

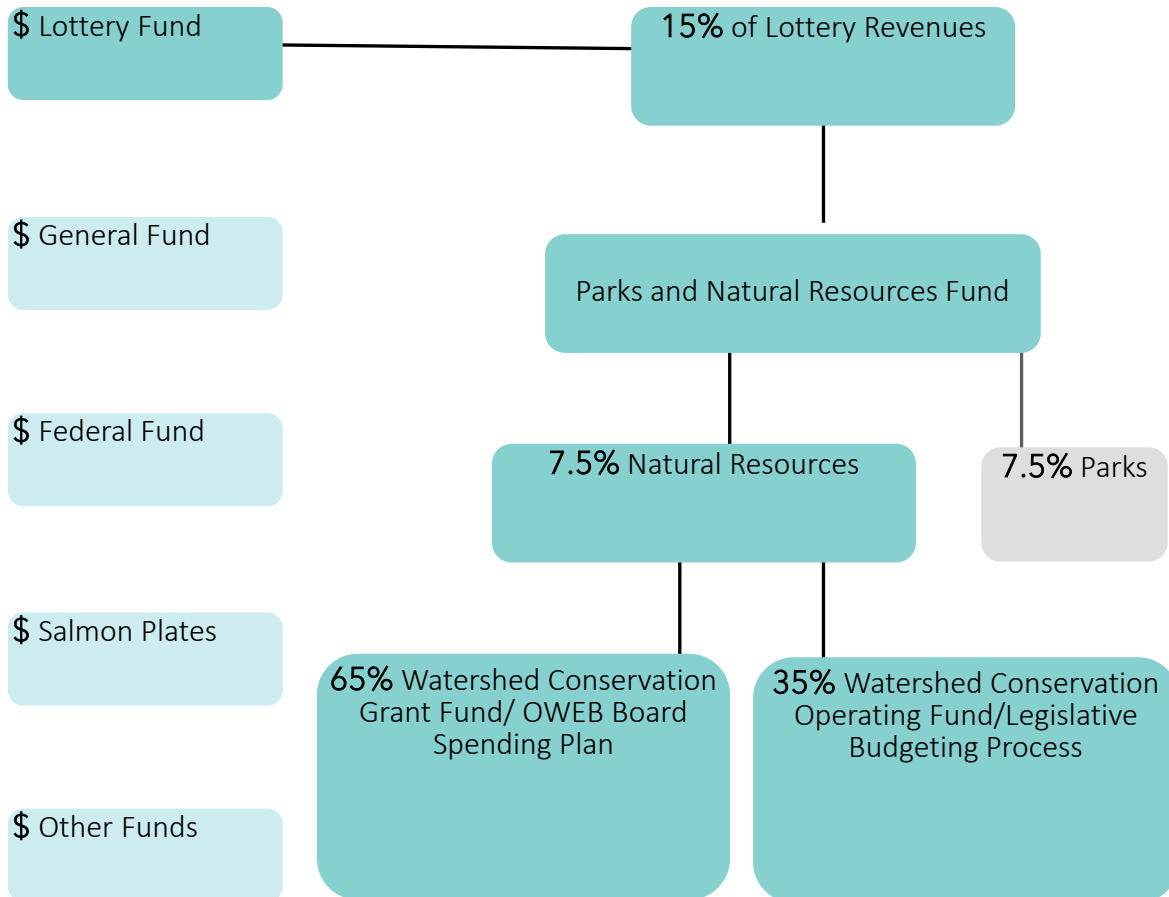


# Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Overview of Grant Programs

OACD Annual Meeting  
November 1, 2022



# MEASURE 76-LOTTERY FUNDS



**65%** of the funds allocated to OWEB are spent on grants aligned with the biennial spending plan adopted by the OWEB Board.

