Rights Switch Project*	Ochoco Irrigation District, Deschutes River Conservancy	Crook	\$7,500,000	\$49,900,000
Lone Pine Irrigation Modernization Phase 2	Lone Pine Irrigation District	Crook and Jefferson	\$775,000	\$4,698,000
Arnold Irrigation District Deschutes Basin Flow Restoration Project - Phases 3-4	Arnold Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$2,860,000	\$11,551,000
Deschutes Basin Flow and Water Quality Restoration Project – Group 6C	Tumalo Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$3,000,000	\$6,567,000
Phase 2: G and G2 Lateral Piping and Water Conservation Project	Deschutes River Conservancy	Deschutes	\$3,061,829	\$5,086,774
Farmers Canal Piping and Sediment Management Project	Farmers Irrigation District, Farmers Conservation Alliance	Hood River	\$2,527,000	\$10,840,000
Joint System Canal Piping Project Phase 1	Medford Irrigation District, Rogue River Valley Irrigation District	Jackson	\$2,210,000	\$7,360,000
Klamath Irrigation District Pump Plants and 2025 Main D Canal Improvements	Klamath Irrigation District, Farmers Conservation Alliance	Klamath	\$4,615,000	\$18,460,000
Kingman Lateral 1st Mile Piping	Owyhee Irrigation District	Malheur	\$2,000,000	\$5,100,000
Piping Lateral Canals in the Vale Bench: Building on Experience	Malheur Watershed Council	Malheur	\$3,601,238	\$6,121,238
Snake River Pumping Efficiencies**	Owyhee Irrigation District	Malheur	\$1,250,000	\$2,825,133
Total			\$33,400,067	\$128,509,145

* The Commission awarded an additional \$7,500,000 to the McKay Creek Water Rights Switch Project, which received grant funding in November 2023. A portion of the increased funding, \$4,000,000, was immediately awarded funding from Water Project Grants and Loans funds and the remaining \$3,500,000 was provisionally awarded, subject to available funding from the Irrigation Modernization funds spring 2025 bond sale. The Total Cost of Project includes the 2024 funding award, 2023 funding award, and match provided by the grantee.

** The Commission provisionally recommended this project for funding, subject to available funding from the Irrigation Modernization funds spring 2025 bond sale.

Grants Awarded at the November 2023 Commission Meeting

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
McKay Creek Water Rights Switch Project	Ochoco Irrigation District, Deschutes River Conservancy	Crook	\$4,063,000	\$45,131,286
Deschutes Basin Flow Restoration Project – Phase 2	Arnold Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$2,903,667	\$12,458,667
Irrigation Modernization and Winter Flow Augmentation Project – Segment 1-2	North Unit Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$3,075,000	\$20,300,000
Deschutes Basin Flow Restoration - Group 6b	Tumalo Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$2,190,726	\$5,465,625
Oanna & Yasui Sublateral Efficiency Project	East Fork Irrigation District	Hood River	\$1,499,875	\$3,800,000
Sarthou South Fork Little Butte Cr Irrigation Efficiency	Trout Unlimited	Jackson	\$252,177	\$315,238
Total			\$13,984,445	\$87,470,816

Grants Awarded at the November 2022 Commission Meeting

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
Deschutes Basin Flow Restoration - Group 4	Tumalo Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$2,000,000	\$8,706,808
Sublateral Modernization Project	East Fork Irrigation District	Hood River	\$822,995	\$1,878,295
Mill Creek Park Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project	City of Stayton	Marion	\$3,819,750	\$5,093,000
Fitzpatrick Conservation Project*	Trout Unlimited, Rocking M Cattle Company	Wallowa	\$68,064	\$90,752
Total			\$6,710,809	\$15,768,855

*The Commission awarded an additional \$68,064 to the Fitzpatrick Conservation Project, which received grant funding in December 2021. The Total Cost of Project includes only the 2022 funding and additional match provided by the grantee.

Grants Awarded at the December 2021 Commission Meeting

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
Smith Rock-King Way Project Irrigation Modernization Project*	Deschutes River Conservancy, Central Oregon Irrigation District, North Unit Irrigation District	Deschutes, Crook	\$2,093,081	\$4,406,365
Deschutes Basin Flow Restoration - Group 6A	Tumalo Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$1,391,927	\$6,140,034
John Day Innovation Gateway Adaptive Water Reuse*	City of John Day	Grant	\$2,981,200	\$13,581,200
Butte Creek Mill Water Supply Security and Instream Transfer	Trout Unlimited	Jackson	\$459,828	\$614,828
Muddy Creek Water Use and Stream Restoration Project*	Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council	Lake	\$93,500	\$776,561
Fitzpatrick Conservation Project*	Trout Unlimited, Rocking M Cattle Company	Wallowa	\$529,840	\$706,453
Total			\$7,549,376	\$26,225,441

* During its meeting, the Commission provisionally recommended these projects for funding, subject to available funding in spring 2022. These projects were awarded funding in 2022.

