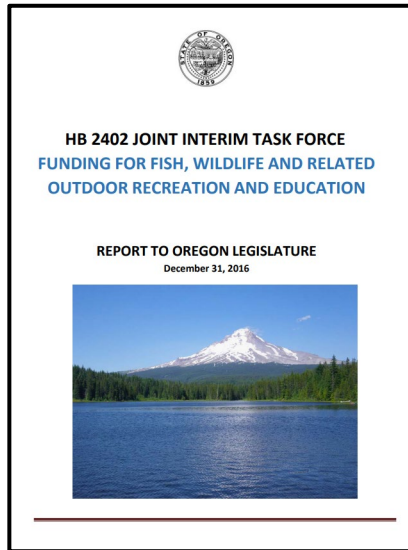


The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund



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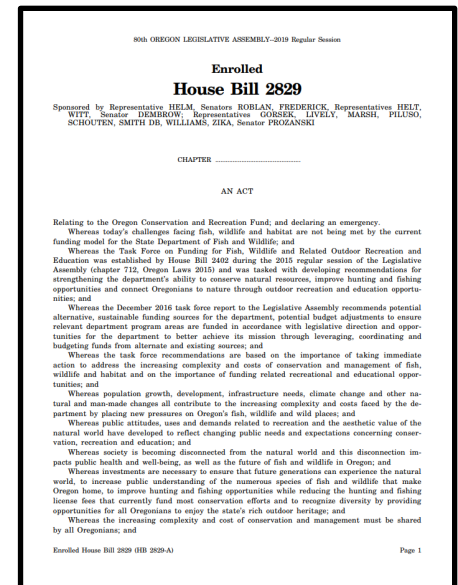


2016

- Recommended the establishment of a Fund to provide new revenues to support species listed in the Oregon Conservation Strategy.
- The Fund would be to support conservation, research, habitat improvements, and other activities that protect, maintain or enhance the native fish and wildlife of the state.

2019

- House Bill 2829 created the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund and establishes the Advisory Committee.
- Directs the fund to focus on the intersection of conservation and outdoor recreation
- Established the fund as a public /private funding model



OCRF Mandate

The intent of the OCRF is to increase the Department's capacity to protect and enhance the species and habitats identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy and create new opportunities for wildlife watching, urban conservation, community science, and other wildlife-associated recreation.



OCRF Mission and Goals



- Implementing of the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore Strategies.
- Expanding outdoor recreation opportunities.
- Investing in science and research to inform decisions regarding fish, wildlife and habitat.
- Restoring healthy ecosystems.
- Connecting youth, families, diverse and underserved communities to the outdoors.
- Helping all Oregonians take voluntary, proactive steps to conserve and protect fish, wildlife and habitat for future generations.

Outdoor Equity



The OCRF is dedicating a significant portion of the available funds to this purpose and will work with these audiences and stakeholders to identify and fund opportunities and projects that mutually support the interests, the intersection, and engagement of underserved communities.