**35%** of the funds are legislatively allocated for operations between five state agencies:

- Oregon State Police
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- OWEB (~19% of operations funding in 21-23)

# WATERSHED CONSERVATION GRANT FUND PURPOSES

ORS 541.956(1) Acquiring from willing owners' interests in land or water that will protect or restore native fish or wildlife habitats. The interests may include, but need not be limited to, fee interests, conservation easements or leases.



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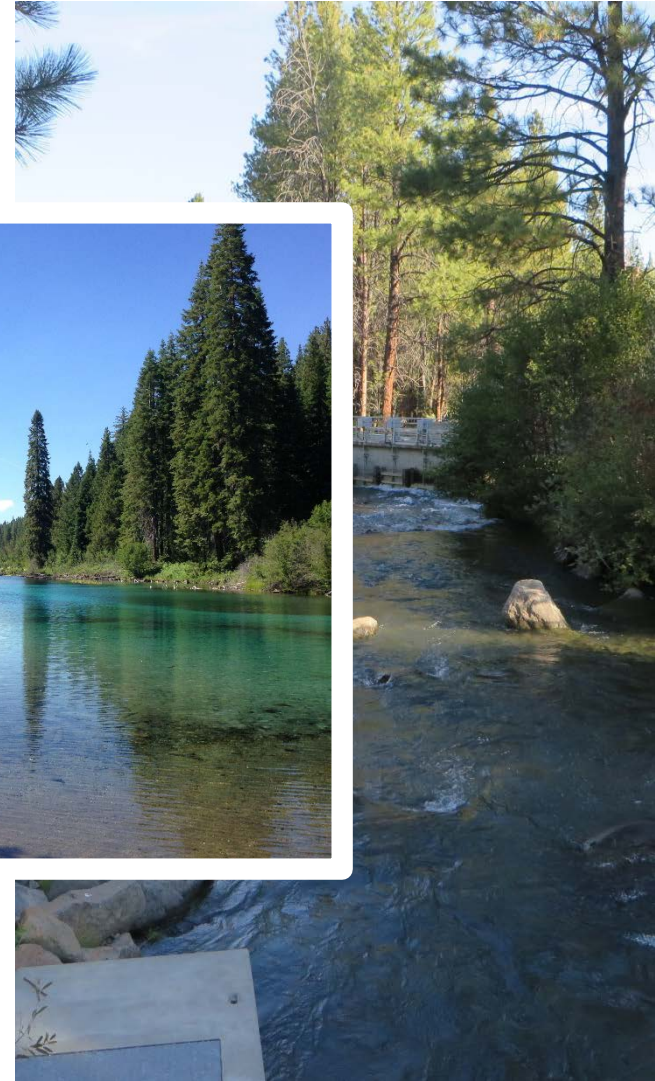
ORS 541.956(2) Projects to **protect or restore**  
native fish habitat or wildlife habitat.





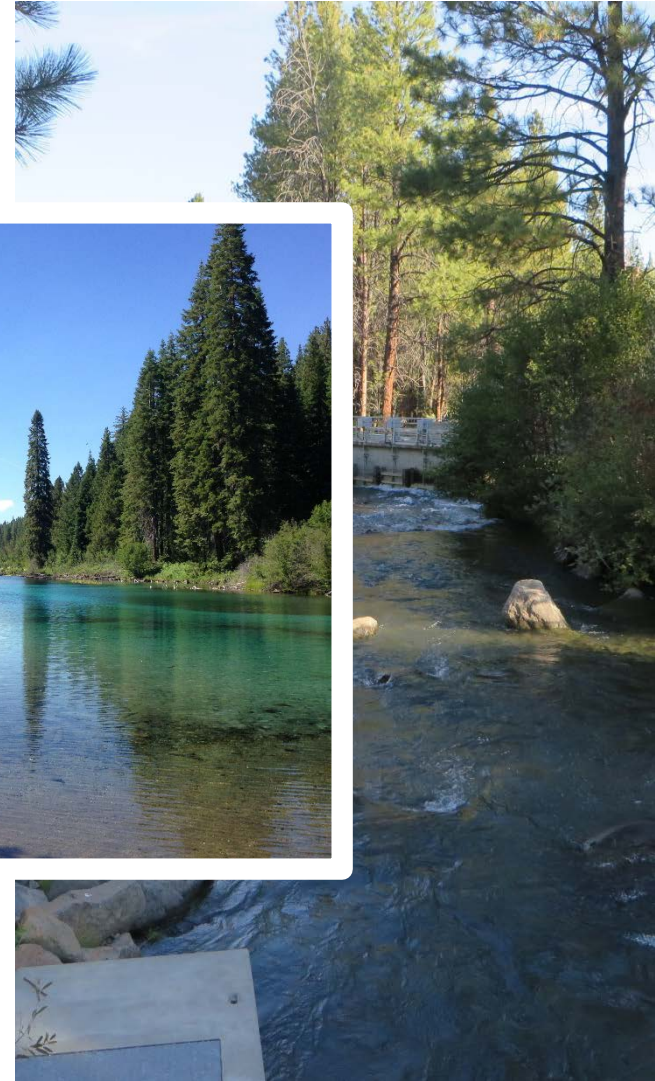
# WATERSHED CONSERVATION GRANT FUND PURPOSES