Grants Awarded at the November 2020 Commission Meeting

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
Lone Pine Irrigation Modernization Project	Lone Pine Irrigation District	Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson	\$1,600,000	\$9,200,259
Deschutes Basin Flow Restoration - Group 3	Tumalo Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$1,200,000	\$5,871,548
Eastside Lateral Pipeline & Water Conservation Project	East Fork Irrigation District	Hood River	\$2,000,000	\$7,654,594
Total			\$4,800,000	\$22,726,401

Grants Awarded at the November 2019 Commission Meeting

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
Calapooya Creek Conservation Project	Green Valley Farm and Logistics, LCC	Douglas	\$155,106	\$206,808
Upper Phillips Fish Passage and Irrigation Efficiency Project	Applegate Partnership, Inc.	Jackson	\$983,290	\$1,357,267
Chiloquin New Well and Meter Replacement Project	City of Chiloquin	Klamath	\$661,000	\$4,025,500
Mosier Deep Water Supply Well 2	Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District and Wade Root	Wasco	\$671,724	\$906,910
Total			\$2,471,120	\$6,496,485

Grants Awarded at the November 2018 Commission Meeting

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
Tumalo Feed Canal Phase 6	Tumalo Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$1,297,542	\$6,744,744
Flat Creek Watershed Enhancements	South Fork John Day Watershed Council & Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development	Grant	\$196,029	\$391,458
Dee Flat Water Conservation Project	Dee Irrigation District	Hood River	\$1,600,000	\$2,688,587
The Dalles Municipal Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project*	The City of The Dalles	Hood River	\$1,000,000	\$8,097,700
Galls Creek Irrigation Conversion Project	Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District and JTE Ranch	Jackson	\$153,351	\$213,913
Johnston Lane Conservation Project	The Freshwater Trust, Ken and Bobbie Baker, and Perry Johnston	Wallowa	\$606,343	\$808,458
Sterling Park Stormwater Recharge Project	Clean Water Services and City of Beaverton	Washington	\$862,500	\$1,150,000
Painted Hills Reservoir Expansion	Bridge Creek Ranch, LLC	Wheeler	\$581,990	\$1,086,667
Total			\$6,297,755	\$21,181,527

*Commission deferred its decision on this project in November 2018 and awarded funding in February 2019.

Grants Awarded at the December 2017 Commission Meeting

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
Coe Branch Pipeline & On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Project	Middle Fork Irrigation District	Hood	\$924,000	\$1,680,105
Opal Springs Fish Passage and Pool Raise	Deschutes Valley Water District	Jefferson	\$1,550,486	\$10,720,486
North Fork Sprague Conservation Piping and Instream Flow Restoration*	Trout Unlimited	Klamath	\$2,731,746	\$3,875,000
Powder Valley Connector	Powder Valley Water Control District	Union	\$1,076,000	\$1,440,000
Total			\$6,282,232	\$17,715,591

*Grant terminated at request of grantee due to unexpected challenges that meant the project could not be implemented as approved. This reduced the total funds awarded in 2017 to \$3,550,486.

Grants Awarded at the May 2016 Commission Meeting

Project Name	Applicant Name	County	Funding Awarded	Total Cost of Project
Tumalo Feed Canal Conservation Phase 5	Tumalo Irrigation District	Deschutes	\$1,299,968	\$3,407,155
Highline Canal Pipeline	East Fork Irrigation District	Hood River	\$566,299	\$784,699
Kingsley Reservoir Expansion and Lowline Pipeline Project	Farmers Irrigation District	Hood River	\$3,000,000	\$4,241,000
Klamath East Side Water Recycling Project	Klamath Drainage District	Klamath	\$268,673	\$358,231
Sun Creek Restoration and Irrigation Efficiency	Trout Unlimited	Klamath	\$249,867	\$552,734
Willow Creek Piping Irrigation Laterals	Malheur Watershed Council	Malheur	\$500,355	\$785,143
Beaver Creek Dam Fish Passage and Flow Restoration	City of La Grande	Union	\$600,000	\$1,125,700
Lostine River Conservation Project	The Freshwater Trust	Wallowa	\$1,488,718	\$2,132,575
Mosier Deep Water Supply Well	Wasco County SWCD	Wasco	\$917,238	\$1,225,013
Total			\$8,891,118	\$14,612,250