OCRF Advisory Committee

Dr. Karl Wenner, Chair - Klamath Mountains Ecoregion

Mauricio Valadrian, Vice Chair - At-Large

Maret Pajutee - East & West Cascades Ecoregions

Kelly Timchak - Nearshore & Coast Range Ecoregion

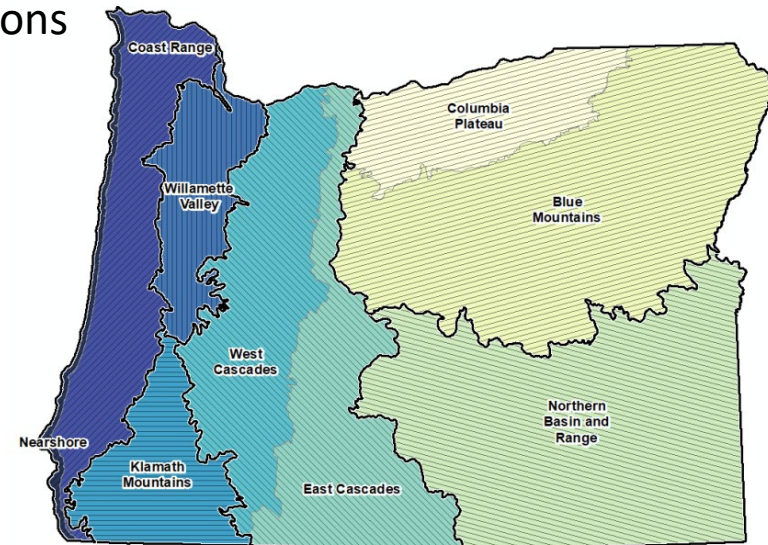
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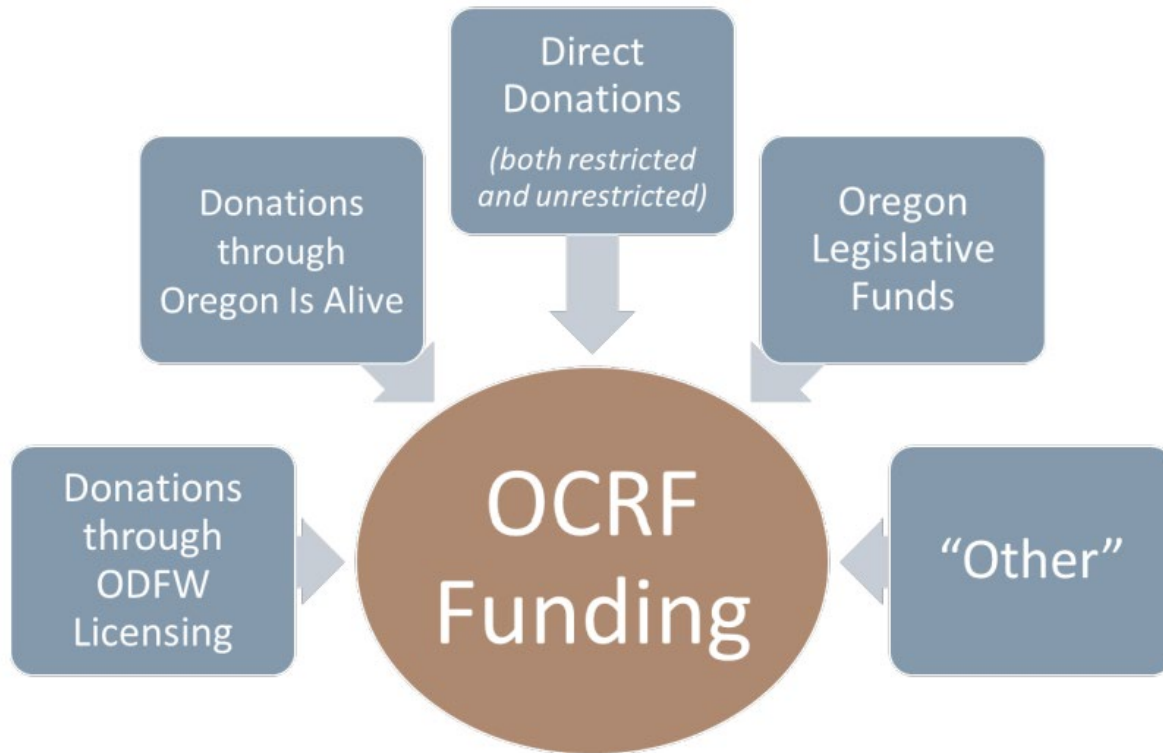


OCRIF Coalition – Partners in sharing the messages



OCRF Funding

A successful example of a public-private partnership, where state General Funds have been used to leverage and match private donations



With recent investments by the Oregon Legislature and Private donations the OCRF is planning on granting approximately \$5 million in the next 2 years

OCRf Funding – ODFW Licensing site

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We are currently raising around \$10,000 per month on the ODFW licensing site!

OCRF Granting Structure

The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee was created to advise the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on expenditures from the Fund.