ORS 541.956(3) Projects to protect or restore  
natural watershed or ecosystem functions to  
improve water quality or stream flows.



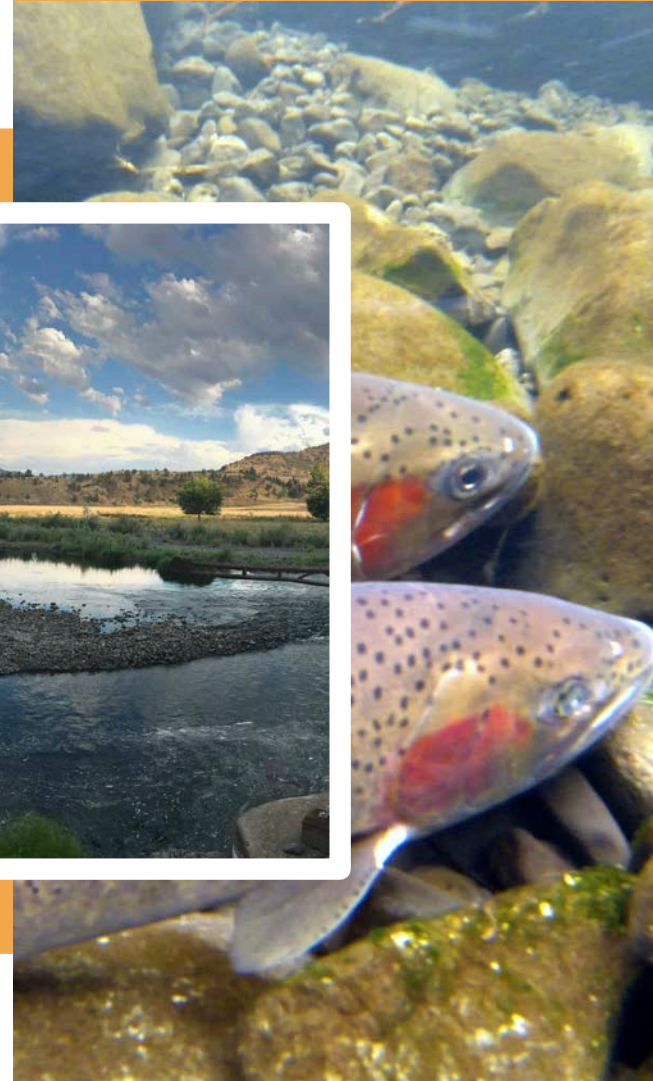
# WATERSHED CONSERVATION GRANT FUND PURPOSES

ORS 541.956(4) Resource assessment, planning, design and engineering, technical assistance, monitoring and outreach activities **necessary for carrying out** subsections (1) to (3) of this section.



# PACIFIC COAST SALMON RECOVERY FUND

“The Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund was established by Congress in 2000 to **reverse the declines of Pacific salmon and steelhead**, supporting conservation efforts in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska by providing funds to states and tribes. The program is essential to preventing the extinction of the 28 listed salmon and steelhead species on the West Coast.”





# ELIGIBILITY FOR PCSRF FUNDING

## PCSRF Priorities for Funding:

Projects that address limiting the productivity of Pacific salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

During application reviews, reporting staff review Open Solicitation and Focused Investment Partnership applications for PCSRF funding eligibility

- Are there salmonid benefits?
- Is project within a Recovery Domain?

For OWEB, PCSRF funding can be used for Restoration, Land & Water Acquisition, some Technical Assistance, PCSRF program administration, direct personnel grants.

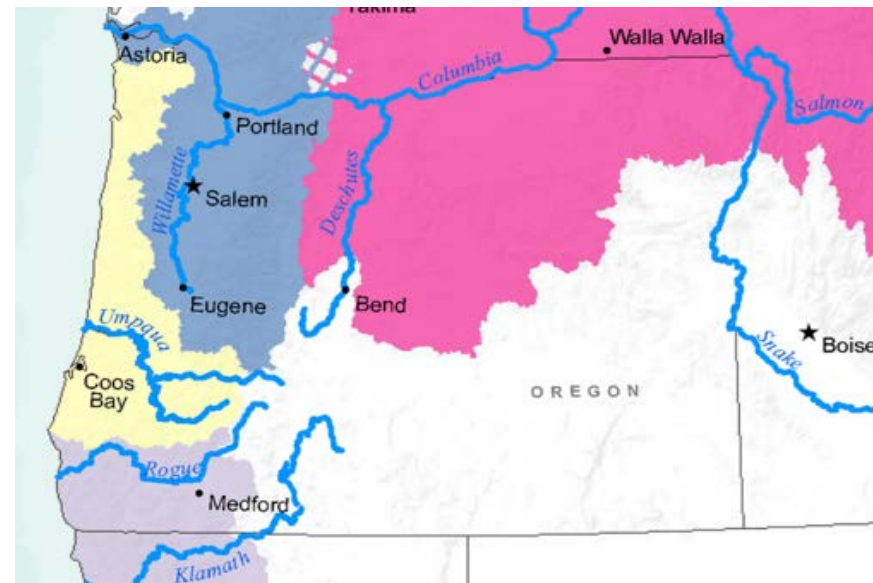


# ELIGIBILITY – RECOVERY DOMAINS

Evolutionary Significant Units for Coho, Chinook, Chum, Sockeye, and Steelhead.

Oregon's portion of the Recovery Domain covers roughly 55% of our total land area.

40% of the West Coast's salmon and steelhead species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) are found within Oregon's border.



PCSRF funds can be made available to those projects that occur within the Recovery Domain for Oregon

## OTHER FUNDING

- Salmon Plate Sales
- Transfers from Other Agencies
  - Oregon Department of Forestry
  - Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission





# GENERAL FUND

- Uses specific to legislative intent
- New for OWEB
  - ❖ Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program
  - ❖ Post-Wildfire Recovery Grants
  - ❖ Drought Relief
  - ❖ Water Acquisitions



# 2022 Regular Session Funding

HB 5202 Section	Funding Intent	Amount Available for Grants
<b>Section 303</b>	Grants for certain natural resource recovery actions in areas affected by 2021 fires Appropriation \$5,203,786	\$5,000,000
<b>Section 304/305</b>	Deposit in the Flexible Incentives Account established under ORS 541.937 to fund a program providing grants in support of voluntary water acquisitions, and expenditure limitation Appropriation \$10,000,000	\$9,596,166
<b>Section 306/307</b>	Deposit in the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund established under 541.978 for the Oregon Ag Heritage Program, and expenditure limitation Appropriation \$5,000,000	\$4,464,553
<b>Total</b>	Appropriations \$20,612,723	\$19,060,719