Two funding mechanisms exist for OCRF to utilize: competitive grants and direct awards

1) Competitive granting process *(twice a year - Dec/Feb and Aug/Oct)*

- *Funding levels have been on the scale of \$10K to \$50K*
- *Project timelines of 1 – 3 years*

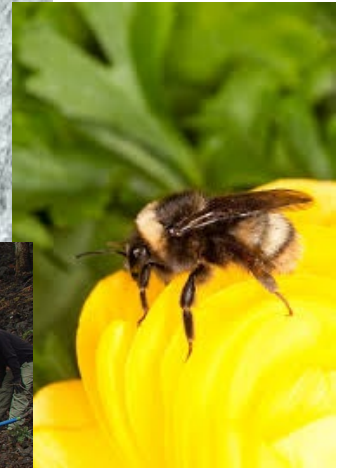
2) Direct awards outside of the competitive fund process

(as needed, and at the discretion of the Committee)

- *Special project requests must be brought forward by an OCRF Advisory Committee Member*
- *Vetted through the OCRF Special Projects Subcommittee*
- *Voted on for recommendation by the main OCRF Advisory Committee*

OCRIF Project Examples

- Research supporting reintroduction of chinook salmon to the Klamath Basin
- Developing an atlas mapping the distribution of the Oregon Bumblebees
- Improving habitat for Western Pond Turtles
- Supporting programs that help remove barriers to the outdoors for people of color
- Designing wildlife friendly trail system in the Ochocos
- Reintroducing sea otters to Oregon coast



OCRF Summer/Fall 2022 RFP – recently closed and projects being evaluated

- Grant applications accepted for approximately 60 days.
- The maximum allowable grant request per institution and/or organization was \$50,000.
- Any public or private non-profit organization may request funds. Private non-profit organizations must have tax-exempt status under the IRS Code Section 501(c)(3).
- A newly required cap on institutional/organizational indirect overhead rates at 20% of the requested project budget.
- Updated project insurance guidelines.
- We received Over 60 applications, \$2.5 million in requests
- Approx. \$1 million in funds available

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/OCRF/grants.asp>

Future RFP's

Going forward, we anticipate having two funding rounds per year, winter/ spring and summer/fall

We expect to have approximately \$1 million to award each round

OCRF Winter/Spring 2023 RFP

Request for Proposals (RFP)
– sometime in February,
2023. Will be announced
on website, email list

**Informational Sessions –
Early in Process, on website**

RFP closes in April

**Grant announcement in
June**

The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund - Fall 2022 Request for Proposals is now open!

The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee is pleased to announce an upcoming opportunity for funding for conservation and recreation projects in the 2021-2023 biennium. Applications will be accepted [online](#) from August 15th 2022 - October 1st 2022.

PROJECT REVIEW TIMELINE - OCRF Fall 2022 Proposal Cycle

- August 15th 2022 - Digital Applications open
- October 1st 2022 - Deadline for submission of Digital Applications
- October - November 2022 - OCRF staff national and OCRF Advisory Committee member review period
- December 1st 2022 - Advisory Committee project recommendations presented at monthly public meeting
- December 15th 2022 - OCRF Commission considers recommendations
- March 1st 2023 - Grant agreements are executed; reports and progress are commenced

FUNDS AVAILABLE - OCRF Fall 2022 Proposal Cycle

The legislature has appropriated \$4 million to the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund for the 2021-2023 biennium as part of the State Drought-relief package. These funds are in addition to the OCRF interest and revolving funds. OCRF funds will be used to meet the program's mandate of meeting state needs around conservation and recreation.

For projects submitted by the October 1st 2022 deadline, the maximum funding request is \$50,000 and the Committee expects to select approximately 20 projects for a total of \$1,000,000.

HOW THE COMMITTEE WILL EVALUATE PROPOSALS

The OCRF Advisory Committee has recently adopted [updated scoring criteria document](#) that will be used to evaluate proposals. These criteria are in alignment with the OCRF Advisory Committee's Operational Framework and are included below:

- Clarity of the proposal - well presented, organized and with clear deliverables. Clear budget.
- Cost efficiency of the proposed actions - the Committee seeks projects that maximize the use of funds to achieve the stated outcomes and will consider the maximum extent of administrative costs. The OCRF Advisory Committee requests that applicants clearly identify and justify all administrative and ancillary expenses.
- Timeliness and/or have the necessary approvals in place - the Committee seeks projects that will be implemented quickly.
- Outcomes Equity - must not perpetuate inequity. Opportunity for the inclusion of low operational issues or recreational opportunities that reach out to and engage people who have not participated in the past because of language barriers, financial barriers, access barriers, etc.
- Impact or scale of the proposed actions - the Committee seeks projects that have high impact on participating individuals or the target species or habitat.
- Proven track record of applicant to achieve stated outcomes.
- Appropriate partnership and demonstration of partner investment - project engages a variety of partners and shows commitment from participants and a clear about what each partner has committed to the project.
- Measurability - the applicant has identified the ability to quantify the results of the project.
- Project alignment with OCRF Program Priorities identified in the Executive Framework and are consistent with the Oregon Conservation Strategy
 - Address the needs of equity identified in the Executive Framework
 - Improve interconnectivity between conservation and recreation
 - Complement OCRF needs, interests, and representations
 - Uphold Priority Areas

For more information, please see the [official scoring criteria document](#).

Equity-based Priorities

The OCRF Advisory Committee seeks to make multiple, diverse expenditures. The below list is an informal characterization of the metrics the OCRF Advisory Committee will consider to ensure that the bulk of projects they select are diverse enough to represent the breadth of work the Committee can support.

- Diverse geography: freshwater, wetlands, urban/rural, OCS responses.
- Diverse seasonality (day, night, amphibians, birds, mammals, invertebrates)
- Diverse representation of project priorities (see Executive Framework)
- Diverse partners engaged & included in the overall portfolio.
- Diversity engaged: Outreach in the resolution of operational issues or recreational opportunities that reach out to and engage people who have not participated in the past because of language barriers, financial barriers, access barriers, etc.

For more information, please see the [Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee's Executive Framework](#).

How to Apply

OCRF applicants must review the [Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee's Executive Framework](#). The Committee encourages applicants to pay particular attention to the list of Program Priorities and Committee Review Criteria. The Committee encourages applicants to review the [Oregon Conservation Strategy](#) and be prepared to describe how your work aligns with the Strategy before completing your application.

Project proposals must be submitted using the [digital form](#). We encourage you to develop your responses in advance and complete the digital form all at once to avoid any issues with re-opening the form once you are done. The Committee only requests additional information from the applicants throughout the review process.

Informational webinars will be held to answer any application questions on August 29th 2022 at 10:00am and September 19th 2022 at 1:00pm. Remote connection information will be updated on the OCRF Grants website in the coming weeks, and webinars will be recorded.

August 20th
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OCRF Project Scoring Criteria

Score (75 Total points)	Criterion
6	Clarity of the proposal
6	Cost efficiency of the proposed actions
6	Timeliness and/or have the necessary approvals in place
6	Outdoor Equity
6	Impact or scale of the proposed actions
6	Appropriate / demonstration of partner investment
6	Measurability
3	Applicant “track record”
30	Alignment with OCRF Program Priorities -----Intersection between Conservation and Recreation
**	Addresses a diversity of taxa, geography, and project types

Projects are scored by at least two OCRF Advisory Members as well as are reviewed by a technical panel of ODFW staff

The OCRF seeks to make multiple, diverse expenditures in each funding round

- Diverse geography (east/west, north/south, urban/rural, [OCS ecoregions](#)) – *compared across projects.*
- Diverse taxonomically (fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals, invertebrates) – *compared across projects.*
- Diverse representation of program priorities (see [Expenditure Framework](#)) – *compared across projects.*
- Diverse partners engaged & included in the overall portfolio – *compared across projects.*



So what can the OCRF do for you?

- Consider applying to one of our funding rounds
- You can find information on the ODFW web site
- Information for next round should be available in January

What can you do for the OCRF?

- Go to our websites and learn more
- Tell your friends and colleagues about us
- Don't forget us when you buy a hunting or fishing license!

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