# 2021 Special Session Funding – Drought Relief

SB 5561 Section	Funding Intent	Amount Available for Grants
Section 19	Matching grants to irrigation districts to support investments in irrigation modernization projects. Appropriation \$1,627,000	\$1,550,752
Section 19a	Matching grants to North Unit Irrigation District to support investments in irrigation modernization projects. Appropriation \$2,000,000	\$1,906,325
Section 20	Grants for drought resilience projects in Jefferson County. Appropriation \$1,000,000	\$852,073
Section 21	Grants for livestock watering wells and construction of off-channel water facilities in Klamath County. Appropriation \$3,000,000	\$2,733,500
Section 22	Grants for drought resilience work in Klamath County. Appropriation \$1,000,000	\$730,750
Section 23	Funding distribution to the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District to support stewardship practices on irrigated land that is at high risk for erosion and soil degradation, and to limit proliferation of noxious and invasive weeds. Appropriation \$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
<b>Total</b>	Appropriation \$11,627,000	\$10,773,400

# 2021 Regular Session Funding

HB 5006	Funding Intent	Amount Available for Grants
Section 69(1)	2020 post-fire recovery grants for riparian and upland restoration and protection of water quality Appropriation \$10,750,000	\$10,750,000
Section 69(2)	2020 post-fire recovery grants for floodplain restoration and reconnection Appropriation \$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Section 69(3)	2020 post-fire recovery grants to Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) for restoration and targeted acquisition of high-priority McKenzie riparian/floodplain properties Appropriation \$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Section 69(4)	Operational and administrative costs Appropriation \$670,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	Appropriation \$20,420,000	\$19,750,000





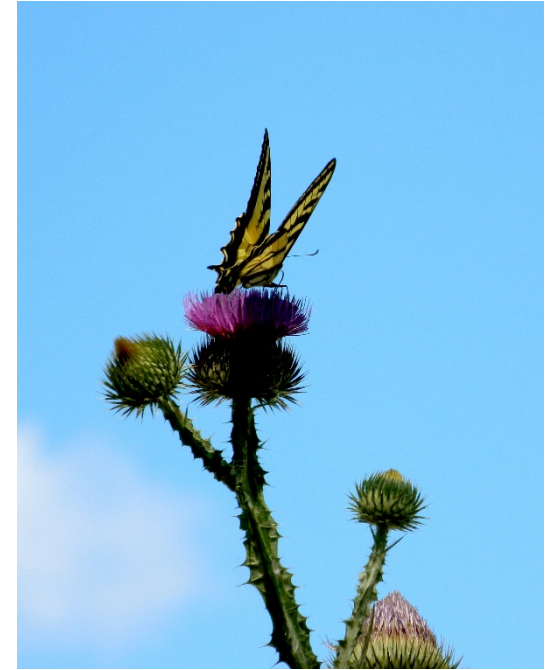
**OWEB Mission: To help protect and restore healthy watersheds and natural habitats that support thriving communities and strong economies.**



# OWEB Core Grant Types

~ \$123,000,000 (Open Solicitation & Focused Investments)

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Technical Assistance
- Restoration
- Monitoring
- Land & Water Acquisition
- Weed Grants
- Small Grants
- Capacity



# Grant is a Grant



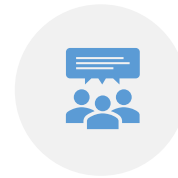
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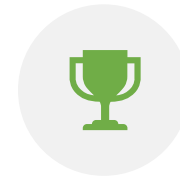
APPLICATION



REVIEW &  
RECOMMEND



AWARD



GRANT  
AGREEMENT



REPORTING



# Developing a competitive project



Applicants to the Open Solicitation program have a **56%** chance of success (data from 2005-2021)

Project Type	Average Award (2022)
Restoration	\$214,074
Technical Assistance	\$61,657
Monitoring	\$160,822
Stakeholder Engagement	\$66,101

